



Program Svcs & Childhood Health Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023
3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue (Coral Way)
United Way – Ryder Room
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

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

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.
Committee Chair

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

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.
Committee Chair

3:40 p.m. **Approval of March 30, 2023 Program Services & Childhood Health Committee minutes summary** *(Addl. Items packet, Pgs. 3)*

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.
Committee Chair

3:45 p.m. **Resolutions**

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.
Committee Chair

Resolution 2023-A: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and negotiate and execute contracts with Be Strong International, Inc., Florida International University (FIU), and University of Miami (UM), to deliver brief parenting workshops and educational or public health events as part of The Children's Trust Parent Club, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a one-time contract extension term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 4-7)*

Resolution 2023-B: Authorization to negotiate and execute renewal contracts with the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. and All in One Mail Shop, Inc. d/b/a All in One Direct Marketing Solutions for the support and maintenance of a birth to five book club, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,602,239.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to annual funding appropriations. *(Pgs. 8-10)*

Resolution 2023-C: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and negotiate and execute a contract with Miami Dade College for The Children's Trust Books for Free program, in a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 11-12)*

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 2023-D: Authorization to renew a funder collaboration contract with The Miami Foundation, as the fiscal agent for Miami Connected, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.
(Pgs. 13-16)

Resolution 2023-E: Authorization to execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with the U.S. Soccer Foundation to support the continuation of the Soccer for Success program and the implementation of a new Just Ball program, in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for a term of 12 months commencing August 1, 2023, and ending July 31, 2024. This is an increase of \$125,000.00. (Pgs. 17-21)

Resolution 2023-F: Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract with Miami Homes for All, Inc., to support partnerships to end youth homelessness in Miami-Dade County through service linkage, advocacy, and engagement, in an amount not to exceed \$234,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. Further, authorization to negotiate and execute an IT contract with Miami Homes for All and the Homeless Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.00, for a term of 16 months commencing June 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, for a pilot program in which Miami Homes for All will consult on the research, design, procurement and population of a housing inventory software database for the Homeless Trust, and, if necessary, authorization to negotiate and execute a related collaborative data sharing agreement. Further, delegation of authority to adjust funding between the initiatives.
(Pgs. 22-25)

Resolution 2023-G: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and enter into a contract with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., as a result of a change in agency ownership from Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc., to ensure the continuous delivery of evidence-based parenting services. (Pgs. 26-27)

4:55 p.m. **CEO Report**

James R. Haj
President/CEO

- *Youth Advisory Committee 2023 Service Project Showcase*
Saturday, May 13, 2023 @10:00 a.m.
Renaissance Ballroom, 5910 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33144
- *Young Talent Big Dreams Finals – Saturday, May 13, 2023 @7:00p.m.*
Miracle Theatre 280 Miracle Mile Coral Gables, FL 33134

5:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Reminder:
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2023

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**Program Services & Childhood Health Committee Meeting
Summary of Actions Taken
March 30, 2023
3:32 p.m.**

These actions were taken by the Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting held on March 30, 2023:

***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 March 13, 2023, Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Resolution 2023-A: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on April 17, 2023, was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez. Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 143 providers identified herein, to (i) deliver high-quality after-school programming for 17,413 elementary, middle, high school-aged children and youth, and (ii) summer programming for 18,597 elementary, middle and high school-aged children and youth, in a total amount not to exceed \$76,662,000.00. For year-round and school-year programs the contract term will be 12 months, commencing August 15, 2023, and ending August 14, 2024, and for summer only programs the contract term will be a term of six months, commencing March 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2024, each with four remaining annual renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations. **Motion passed, 5-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth and Daniel Bagner.**

Resolution 2023-B: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on April 17, 2023, was made by Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall and seconded by Mary Donworth. Authorization to negotiate and execute a final contract renewal with Florida International University Board of Trustees (FIU) for reading enhancement services, in a total amount not to exceed \$945,752.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed, 6-0. Recusal by Daniel Bagner**

Resolution 2023-C: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on April 17, 2023, was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Daniel Banger Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth (FLIPANY) for after-school snacks and meals, in a total amount not to exceed \$600,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with two remaining contract renewals. **Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023

Resolution: 2023-A

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Parenting: Group parenting

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children are supported by nurturing and involved parents; children are ready for kindergarten; students are succeeding academically; and children behave appropriately in schools, homes, and communities.

Recommended Action: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and negotiate and execute contracts with Be Strong International, Inc., Florida International University (FIU), and University of Miami (UM), to deliver brief parenting workshops and educational or public health events as part of The Children's Trust Parent Club, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a one-time contract extension term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 is projected to be available in FY 2023-24.

Description of Services: Regardless of their circumstances, all parents and families face inevitable parenting challenges and can benefit from learning evidence-based strategies that support children's healthy development from prenatal through adolescence. Effective, consistent, and supportive parenting prepares children for a lifetime of success. Brief universal interventions can offer an effective, low-cost way to reach large and diverse groups of primary caregivers who might not otherwise receive parenting education. Improved parenting will support positive child outcomes related to emotional, behavioral, social, cognitive competence, and physical health and safety.

The Children's Trust Parent Club was launched in September 2019. Brief, evidence-based parenting workshops are delivered in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole for diverse groups of primary caregivers across Miami-Dade County to enhance awareness and knowledge for parents with children birth to age 16. These group contacts with parents strengthen social supports by connecting parents and linking families who have additional needs with appropriate services. Be Strong International, Inc., FIU and UM offer a combination of in-person and virtual, single-session group parenting workshops. Topics address common parenting strategies for parents of all abilities and information about available community resources. Parent Club providers are given the flexibility to deliver the workshops in person and virtually.

The Children's Trust Parent Club uses a collaborative approach among the three funded agencies, The Children's Trust, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Family Support Services. The school system helps promote the program among its students and parents, and provides a forum, at no cost, for the workshops. There is a common set of collaboratively developed operating procedures so that anyone attending a Parent Club workshop has a similar experience, regardless of which of the three agencies provides it.

The following programs are recommended for contracts:

| Agency | Evidence-based Curriculum | Current Contract Amount | New Contract Amount up to |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Be Strong International, Inc. | Triple P Selective Seminars Research-informed hot topics | \$300,533.00 | \$400,533.00 |
| FIU Board of Trustees, Center for Children and Families | Triple P Selective Seminars Research-informed hot topics | \$411,231.00 | \$516,231.00 |
| University of Miami Department of Pediatrics | Pediatric Care Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) Research-informed hot topics | \$302,966.00 | \$583,236.00 |
| | Total: | | \$1,500,000.00 |

Recommendations include increasing the funds to each of the three agencies, proportionate to the enhanced expectations during the upcoming planning year, allowing the providers to add staffing and supports needed to engage with The Trust to implement the enhanced initiative offerings and pilot new activities within the Parent Club. The total recommended funding is aligned with the amount approved by the board for the competitive solicitation in resolution 2023-17.

Background: On February 19, 2019, the board of The Children’s Trust approved the funding recommendations from the competitive invitation to negotiate, ITN #2019-02, to fund one or more agencies to provide universally available group parenting services for a four-year funding cycle, following a comprehensive review process. We are in the fourth year of the funding cycle (2022-2023), with contracts ending September 30, 2023.

Current recommendations for funding are based on staff assessment of programs through observations of activities and performance data reviews. The three agencies have made satisfactory progress, especially working collaboratively as a cohesive team representing The Children’s Trust Parent Club. In 2021-22, 10,061 parents attended 1,627 Parent Club workshops, a 41 percent increase from the prior year. Attached is a summary of the progress for The Children’s Trust Parent Club.

Request for Procurement Waiver (requires the approval of a 2/3 vote of board members present): On January 23, 2023, the board approved resolution #2023-17, to issue a new funding cycle for Parent Club universal parenting services. This resolution requests a procurement waiver of the competitive procurement process to add one 12-month contract term before issuing the new solicitation. The three and a half operational years to date have resulted in a well-developed Parent Club program. As preplanning began for the solicitation preparations, it was determined that an additional year of planning is needed for the initiative to reach its full potential and for the development and release of a new competitive solicitation.

We know from our parent community survey and focus groups that parents want more interactive, engaging activities. They want more short-term options of one to five sessions. They want ways to connect and share experiences and supports with parents who have similar experiences. The additional planning and development time will allow The Trust to pilot new activities being developed, such as family engagement, support groups, community passport family outings, community liaison collaborations to spread the reach of Parent Club, and brief

session parenting series. The funding cycle extension will also allow The Trust to complete the development of the Trust Central registration and reporting module for Parent Club which is in progress.

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 **15th day of May, 2023.**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

TOTAL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

2,052

TOTAL PARTICIPANT ATTENDANCE

9,910

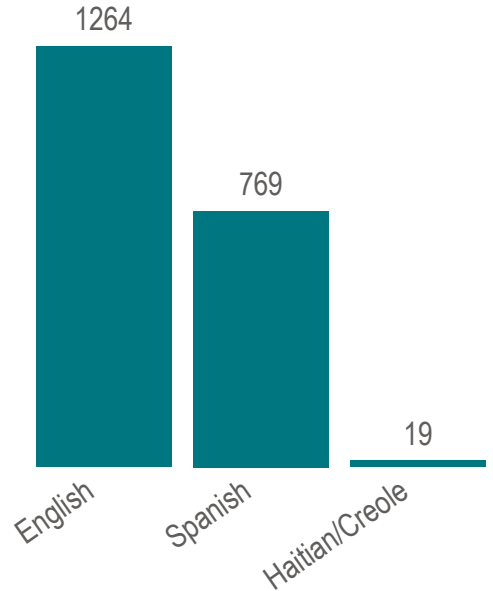
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5,289

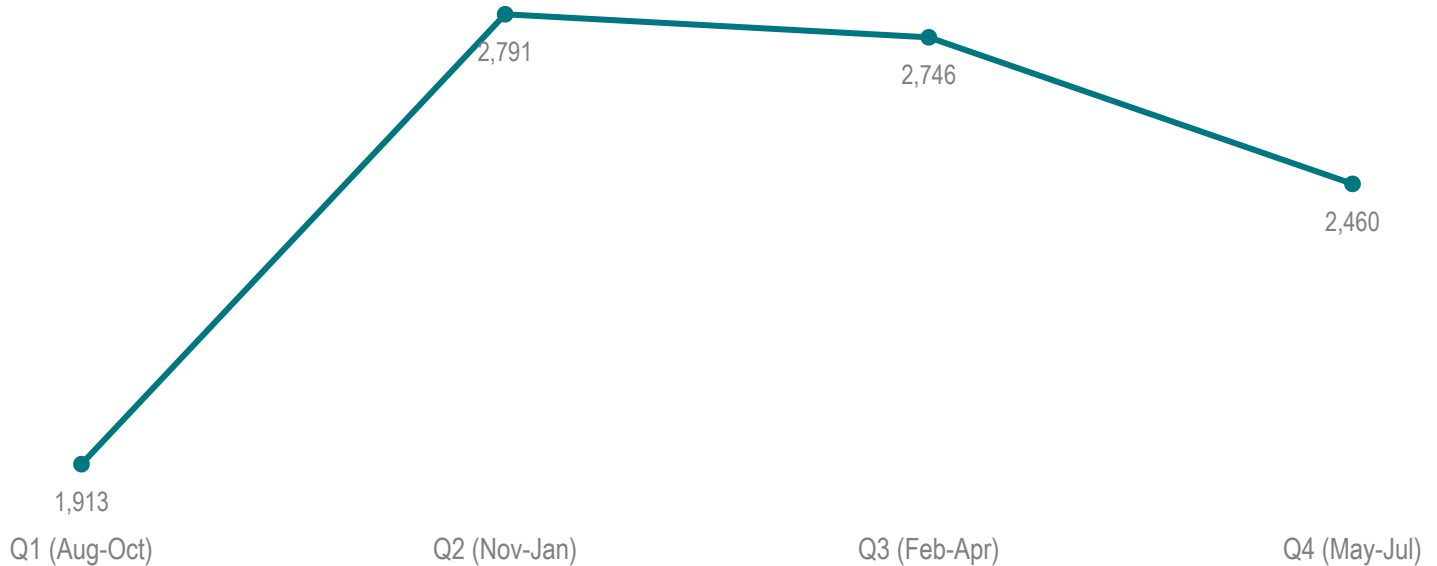
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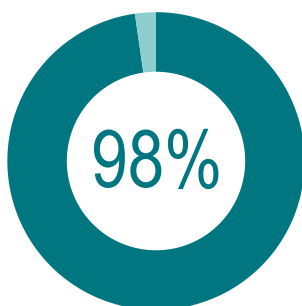
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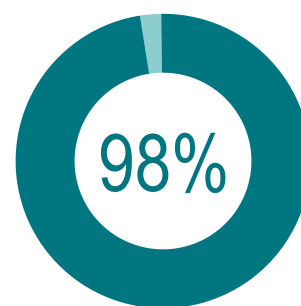
ATTENDANCE OVER TIME



GAINED SKILLS THEY INTEND TO PUT INTO PRACTICE



BELIEVE PRESENTERS WERE ORGANIZED, ENGAGING AND KNOWLEDGEABLE



The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023

Resolution: 2023-B

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Parenting: Early literacy programs

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children are supported by nurturing and involved parents; and children are ready for kindergarten.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute renewal contracts with the Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. and All in One Mail Shop, Inc. d/b/a All in One Direct Marketing Solutions for the support and maintenance of a birth to five book club, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,602,239.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with one remaining 12-month renewal, subject to annual funding appropriations.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$2,602,239.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

Description of Services: The Children's Trust Book Club provides free, monthly age-appropriate books and supporting materials for Miami-Dade County families with children from birth to their fifth birthday. By participating in the Book Club, parents and caregivers are provided with the means to help their children build strong learning and social skills. The opportunity to remain in The Children's Trust Book Club for five years also increases touchpoints with parents, provides families with information and strategies that bolster early interactions, and supports child brain development and kindergarten school readiness.

National research shows poverty is a leading indicator of limited early reading skills since it may contribute to lower school readiness, poor school attendance, and learning loss in the summer. These factors contribute to achievement gaps between children in low and middle-income households. To reduce these disparities, focused marketing and recruitment for this universal book club is prioritized in neighborhoods where early child development, kindergarten readiness and third grade reading levels are historically lower, and rates of lower socio-economic status are higher than the county average.

The Children's Trust's early literacy investments include The Children's Trust Book Club, Reach Out and Read, and the Books for Free programs, which are all part of the community-wide campaign for grade-level reading in Miami-Dade County. The campaign focuses in part on increasing high-quality early learning experiences, including early access to books in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole and early parent-child reading interactions supported by parent-friendly guides for developmentally appropriate practices with young children.

The Children's Trust Book Club is comprised of four implementation components, which include the following key services:

- **Content Revision/Development and Book Buying** – Includes the: (i) selection of developmentally-appropriate books for young children, (ii) revision and creation of culturally-relevant content and activities to accompany the books, inclusive of content

for children with disabilities, (iii) revision and development of digital content, activities that support early literacy, math and social-emotional skills, and (iv) procurement of books.

- **Professional Fulfillment Services** – Includes packaging, storing and monthly mailing of the books and accompanying materials.
- **Marketing** – Includes the creation and implementation of specialized marketing campaigns and other supporting collateral materials for grassroots outreach efforts. This component is approved under a separate resolution (Resolution 2022-20) for marketing services.
- **Ongoing Operations** – Includes project and vendor management, relationship building to coordinate outreach and enrollment with other early childhood organizations and the community, customer service, and day-to-day oversight. These tasks are carried out by a dedicated Children’s Trust staff member. The Book Club’s existing software management solution assists with the management of operational tasks.

Vendors for the above-described implementation components and The Children’s Trust are working together to ensure coordination and effective operations. The following vendors are recommended for contract renewals.

| Agency | Service Provided | Amount Not to Exceed (2023-2024) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Miami-Dade Family Learning Partnership, Inc. | Content Development/ Book Buying | \$1,453,039.00 |
| All in One Mail Shop, Inc. d/b/a All in One Direct Marketing Solutions | Professional Fulfillment Services | \$1,149,200.00 |

These projections include maintenance of the previous fiscal year’s budget for content development, fulfillment, and outreach events. This includes procuring and developing of a complete set of five new books in Haitian Creole and their accompanying educational materials. These books and educational materials will be provided in a single package to families who would like to receive Haitian-Creole books at various outreach activities, birthing hospitals and through professional fulfillment services.

Background: The Children’s Trust issued a request for proposals (RFP) #2019-10, on March 27, 2019, to fund one or more vendors to implement The Children’s Trust expanded Book Club. Applicants could apply for one or more of three implementation components in the RFP: content development and book-buying; professional fulfillment services; and ongoing operations. Two agencies were funded for the Book Club's content development/book buying and professional fulfillment services components. The operations, functions, and marketing of the Book Club are managed by The Children’s Trust and contracted marketing vendors.

The Board previously approved resolution #2023-24 to add \$300,000.00 in funds for the expansion of Haitian Creole book packages, accompanying reading guides, as well as outreach materials and contractors, for a new total not to exceed \$2,617,239.00, and to amend fiscal year 2022-23 general budget to reflect the increase.

The intent is to continue the Haitian Creole book expansion by selecting five new book titles and developing the accompanying reading guides and activities. Numerous early childhood organizations comprising The Children’s Trust Book Club Community Advisory Committee collaborate and support the efforts to select age-appropriate books and develop the accompanying educational collateral materials.

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- Creoletrans
- Dr. Marisel Elias-Miranda
- Dr. Melissa Baralt
- Dr. Nick Andre
- Florida International University
- Lisa Blair
- University of South Florida
- Leonie Hermantin

The Book Club reached its target goal of 40,000 active members and plans to retain that number, taking into account natural monthly attrition due to aging out throughout the following year.

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

15th day of May, 2023.

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: May 15, 2023

Resolution: 2023-C

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Parenting: Early Literacy Supports

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children are supported by nurturing and involved parents; children are ready for kindergarten; and students are succeeding academically.

Recommended Action: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and negotiate and execute a contract with Miami Dade College for The Children's Trust Books for Free program, in a total amount not to exceed \$450,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$450,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

Description of Services: The Children's Trust Books for Free program ensures young children (through age 8) have access to books to take home and keep at no cost from bookshelves placed in public spaces throughout Miami-Dade County. To administer the program, Miami Dade College (MDC) engages communities, businesses, volunteers, and the public sector to collect, sort, and categorize donated gently used and newly purchased books. MDC then distributes the books through 77 bookshelves maintained in public places where parents and children frequent, such as Women, Infant and Children (WIC) offices and community organizations in under-resourced neighborhoods. This program has a minimum annual 15 percent match requirement in cash or in-kind resources from MDC.

The program adjusted to meet community needs over the past year by extending its distribution model to include barbershops and laundromats through partnerships with Kiwanis of North Dade and Kiwanis of South Dade. Additional outreach and engagement activities were incorporated, including rich cultural storytelling events and temporary pop-up bookshelves throughout the county. The program added 12 new sites with the \$50,000.00 funding increase approved last year, which was five more sites than expected.

Background: On July 9, 2018, The Children's Trust board approved the funding recommendation from the competitive request for proposals, RFP# 2018-04, for a five-year funding cycle, following a comprehensive review process. Upon considering the performance of this contract, The Children's Trust assessed this program's progress and determined the provider is performing satisfactorily and meeting or exceeding all contractual benchmarks. During contract year 21-22 (October 1, 2021–September 30, 2022), MDC successfully:

- Operated 77 bookshelf sites that received regular deliveries.
- Collected 76,116 and distributed 106,771 books.
- Provided more than 50% in-kind match to the program, leveraging an additional \$362,486 value to the program.

During the first quarter of the current 22-23 contract year, MDC distributed 30,738 books with services to 77 bookshelves, exceeding the number of currently contracted sites.

Request for Procurement Waiver (requires the approval of a 2/3 vote of board members present): To better align the planning and development of all related parenting early literacy supports, The Children's Trust Books for Free contract requires a procurement waiver of the formal competitive procurement process to add one 12-month contract term. The 2022-23 contract year is the fifth year of the 5-year funding cycle resulting from the last RFP#2018-04. More planning time is needed to pilot and research new services and enhance the current model before issuing a new competitive solicitation.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

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THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____
SECRETARY

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The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023

Resolution: 2023-D

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Community Awareness and Advocacy: Cross-funder collaboration of goals, strategies and resources.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: This investment supports all headline community results.

Recommended Action: Authorization to renew a funder collaboration contract with The Miami Foundation, as the fiscal agent for Miami Connected, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available for FY 2023-2024.

Description of Services: Miami Connected offers no or low-cost broadband internet to families and students across Miami-Dade County. Families are eligible if someone in their household participates in government assistance programs, such as SNAP or WIC, has a student who receives a Pell Grant or attends a Title I school, or has a household income of up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Miami Connected collaborates with schools and engages community-based organizations (CBOs) to support outreach to families and provide technical assistance to ensure full adoption of these internet service opportunities. The initiative is also involved in various community engagement and advertising activities to raise awareness and continuously optimize the internet service registration process.

In working toward systems-level change, Miami Connected, in partnership with Miami-Dade County and national experts, is developing a broadband plan to draw down and deploy federal funds to increase the number of families with broadband internet service across the county. The broadband plan is targeted for finalization and release in April 2023, and related demonstration projects will be launched.

Current implementation partners are listed, and others are being engaged on an ongoing basis.

- Achieve Miami
- Catalyst Miami
- City of Miami
- Literacy Minnesota
- Miami-Dade County
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Overtown Children & Youth Coalition
- Overtown Youth Center
- Samvid Ventures
- The Children's Trust
- The Miami Foundation

The total projected cost for the project is \$6,740,472.00.00. The Children's Trust's proposed investment for FY 2023-24 is \$150,000.00. To date, \$6,417,972.00 has been raised, including The Trust's previous annual contributions of \$150,000.00 over the past three years. Contributors and those who have pledged additional funding to this initiative are:

| Funder | Received | Pledged | Total Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Blackstone | \$50,000.00 | | \$50,000.00 |
| Cindy & Robert Friezo Foundation | \$5,000.00 | | \$5,000.00 |
| City of Miami | | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| Comcast | \$140,472.00 | | \$140,472.00 |
| eMerge Americas | | \$50,000.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| Helios Education Foundation | \$200,000.00 | | \$200,000.00 |
| Ken Griffin | \$5,000,000.00 | | \$5,000,000.00 |
| Leslie Miller Saiontz | \$60,000.00 | \$190,000.00 | \$250,000.00 |
| Samvid Ventures | \$250,000.00 | | \$250,000.00 |
| Simkins Family Foundation | \$5,000.00 | | \$5,000.00 |
| TD Bank & Miami HEAT | | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Terra Group | \$7,500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| Ticket Master & Miami HEAT | \$100,000.00 | | \$100,000.00 |
| The Children's Trust | \$450,000.00 | | \$450,000.00 |
| The Miami Foundation | \$250,000.00 | | \$250,000.00 |
| | \$6,517,972.00 | \$322,500.00 | \$6,840,472.00 |

Background: Many nationwide entities have collaborated to bring broadband internet connectivity to families with limited economic resources, especially families with students relying on online learning resources. The cities of Chicago and Philadelphia have both launched collaborations focused on this goal. The Miami Connected initiative adapts best practices from these successful initiatives to Miami-Dade's specific needs, and its partners collaborate to support a collective effort. The Miami Foundation has been the lead partner for this innovative initiative since its inception in September 2020. It established a fiscal sponsorship fund to support Miami Connected's financial/fund development maturity and independence.

Since its inception, Miami Connected has assisted over 93,000 families with connecting to no or low-cost internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and its internet sponsorship option. Of the families surveyed, 89 percent reported accessing additional educational and economic opportunities because of the internet service they obtained.

Miami Connected has also made a measurable impact by leveraging federal resources to implement digital literacy and navigation assistance to families. These components were implemented in FY 21-22 with \$1.2 million in cumulative funding secured by The Miami Foundation. Miami Connected provides digital navigation services and hands-on support for families navigating online resources, including educational opportunities, health resources, employment opportunities, and other social services. Miami Connected also provides digital literacy programming to support families in increasing their ability to utilize technology daily. As of February 28, 2023, at least 737 families were provided with digital navigation and digital literacy services through the Northstar Digital Literacy platform

Miami Connected continues to maximize new opportunities and refine the comprehensive roadmap for the way forward, most notably leveraging federal funds from the ACP to provide internet subsidies to families. This has allowed Miami Connected to utilize federal funding to cover the monthly internet cost for families. Other achievements include the establishment of

a dedicated Miami Connected hotline through Jewish Community Services, which provides additional technical support to families.

Geographic Area: Countywide

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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

2022-2023

Ensuring that students and families are set up for success in today's digital world by increasing access to broadband internet service, digital navigation support, digital skills training, and career opportunities in technology.



93K

Families Connected

through federal
subsidy and
Miami Connected
sponsorship
programs

\$48M

Federal Funding Drawn Down

for internet service
and device
acquisition

40

Partners & Funders

across the public,
private and
philanthropic
sectors

737

Families Received Digital Literacy & Navigation

services from grant
partners

72%

Families Report Increased Confidence in Skills

after programming

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I am currently viewed as just a migrant worker, but I am so much more than that. By increasing my tech skills and earning certifications, I am building up my resume in order to pursue new economic opportunities. This program has helped me regain confidence in my abilities to learn and grow.

- Will

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WHAT'S NEW

BROADBAND & DIGITAL EQUITY PLAN

Mayor Daniella Levine Cava announced our partnership on this plan at the State of the County address, and the full plan will soon be published.

Stakeholder convenings continue and an initial \$1.5 million in State broadband grant funding has been awarded to expand services in Miami-Dade.

DIGITAL EQUITY HOTLINE

Jewish Community Services is fully managing the hotline families call for help accessing internet service, devices and skilling opportunities.

DIGITAL EQUITY COLLECTIVE

Thirteen grant partners are participating in a community of practice to increase collaboration, drive continuous improvement and elevate insights.

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

May 15, 2023

Resolution 2023-E

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area(s): Youth Development: After-School Programs; Community Awareness & Advocacy: Cross-funder Collaboration

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Students are succeeding academically; children meet recommended levels of physical activity; children behave appropriately in school, homes, and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

Recommended Action: Authorization to execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with the U.S. Soccer Foundation to support the continuation of the Soccer for Success program and the implementation of a new Just Ball program, in a total amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, for a term of 12 months commencing August 1, 2023, and ending July 31, 2024. This is an increase of \$125,000.00.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$250,000.00 is available in FY 2022-2023 and is projected to be available for FY 2023-2024.

Description of Services: The selection of Miami-Dade County as a host site for the 2026 FIFA World Cup presents a new and unique opportunity to expand upon the longstanding partnership between the U.S. Soccer Foundation and The Children's Trust through its Miami Soccer Initiative. The initiative intends to create a long-term legacy of soccer in the community, while also giving youth from under-resourced and under-served communities safe places to play coupled with effective and relevant programming.

The Miami-Dade Soccer Initiative is a \$10 million, 10-year multi-partner effort supported financially by Ken Griffin and the Citadel Foundation, as well as U.S. Soccer Foundation sponsor Adidas. In partnership with The Children's Trust and Miami-Dade County and future partners who are currently being engaged, the initiative will include:

- Mini-pitches: Installation of 50 mini soccer pitches in under-resourced areas across Miami-Dade County, over a four-year period. Each pitch is valued at \$100,000.00 and includes lighting, seating, and advertisement of sponsors and partners. Pitches will be selected at Trust-funded provider sites, Miami-Dade County sites, and future community partners currently being identified. The pitches are funded entirely by Ken Griffin and Citadel Foundation through a \$5 million donation to U.S. Soccer Foundation. The Trust's contribution toward this effort is \$37,500 to assist with funding infrastructure support.
- Just Ball Neighborhood League: The Children's Trust funding will support the implementation of the *Just Ball* Neighborhood League on the newly installed mini-pitches. The program will provide youth, ages 11-18, from under-resourced communities the opportunity to participate in a hyper-local soccer league that emphasizes creativity, mentorship, youth development, and healthy competition. The *Just Ball* Neighborhood League is a fun, inclusive league opportunity centered in the neighborhoods where they live and supported by coach-mentors from the communities. The *Just Ball* league model prioritizes fun, friendship, and inclusivity over winning. Trust support of implementation of Just Ball is estimated at \$142,500, which will be utilized to support the purchase of equipment, playmaker (coaches) training and the countywide Just Ball Unity Cup.

- Soccer for Success Innovation Hub: The Children's Trust has funded U.S. Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success program in Miami-Dade since 2017. *Soccer for Success* is an evidence-based model for sports-based youth development for youth ages 6-13. It is delivered after school for two 12-week seasons annually with programming three days a week. It is free and provided by trusted community-based organizations to increase accessibility for youth with the highest needs. The *Soccer for Success* curriculum integrates key elements that benefit the physical, social, and emotional health of youth—physical activity, nutrition education, family engagement, mentorship, and safe spaces. Family and community engagement is integral to *Soccer for Success*, and the program is used as a lever to address other issues, such as social, dental, and physical health needs.
- This year's funding will also support a *Soccer for Success* Innovation Hub to expand *Soccer for Success* programming for youth, ages 6-13, from under-resourced communities across Miami-Dade County and at the mini-pitch sites. The Innovation Hub will serve as the local leader for operating *Soccer for Success* and for building the capacity of other youth development and community-based organizations to offer this program. This hub will provide expertise and guidance to community-based organizations and Trust funded programs who have a desire to implement soccer programming in their communities while removing such barriers as transportation and cost that often prohibit youth in underserved communities from playing the game. Funding of \$70,000 has been earmarked to continue The Trust's commitment to expose underserved communities to soccer. Through this expanded collaboration it is envisioned that *Soccer for Success* and *Just Ball* together will create a continuum of opportunities for youth as they progress through their school years, with an emphasis on multiple opportunities for middle school-aged youth—an especially critical time for physical, social, and emotional well-being, which also coincides with the time that youth tend to reduce their levels of physical activity.

With funding support from The Children's Trust, the goals and objectives for the Miami Soccer Initiative are to:

- Engage at least 2,000 Miami-Dade youth in *Soccer for Success* programming.
- Train a minimum of 60 coach-mentors in effective delivery of *Soccer for Success* and the skill sets to support positive youth development and social and emotional learning, through the Soccer for Success Innovation Hub.
- Engage at least 5,000 youth in the *Just Ball* Neighborhood League.
- Train at least 175 Playmakers (coaches) to effectively facilitate play in the *Just Ball* Neighborhood League on newly installed mini-pitches.

Background: The U.S. Soccer Foundation (U.S. Soccer) is the pre-eminent organization using soccer to improve children's health and social outcomes in underserved communities. Their unique and cost-effective programs have been shown to transform neighborhoods, increase physical activity among children, and build a culture of health in communities nationwide. Since 2017, the U.S. Soccer Foundation has collaborated/partnered with The Children's Trust to support community-based organizations to implement its evidence-based *Soccer for Success* program. During that time, 15,889 youth from under-resourced communities across Miami-Dade County have been engaged through *Soccer for Success* with the support of 860 trained coach-mentors. As is true nationally, the Miami-Dade youth served through this initiative reflect under-resourced populations. Ninety-one percent of participating youth identify as Black, Hispanic, or multi-ethnic and 87 percent qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.

On March 17, 2017, The Children's Trust Board approved resolution #2017-70 initially committed \$100,000.00 to support and expand the Soccer for Success program to serve 1,300 children and youth in Miami-Dade County. This allocation was subsequently increased to \$125,000 for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-23. For fiscal year 2023-2024 the funding

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request has increased to \$250,000 to support the Miami Soccer Initiative community-wide expansion, to support programming on the 50 new donated soccer pitches, to establish of the new Just Ball program, in addition to the continuation of Soccer for Success.

The U.S. Soccer Foundation also raises additional funds to grow and improve the program in Miami-Dade County. So far, the initiative has received a \$5,000,000.00 donation from Ken Griffin and Citadel Foundation, which will be invested directly into building 50 soccer pitches countywide. Additional funding partners are also currently being engaged. As a result of this collaborative effort, for every dollar The Children's Trust invests, \$20.00 is invested by the funding partners collectively.

Per the procurement policy, section 2006 Match Funding and Funder Collaboration, the negotiation and execution of a funder collaboration contract are exempt from the competitive solicitation process. Renewal of match and funder collaboration funding beyond the initial contract term is at the sole discretion of The Children's Trust and shall be contingent upon satisfactory performance evaluations, quality program results, outcome achievements, availability of funding, and an ability to maintain the underlying primary funding source(s).

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
15th day of May, 2023.

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____

SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

Soccer for Success

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT



Soccer for Success, developed by the U.S. Soccer Foundation, is an evidence-based program which provides children in underserved neighborhoods with structured physical activity, nutrition education and mentoring by specially trained coach-mentors. This program year, the *Soccer for Success* program is being implemented by six community partners (After School All Stars of South Florida, the City of North Miami, the City of Miami Gardens, FLIPANY, Fútbol con Corazón, and YMCA of South Florida) that receive funding and/or materials and equipment, program curriculum and training provided by the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The goal of the program is to implement the *Soccer for Success* curriculum with fidelity to be able to achieve expected outcomes. Program fidelity includes having trained Coach-Mentors at a 15:1 ratio, implementing the program at least 3 days per week, 60-90 minutes per session, for an 8–12-week season.

During the Fall 2022 season, these program partners were asked to implement our brand-new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) *Soccer for Success* curriculum which teaches soccer and healthy lifestyles in a fun and safe environment where children can thrive. The SEL *Soccer for Success* curriculum teaches social and emotional competencies such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Three sessions per week that teaches soccer, social-emotional learning, and life skills through trained coach-mentors.

Fall 2022 Outcomes:

- During the Fall 2022 *Soccer for Success* season, **1,300 students received 60-90 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity**, 3-days per week, during a 12-week period.
- During the Fall 2022 *Soccer for Success* season, the After School All Stars of South Florida, City of North Miami Parks & Recreation, FLIPANY, and YMCA of South Florida were able to implement 36 Social Emotional Learning (SEL) *Soccer for Success* lessons during the season.
- The overall impact from our survey results was that 91% of participants maintained or grew in at least 1 SEL capacity. 71% maintained or grew in at least 2 SEL capacities. 44% maintained or grew in at least 3 SEL capacities. And 16% maintained or grew in all 4 SEL capacities, with 91% of participants sharing program satisfaction.

PROGRAM IMPACT DURING THE FALL 2022 SEASON

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| 4 | 24 |
| Community Partners | Active Sites |
| 50 | 1,300 |
| Participating Coaches | Participants Served |

Programs Participating in the Spring 2023 Season & Expected Number of Participants

- ASAS South Florida (100 students)
- City of Miami Gardens (150 students)
- City of North Miami (100 students)
- FLIPANY (700 students)
- Fútbol Con Corazón (700 students)
- YMCA of South Florida (300 students)

FLIPANY

During 2022, FLIPANY was selected as a U.S. Soccer Foundation Innovation Hub (1 of 6 throughout the country). Innovation Hubs represent organizations in strategic markets, with the capacity to not only implement *Soccer for Success* with high fidelity but serve as regional hubs for delivery of professional development and technical assistance for other programs in the region. Starting in the 2022-2023 program year, FLIPANY serves as an Innovation Hub, serving as a regional learning hub with the capacity to provide technical assistance and training for other programs in the region that may be interested in implementing the *Soccer for Success* program. Most recently, FLIPANY has also been part of our ongoing efforts around our United for Girls Initiative, with the goal of expanding opportunities for young girls to access the sport of soccer and to increase opportunities for women to engage as Coach-Mentors in their own communities. In 2022, FLIPANY got the opportunity to be featured in a video (filmed in FLIPANY's South Florida program sites) created by the U.S. Soccer Foundation to highlight our United for Girls Initiative and in the Fall 2022 they were featured in our Count Her In: A Playbook for Youth Sports Programs to Engage Girls publication.

U.S. Soccer Foundation

Mini-Pitch

Mini-pitches are small, customized, hard-court surfaces that are perfectly suited for organized soccer programs and pick-up games. Mini-pitches are often used as community hubs and are shown to strengthen community cohesion, encourage physical activity and improve safety perceptions.



99%

say people in their community are more active after installation of a mini-pitch

96%

say their mini-pitch is accessible to all

98%

say that their community feels safer after installation of a mini-pitch



The Children's Trust Board Meeting

May 15, 2023

Resolution 2023-F

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Areas: Community awareness and advocacy: Cross-funder collaboration of goals, strategies and resources.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Students succeed academically; children behave appropriately in school, homes and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract with Miami Homes for All, Inc., to support partnerships to end youth homelessness in Miami-Dade County through service linkage, advocacy, and engagement, in an amount not to exceed \$234,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. Further, authorization to negotiate and execute an IT contract with Miami Homes for All and the Homeless Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.00, for a term of 16 months commencing June 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, for a pilot program in which Miami Homes for All will consult on the research, design, procurement and population of a housing inventory software database for the Homeless Trust, and, if necessary, authorization to negotiate and execute a related collaborative data sharing agreement. Further, delegation of authority to adjust funding between the initiatives.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$325,000 is available in FY 2022-2023 and is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

Background: Youth and family homelessness is a concerning reality in South Florida. According to the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, in 2022, there were 947 youth and families served by homeless housing and services providers across Miami-Dade County. Additionally, many youths do not know how to navigate the multiple systems where they can receive support. Rates of homelessness are higher among youth of color and among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ+) youth. The challenge of youth homelessness, and homelessness in general, has been exacerbated by the current affordable housing crisis in Miami-Dade County and a lack of inventory of housing placements for homeless youth, families, and single adults.

Miami Homes for All (MHFA) was created to promote community efforts to help prevent and end homelessness in South Florida by establishing alliances with agencies and organizations. Since its inception, MHFA has sought to develop formal partnerships to break down silos and support all individuals who experience homelessness at any point in their lives.

Thanks in part to funding from The Children's Trust from 2018 through 2022, MHFA is the backbone agency for the Helping Our Miami-Dade Youth Collective (HOMY Collective), a multi-sector effort to create a locally designed, comprehensive system of care to prevent and address youth homelessness in Miami-Dade County. With the help of MHFA, HOMY ensured that more than 100 agencies work collaboratively to serve Miami-Dade County's youth experiencing homelessness. Now, HOMY has merged with MHFA's broader coalition, The Greater Miami Housing Alliance to support youth with safe and stable housing and wraparound

services to help them become more resilient adults. The collaboration seeks to reach Miami-Dade's most vulnerable and often invisible youth to ensure stable housing for all youth.

Description of Services: This funder collaboration project builds upon the foundations of the HOMY Collective and adds a direct service component for homeless youth. Additionally, this item authorizes the establishment a pilot initiative for MHFA to research and assist the Homeless Trust in developing and populating a live housing inventory database to assist in locating additional housing leads for the homeless; with youth and homeless families being the top priority for housing placement.

MHFA concentrates on advocacy, prevention, and informational services to enhance existing community efforts while filling support gaps. MHFA seeks to work in partnership with multi-sector organizations to create a comprehensive system of care. Specifically, this collaboration aims to:

- improve outreach, identification, and assessment of needs of homeless youth and families;
- ensure disconnected and vulnerable youth develop healthy, permanent relationships;
- support the social, emotional, and physical well-being of youth; and
- expand homelessness prevention efforts and improve collaboration between systems.

These efforts will be accomplished through the following:

1. Service Linkage: MHFA will facilitate referrals of homeless youth for housing placements and services, utilizing Trust-funded Family Neighborhood Support Partnerships (FNSP) providers for care coordination, and an established network of additional community partners. Additionally, MHFA aims to continue to break down silos related to housing placements, referral processes, and other issues to serve homeless youth. This will be accomplished by creating, enhancing, the utilization of agreements between providers. The intention is also to review system performance outcomes, in partnership with the Homeless Trust, to further develop and implement a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness.
2. Through a continued focus on advocacy and engagement in the form of coalition and partnership building, MHFA will continue to coordinate and improve policies and interventions to prevent homelessness.
3. MHFA will focus on enhancing homeless families' access to mainstream services. This structure enables communication and collaboration to create a coordinated community response. Advocacy goals are to facilitate better local collaboration between stakeholders working with youth and families, including local child welfare, education, law enforcement agencies, runaway and homeless youth providers, LGBTQ+ organizations, and other local stakeholders. Youth who have personally experienced homelessness are at the forefront of this advocacy work.
4. MHFA will begin a pilot program, in partnership with the Homeless Trust, in which MHFA will consult on the research, design, procurement, and population of a software platform to centralize, automate, and prioritize housing opportunities for homeless households, with an emphasis on families with minor children and unaccompanied youth. The system-level landlord tracking tool, to be procured by the Homeless Trust, will allow for a repository of all available units and landlord/property owner/property management contact information, and if possible, the ability to determine whether a landlord has any available units in real time. The centralized data collection and storage system will enable data/information sharing across programs, including a live and consistently updated inventory of available housing units.

After procurement of the system, MHFA will be responsible for generating and curating the population of housing leads into the system, together with the Homeless Trust and providers and partners within the continuum of care. The exact cost for the system is unknown at this time and will be a component of the initial research and planning being conducted by MHFA. The Homeless Trust has committed to providing the necessary funding for the system technology, up to \$47,500, that is determined to be needed to support this project. The Children's Trust funding will go toward MHFA's costs and salaries to research and eventually run the system. It is anticipated that The Children's Trust will have access to the data/information in the system through the anticipated collaborative and will enter into related collaborative data sharing agreements.

FY 22-23: \$25,000.00 would be expended in FY 22-23 for part-time staff support to begin the research and planning necessary to support the development of a centralized data system for the Homeless Trust.

FY 23-24: \$66,000.00 will be expended in FY 23-34 for part-time staff support to continue the research, development, and population of the centralized data system for the Homeless Trust.

This resolution seeks for The Children's Trust to invest \$325,000.00 into this funder collaboration. The funds will be expended as outlined above (\$91,000.00 for the pilot program; \$234,000.00 for service linkage, engagement, advocacy). Staff is requesting that, with the passage of this resolution, the Board delegate authority to staff to shift funding between the above initiatives as may be needed. Any such funding will not exceed the total amount of \$325,000.00.

MHFA will provide a \$657,500.00 match for these initiatives from the funders summarized in the table below. For every dollar The Children's Trust invests in this initiative, at least \$2.00 is leveraged in return.

| Other Funders | | Amount | Use of Funds |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| | JPMorgan Chase | \$175,000 | Engagement, Advocacy, and Service Linkage |
| | United Way of Miami-Dade | \$50,000 | Engagement, Advocacy, and Service Linkage |
| | Miami Foundation | \$12,495 | Engagement, Advocacy, and Service Linkage |
| | Gucci Changemakers | \$50,000 | Service Linkage and Engagement |
| | Bank of America | \$14,415 | Advocacy and Engagement |
| | Wells Fargo | \$10,000 | Advocacy and Engagement |
| | Bradesco BAC Florida Bank | \$10,000 | Advocacy and Engagement |

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| | Homeless Trust: youth homeless outreach and triage | \$288,090 | Service Linkage and Engagement |
| | Homeless Trust: Housing inventory tracking tool | \$47,500 | Service Linkage |
| | Total Other Funders | \$657,500 | |

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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 **15th day of May 2023.**

THE CHILDREN'S TRUST
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BY _____

SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: May 15, 2023

Resolution: 2023-G

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Parenting: Group, Advocacy, Home Visitation, and Individual Parenting Supports

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children are supported by nurturing and involved parents; children are ready for kindergarten; students are succeeding academically; children meet recommended levels of physical activity; children behave appropriately in schools, homes and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

Recommended Action: Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and enter into a contract with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., as a result of a change in agency ownership from Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc., to ensure the continuous delivery of evidence-based parenting services.

Budget Impact: There is no budget impact for this action.

Background: Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc. (Miami Bridge), EIN 59-2569847 is one of the Trust's parenting providers. It notified The Children's Trust of its pending merger with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., which will result in a change in ownership to Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. Through this change, Miami Bridge is absorbed as part of Lutheran Services Florida, Inc., and will be a new entity with new EIN, 59-2198911. The pending merger is in the final stages of closing, expected in June of 2023. This contract is in the final 12-month term of a five-year funding cycle, ending September 30, 2023. The amount of funds still left to be paid out under this contract is \$82, 495 as of March 2023 reimbursement.

Request for Procurement Waiver (requires the approval of a 2/3 vote of board members present): On May 16, 2022, the board approved resolution number 2022-45, for a final contract renewal with Miami Bridge for \$131,557.00, and 39 other providers to deliver evidenced based parenting services. This requested action will ensure there is no interruption to the parenting services provided to the families currently served by Miami Bridge. Services will continue to be implemented seamlessly as direct and management staff will remain the same after the merger. The Board's authorization to enter into a contract agreement with Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. is contingent upon the final merger.

Geographic Area: Countywide

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