



Program Svcs & Childhood Health Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2020
The Children's Trust
Board Teleconference
"Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar"
3:30 p.m. – 5 :30 p.m.

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AGENDA

3:30 p.m. **Welcome and opening remarks**

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

3:35 p.m. **Public Comments**

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

3:45 p.m. **Approval of June 4, 2020 Program Svcs. & Childhood Health Committee minutes summary**
(Addl. Items packet, Pgs. 3-4)

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

3:50 p.m. **Resolutions**

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

Resolution 2021-A: Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Miami-Dade County, Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD), for a contract extension for match funding for the federal Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$637,500.00, for a term of nine months, commencing November 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2021. *(Pgs. 5-6)*

Resolution 2021-B: Authorization to negotiate and execute a retroactive contract with the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Health System, in partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, to implement Miami's Injury Free Coalition for Kids, in a total amount not to exceed \$408,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. *(Pgs. 7-10)*

Resolution 2021-C: Authorization to renew a service agreement with Kristi House, Inc., for a local funding match to support abuse prevention efforts, human trafficking awareness training, and victims services, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,251.00 for a term of 10 months, commencing December 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. *(Pgs. 11-14)*

The public is allowed to comment on a specific agenda item but must register with the Clerk of the Board prior to being allowed to comment.

Resolution 2021-D: Authorization to renew a service agreement with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, for a local funding match to support an anti-human trafficking campaign and to increase services for victims of human trafficking, in a total amount not to exceed \$166,667.00 for a term of 10 months, commencing December 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. *(Pgs. 15-18)*

5:25 p.m. **CEO Report**

- *PPE distribution – October 9th, 2020*

James R. Haj
President/CEO

5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Reminder:
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2020

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**Program Services & Childhood Health Committee Meeting Summary
June 4, 2020
3:30 p.m.**

These actions were taken by the Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting held virtually on June 4, 2020:

***Please note that the number of board members fluctuate based on arrival and departure of some of them throughout the meeting.**

Motion to approve the May 7, 2020 Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting minutes was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Karen Weller. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

Resolution 2020-A: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez. Authorization to negotiate and execute a match contract renewal with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, for cultural arts programs in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-B: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Dr. Monique Jimenez-Herrera. Authorization to enter into a service agreement with Miami-Dade County for a local funding match to support Miami-Dade Public Library System's STEAM-based programming and academic tutoring, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-C: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Karen Weller and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami, Inc. (BBBS), in an amount not to exceed \$62,500.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-D: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn and seconded by Karen Weller. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with Miami Homes For All, Inc., to support partnerships to end youth homelessness in Miami-Dade County, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a term of 12 months commencing, October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-E: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn. Authorization to negotiate and execute a match contract with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, to support the Evidence2Success initiative, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-F: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Karen Weller and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, for the Fab Lab, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-G: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Karen Weller and seconded by Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn. Authorization to negotiate and execute a final contract renewal with Miami Children’s Initiative, Inc. (MCI), for the MCI Infrastructure Supports program, in a total amount not to exceed \$176,000.00, for a term of twelve months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021; and request a waiver of the formal competitive procurement process. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Resolution 2020-H: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 15, 2020 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Tiombe Bisa Kendrick-Dunn. Authorization to negotiate and execute contract renewals with Training and Implementation Associates and the University of Miami, for program and professional development (PPD) support services for The Children’s Trust’s family services providers and staff in a total amount not to exceed \$583,334.00, for a term of 14 months, commencing August 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021, with two remaining 12-month renewals. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: October 19, 2020

Resolution: 2021-A

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Early Childhood Development: Early care and education slots

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children attend quality child care; children regularly access medical, dental, and behavioral health care; and children are ready for kindergarten.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Miami-Dade County, Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD), for a contract extension for match funding for the federal Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$637,500.00, for a term of nine months, commencing November 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2021.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$637,500.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2020-2021.

Description of Services: Staff seeks authorization to extend The Children's Trust's current contract with Miami-Dade County for nine months, to align this contract's term with the terms of The Trust's three other EHS-CCP match contracts. The match funds are used to leverage federal funding for high-quality early care and education learning slots for infants and toddlers through the EHS-CCP Grant. Children served shall be Miami-Dade County residents and meet the eligibility requirements of the EHS-CCP grant. Children receive comprehensive services, including health, mental health, nutrition, and family support services. Family advocates also work closely to address each family's unique needs and help them work toward self-sufficiency. At least ten percent of children served must have diagnosed disabilities (regardless of income).

All slots were fully utilized during the contract period to date, beginning November 1, 2019, although children and their families were served virtually from March 15, 2020, through June 7, 2020, due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Since March 15, 2020, families continued to receive comprehensive services, including but not limited to:

- grab and go meals;
- daily education activities guided by teachers;
- access to ABC Mouse, Ready Rosie, and ClassDojo with a library of resources;
- targeted virtual case management services to support needs including food insecurity, housing, employment, mental health, etc. with biweekly consultations with social worker and/or mental health consultants;
- virtual parent trainings;
- materials for home learning; and
- diapers and wipes.

All centers are currently operating in-person services. For programs to reopen for in-person assistance, CAHSD developed and implemented policies and procedures in response to COVID-19. These policies and procedures addressed key safety measures centers including, but not limited to, preparing the centers to reopen, training for staff and parents, daily

drop/off and pick/up procedures, day-to-day operations, suspected/confirmed COVID-19 cases. CAHSD will continue to do bi-weekly check-ins to ensure the safe implementation of the procedures. The Miami-Dade County Head Start program and The Children’s Trust Book Club partnership was recently selected as the recipient of the Edward Zigler Innovation Award at the Florida Head Start Association state level.

Background: Since 1965, the federal Head Start program has provided comprehensive early education and support services to low-income three and four-year-old children and their families. In recognition of the mounting evidence that the earliest years in a child's development make a difference in children's growth and development, the Early Head Start (EHS) program was established in 1994 to serve children from birth to three years of age.

In 2014, the federal government made \$650 million available to expand EHS services nationally. These funds were awarded competitively to grantees throughout the country to expand access to high-quality, comprehensive services for low-income infants and toddlers and their families.

In March 2019, the federal government awarded Miami-Dade County an expansion grant of \$7,967,936.00 annually over a five-year funding period for 552 additional EHS-CCP slots. The federal match requirement for this grant is \$1,991,984.00. The Children’s Trust’s local match of \$850,000.00 per 12-month period contributes to Miami-Dade County’s ability to retain these funds.

Per the procurement policy, section 2006 Match Funding and Funder Collaboration, a match contract’s negotiation and execution are exempt from the competitive solicitation process. This investment will be utilized to bring expanded resources to the community and leverages \$8.37 in federal funding for every Trust dollar of match.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by _____ who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **19th day of October 2020.**

THE CHILDREN’S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: October 19, 2020

Resolution: 2021-B

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Health & Wellness: Injury Prevention Education

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care services; and children are supported by nurturing and involved parents.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute a retroactive contract with the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Health System, in partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, to implement Miami's Injury Free Coalition for Kids, in a total amount not to exceed \$408,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$408,000.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2020-2021.

Description of Services: The Children's Trust funds the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County d/b/a Jackson Health System (PHT) for countywide injury prevention and education services, provided by the PHT and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UM). These services aim to reduce unintentional child and youth injuries through multi-lingual, interactive services. The Injury Free Coalition consists of the Public Health Trust/Jackson Health System, the University of Miami, The Children's Trust and the Health Foundation of South Florida. Over the last year the Injury Free Coalition continued working closely with Trust staff to strengthen its role supporting Trust funded providers and to provide trainings for parents, caregivers, and youth. Due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the PHT was only able to provide nine of its 11 trainings; said trainings were provided virtually. The other two trainings, car seat inspection/distribution and cardiopulmonary resuscitation/basic CPR, cannot be provided effectively in a virtual environment. Upon approval from the PHT, such trainings will be offered in person.

The Injury Free Coalition developed a new service delivery and engagement plan that included hiring a marketing agency to create and deploy a marketing and social media plan to strengthen its online presence and raise overall community awareness. Through that plan, the Asking Saves Lives (ASK) social media campaign launched in July, urging parents and caregivers to ASK questions about gun safety before their child visits the homes of friends or family members. Monthly awareness campaigns on that topics that include water safety, bike safety, teen driving safety, suicide prevention, abuse/neglect prevention have been developed to support and further educate families. Additionally, the Injury Free Coalition will work with The Trust and Injury Free Coalition for Kids nationally to develop an evaluation for self-assessment and improvement.

As Miami-Dade County reopens community activities in phase two, the Injury Free 40-foot mobile unit will travel throughout Miami-Dade for events and scheduled visits with providers or places where parents congregate. New social distancing and sanitation protocols will be implemented, including limiting the number of guests allowed onto the bus at a time, sanitizing after each room is used, and nightly disinfection. The bus is equipped with an interior that provides hands-on education through simulated learning in home and passenger safety topics. Common safety hazards are displayed in the mobile unit and visitors are provided with opportunities to identify, correct, and take action to eliminate risks. Visitors learn through verbal, visual, and physically interactive exercises and media. The mobile unit is staffed with injury prevention experts fluent in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole; the three most common languages in Miami. When groups are too large to fit on the mobile unit, and online trainings are not feasible, space will be identified for trainings.

Contracted services include:

1. Direct injury prevention education with caregivers, providers and youth, including:
 - a. home safety with parents, caregivers and providers;
 - b. child passenger safety through car seat/booster inspections, training of parents in the use and provision of car seats/boosters;
 - c. teen driving safety for parents and teens; and
 - d. targeted home safety assessments with home visitors.
2. Capacity building to enable Miami-Dade residents and stakeholders to increase injury prevention knowledge and advocate for change, including:
 - a. training certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians;
 - b. Asking Saves Lives (ASK) campaign to change the culture to encourage parents and teens to ask if a gun is accessible in the home or other location where children will play and visit; and
 - c. safety education for child care professionals.
3. Media-assisted awareness raising, including:
 - a. regular participation in The Children's Trust's media and educational outlets, such as print, electronic, television, and radio appearances; and
 - b. development of social media presence to educate, highlight new and emerging risks, and focus on local South Florida issues.
4. Evaluation of self-assessment and improvement.

Background: The Injury Free Coalition for Kids is among the country's most effective injury prevention models. It is a national program developed with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation comprised of hospital-based, community-oriented programs whose efforts are anchored in research, education and advocacy. Currently, more than 30 cities house institutions that participate in the Coalition. The Trust has funded the local coalition since 2006.

Although most injuries are preventable, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and acquired disabilities among children from the age of one through young adulthood. While they vary by age, the primary causes of severe and fatal child injuries are motor vehicle crashes, firearm injuries, drownings, poisonings/overdoses, and strangulations/suffocations. Common injuries, sometimes severe, include falls, burns, sports/concussion injuries, and injuries to mental health (e.g., bullying). Families often need help to reduce the risk of

choking, burns, dehydration, tip-over injuries, and lacerations. Education must be ongoing to address the growing community and its evolving needs.

The table below includes the 2019-20 training and education activities provided.

Training Activity	Number of Sessions	Number of Participants
Basic CPR	2	63
Car Passenger Safety Certification	2	10
Car Seat Inspection	29	111
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	1	8
Home Safety Training and Education	26	172
Passenger Safety Education Training	33	212
Poison Safety	4	49
Suicide Prevention	2	14
Water Safety	1	6
All	99	645

The 2019-20 outcome achievements are as follows:

- 100 percent of participants who completed the car passenger safety training received their certification;
- 100 percent of participants who completed the car seat inspection successfully demonstrated the ability to install a child safety car seat;
- 100 percent of participants completing the home safety training increased their knowledge and awareness of home safety; and
- 100 percent of those attending trainings reported being satisfied with the trainings received.

Per the procurement policy, Section 2000, General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-3), these health-related prevention services provided by the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County d/b/a Jackson Health System, in partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, are exempt from The Children’s Trust competitive solicitation process.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by _____ who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **19th day of October, 2020.**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

October 19, 2020

Resolution 2021-C

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Youth development; health and wellness; family and neighborhood supports; community awareness and advocacy; and cross-funder collaboration of goals, strategies, and resources.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children and youth regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care; children and youth behave appropriately in schools, homes and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

Recommended Action: Authorization to renew a service agreement with Kristi House, Inc., for a local funding match to support abuse prevention efforts, human trafficking awareness training, and victims services, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,251.00 for a term of 10 months, commencing December 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$150,251.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2020-2021.

Description of Services: The Children's Trust partners with Kristi House, Inc., the United States Department of Justice-Office for Victims of Crime, and the United States Department of Health and Human Services-Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to fund Project GOLD, which supports abuse prevention efforts, human trafficking awareness training, and victims' services. The funds invested by The Children's Trust support the following direct service team members: a masters-level therapist, an education and outreach specialist, a child care specialist, and a client driver, that serve adolescent girls through intensive therapeutic services and youth through education and outreach services.

Over the last nine months, 3,979 children, adults, and administrators from social service organizations have been engaged in the education and outreach component of Project GOLD. This work provides evidence-based safety and prevention education directly to children and teens in schools and community-based sites. As a direct result of this program component, more children have disclosed abuse. Additionally, 611 group sessions were delivered, while 70 girls engaged wrap-around support services. To ensure that all participants have continued access to services and resources, 964 transportation trips have been provided.

In mid-March, Kristi House temporarily closed its drop-in center due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, which negatively impacted accessibility and provision of services. About one week after the drop-in center's closure, all individual services such as individual therapy, youth advocacy, mentoring, career coaching, tutoring and other educational services were resumed through HIPAA-compliant virtual platforms. Additionally, in April, group programming resumed with survivor-led parenting support, therapeutic support, employment, life skills, and recreational groups. In addition to virtual individual and group services, the program has made continuous efforts to meet the varying needs of youth and their families in other areas. Further, the program has continued to collaborate with donors and community partner agencies to find creative ways to engage the program participants in services to meet their needs.

Background: Founded in 1995, Kristi House, Inc., is the nationally accredited, state-designated child advocacy center for child victims of sex abuse in Miami-Dade County. The multidisciplinary team at Kristi House provides evidence-based services, including: therapy, education and outreach services, child care, and transportation services for adolescent girls who are victims of sex trafficking and abuse. Kristi House coordinates victims' care with partner agencies and directly provides advocacy and mental health services to help children and families heal from trauma. With its staff of specially trained mental health clinicians and a nationally recognized track record for treating child trauma, particularly sexual abuse, Kristi House is a preeminent National Child Traumatic Stress Network member.

The organization also provides prevention education and best practices training to professionals, children, and parents. Kristi House's direct services include comprehensive family advocacy and therapy for children and their families, along with wrap-around support and linkages for whatever services they may need for recovery. Last year, more than 1,500 child victims and their families received services, free of cost, at Kristi House.

In 2007, Kristi House created Project GOLD, a program dedicated to support adolescent girls who are victims of human trafficking. To ensure that all legal, medical, and emotional needs of Project GOLD victims are met, Kristi House staff meets weekly with the following partner agencies:

- State Attorney's Office;
- Department of Children and Families;
- University of Miami Child Protection Team;
- Jackson Hospital Rape Treatment Center;
- City of Miami;
- Miami-Dade Police; and
- Guardian Ad Litem.

In November 2019, the board of The Children's Trust approved match funding to support Project Gold. The total cost of the program for 10 months is \$499,106.00. For every \$1 invested by The Children's Trust, \$2.32 is leveraged by the partner agencies.

Per the procurement policy, Section 2006 Match Funding and Funder Collaboration, match service agreements are exempt from the competitive solicitation process. The application submitted by the Kristi House, Inc. underwent a multistep review process that evaluated the leveraged funding opportunity as well as the potential impact of the proposed program.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by _____ who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

Impact Report: Program Highlights (DEC 2019 – AUG 2020)

Services Provided

6,853



Girls in Project GOLD need an array of services to overcome sex trafficking as well as other childhood traumas and unmet needs. The Project GOLD team provides comprehensive services to survivors and those at high risk including **case management, therapy, advocacy, educational support, jobs training, transportation, life skills** and a variety of enrichment programs. During the pandemic, family **emergency support** was also vital and provided from The Children’s Trust and the community.

Contact Hours

3,364



The Project GOLD team includes Youth Advocates, Survivor-Mentors, a Career Coach, Education Specialist, Tutor, Client Drivers, Program Support Specialist and community volunteers. This broad team addresses the myriad needs of Project GOLD clients with total hours representing service work with and on behalf of the girls involving **counseling, mentoring, advocacy, employment coaching, tutoring, court advocacy, life skills training and case staffings** with partners.

Groups Conducted

611



At the neighborhood **Project GOLD Drop In Center**, girls participate in an array of enrichment and educational groups in a homelike setting created just for them, ideal for engagement and service delivery. The groups had to go virtual at the onset of the pandemic. Missing that in-person connection to staff and one another, girls are happy to be meeting in person again and enjoy the healing atmosphere of the Drop In Center.

Transportation Trips Provided

964



Client drivers are vital to our program and beloved by program participants. Drivers offer support and another caring adult in girls’ lives. During the pandemic, Drivers made socially distanced visits to girls and their families to drop off needed family stabilization items.

New Jobs Obtained

25



Project GOLD’s job training and career planning track focuses on closing the loop on restoring girls’ lives. Career specialists help girls identify their strengths and talents to find paths to continued education, on-the-job and vocational training and productive and rewarding **employment and careers**.

Community Members Trained

3,979



Kristi House provided **education** in schools and the community prior to the pandemic, and then transitioned to webinars in its programs focused on child sex trafficking. Participants included service providers, parents, children and others in the community.

Girls Served with Wrap-Around Support

70



Girls receive **wrap-around support** from the Project GOLD team tailored to each Member’s specific needs, including case coordination, mentoring, therapy, advocacy, transportation, educational support, enrichment groups, life skills training, emergency assistance and job/career prep.

OUTCOMES

1. **“Not a Number”** group prevention program was not completed with Project GOLD girls due to COVID-19. Prior to shutdown, our Educator presented it to high school students with all 50 completing pre/post tests, achieving a 10.5% gain in knowledge.*

2. **“My Life My Choice”** survivor group pending due to the pandemic. The group that completed its 10 sessions earlier in 2019 had an 80% completion rate with 75% reporting it “was beneficial and helpful to me.”*

**We are licensed facilitators for both programs and were not authorized to deliver them via virtual learning by either of the programs’ developers.*

3. **Girls Active 6 Months+ Goals**
36 out of 51 girls (70.6%) who were active in Project GOLD for 6 months or longer achieved 75% or more of their goals in one or more program areas (Mentoring; Career Prep; Therapy), exceeding our goal of 50%.

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

October 19, 2020

Resolution 2021-D

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Youth development; health and wellness; family and neighborhood supports; community awareness and advocacy; and cross-funder collaboration of goals, strategies, and resources.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children and youth regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care; children and youth behave appropriately in schools, homes and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

Recommended Action: Authorization to renew a service agreement with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, for a local funding match to support an anti-human trafficking campaign and to increase services for victims of human trafficking, in a total amount not to exceed \$166,667.00 for a term of 10 months, commencing December 1, 2020, and ending September 30, 2021.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$166,667.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2020-2021.

Description of Services: Florida has the third-highest human trafficking rate in the United States. Human trafficking victims are often runaways and youth in foster care who are manipulated, coerced, and entrapped in the sex trade and afraid to seek help. To increase services for victims of human trafficking, The Children's Trust partnered with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), medical providers, law enforcement, Project Phoenix, the Thrive Clinic, Citrus Health, Voices for Children, the Homeless Trust, the Coordinated Victim Assistance Center, and Kristi House to support the Stop Sex Trafficking Campaign and other anti-human trafficking efforts.

The Children's Trust's funding supports the investigator's supervisor and the victim specialist positions at the Institute for Coordination, Advocacy, and Prosecution (ICAP) to support the services linked to the campaign. The victim specialist is responsible for answering all calls, signals, texts, online tips, chats, and emails related to human trafficking. The ICAP operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The campaign is designed to provide victims, survivors, and callers with access to critical support and services to assist human trafficking victims. Victim specialists, among other things, assess victims' immediate needs, track critical victim information, and provide crisis counseling and safety planning. The aggressive public awareness campaign continues to reach hundreds of human trafficking victims. Over the past nine months, 707 calls were received by the virtual call center, 350 calls were related to human-trafficking. These reports resulted in 107 human trafficking cases being filed, while 60 completed case assessments and 57 referrals were made to law enforcement referrals and coordinated social services. In many cases, victims reside outside of the area, and/or may seek social-emotional services and other supports and may opt not to pursue legal action. In all cases, the SAO staff ensures that the victims are connected to the services and supports they seek.

Background: In 2012, the SAO established a dedicated Human Trafficking Unit that uses an innovative trauma-informed law enforcement model to investigate and prosecute human

trafficking cases. The Human Trafficking Unit consists of highly trained specialized prosecutors, investigators, and victim specialists who successfully prosecute traffickers and assist victims.

In November 2018, the SAO opened ICAP, an innovative victim-centered approach to human trafficking prevention and intervention. Prosecutors, investigators, and victim services are housed in one building and work directly with human trafficking victims. The ICAP's accommodations include an operations center, training center, forensic interviewing services, and victim services center. It also serves as a triage center when victims of human trafficking are recovered, and investigations commence.

On November 6, 2019, in a proactive effort to combat sex trafficking, the SAO, in collaboration with the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee and The Women's Fund Miami-Dade, launched the Stop Sex Trafficking Campaign. The campaign was in effect before and beyond Super Bowl LIV, which took place in Miami on February 2, 2020. The Stop Sex Trafficking Campaign is an unprecedented public awareness and education drive. It was designed to strategically generate highly targeted and coordinated social media, digital marketing, outdoor campaigns, and in-transit communications to activate a "super force" of citizen, community, and corporate partner "see-and-report" responders. Said responders are educated to identify possible "victims hidden in plain sight," and report incidences to the Rapid Response Net with the goal of recovering victims and providing them with essential services, such as intake, placement, or relocation assistance, transportation to emergency shelters or other safe locations, as well as coordinating with law enforcement and medical providers. The campaign also advertises and directs callers to a dedicated local State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Hotline where callers will receive an immediate response from the SAO's victim specialists and law enforcement.

In November 2019, the board of The Children's Trust approved match funding to support this project. The total cost of the program for 10 months is \$1,227,263.00. For every \$1 invested by The Children's Trust, \$6.36 is leveraged by the partner agencies.

Per the procurement policy, Section 2006 Match Funding and Funder Collaboration, match service agreements are exempt from the competitive solicitation process. The application submitted by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office underwent a multistep review process that evaluated the leveraged funding opportunity as well as the potential impact of the proposed program.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by _____ who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **19th day of October 2020.**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking (HT) Unit utilizes an innovative trauma informed law enforcement model for the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases. Through the Institute for Coordination Advocacy and Prosecution (ICAP) center, victims, survivors and callers receive access to critical support and services to ensure safety. The unit is staffed with highly trained Prosecutors, Investigators and Victim Specialists who provide a continuum of care approach. Funding received from the Children's Trust supports the operation of a 24/7 Virtual Call Center (VCC) to respond to victims of human trafficking. The staff answers calls, signals, texts, online tips, chats and emails related to human trafficking. Safety assessments are conducted to determine the initial level of trauma and immediate needs. Victims, survivors and inquiry callers are referred to services such as counseling, shelter, medical therapeutic services and educational services to meet their needs. When appropriate, contact with law enforcement is initiated on a victim's behalf.

KEY NUMBERS



Results

A total of **107** human trafficking cases were successfully filed. **19** of these cases involved minors. All prosecutions against traffickers were pursued with a victim centered, trauma informed, approach.

Partnerships are **key** to ensuring victims' access to lifesaving supports and resources. The following collaborative partnerships **ensured** this access:

- ✓ Project Phoenix
- ✓ The Thrive Clinic
- ✓ Citrus Health
- ✓ Voices for Children
- ✓ The Homeless Trust
- ✓ The Coordinated Victim Assistance Center (CVAC)
- ✓ Kristi House

