

2023-24 Priority Funding Release: Stopping Child Abuse Before it Happens

Children's Services Council's priority areas are determined by a combination and review of major community indicators (Annual Children's Services Council Report Card), and the Comprehensive Strategy (developed with the Roundtable of St. Lucie County). Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County's current funding priorities are:

- Ensuring every baby is a healthy baby
- Stopping child abuse before it happens
- Keeping kids off the streets
- Keeping kids off drugs and alcohol, and other risky behaviors
- Keeping Kids in school

The Children's Services Council has aligned its funding priorities with community indicators. By funding and making available prevention and early intervention services, the Children's Services Council strives to ensure that these services have a positive impact on the community. The community indicator aligned with the priority area "Stopping child abuse before it happens" is:

- **Child Maltreatment**

Furthermore, based on the Adverse Childhood Experiences research illustrating the tremendous impact on health and social well-being throughout the lifespan, the Children's Services Council supports programs that are inclusive of a trauma informed approach and/or strategies that prevent adverse childhood experiences by developing safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments.

Agencies submitting proposals will be required to demonstrate how their proposed program's primary focus and program impact are aligned, directly or indirectly, with the above community indicator. Proposed programs that cannot demonstrate their impact will not be considered for funding.

Funding for programs selected will begin October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Program funding is on a monthly reimbursement basis. Additionally, funded programs will be required to submit quarterly outcome and demographic reports as detailed in the program contract.

Proposal:

- 1) Provide the mission and vision of your organization.
- 2) Provide the history of your organization including any experience working with children and families in St. Lucie County and/or other communities.
- 3) Provide a description of current programs and activities and emphasize major achievements of the past two years.
- 4) Describe the proposed program model with emphasis on primary program activities. Include how your proposed program services will be tailored to meet diverse populations within the community.
- 5) Identify the needs, problems, and opportunities to be addressed.
- 6) Detail how the program addresses the community indicator, child maltreatment.
- 7) Detail the research that indicates how the program methodology will be effective in serving the targeted population, including whether the program uses a trauma informed approach.
- 8) Detail the roles of other service providers working collaboratively and/or providing referrals to services. Indicate if the collaborative roles have been formalized or discussed.
- 9) Provide the timeline for implementation (if new program) and schedule of services.
- 10) Detail hours of operation and services by month.
- 11) Complete the Population to be served (Grid).
- 12) Provide the projected number of families to be served from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. How will families be identified to participate?
- 13) Complete the Outcomes/Activities Matrix.
- 14) Provide the methods and/or procedures that will be implemented for quality assurance.
- 15) Detail the marketing and outreach plan for the following audiences: Community at-large; population to be served; and existing complementary service providers.
- 16) Detail how your program will promote your partnership with the Children's Services Council. Include detail on how you will promote that partnership internally (clients, staff, volunteers, and board) and externally (funding partners and members of the community).
- 17) Total budget vs Requested budget from CSC