



## Program Svcs & Childhood Health Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 29, 2023  
3250 S.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June 1, 2023 Program Services & Childhood Health Committee minutes summary** *(Addl. Items packet, Pgs. 3-4)*

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.  
*Committee Chair*

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

Pamela Hollingsworth, M.Ed.  
*Committee Chair*

**Resolution 2023-A:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 16 small Community-Based Organizations (CBO) for the first year of a two-year capacity building initiative, in a total amount not to exceed \$595,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with one 12-month renewal.  
*(Pgs. 5-8)*

**Resolution 2023-B:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 9 providers, identified herein, to deliver health public benefits enrollment, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,596,882.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with up to four annual renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations. *(Pgs. 9-11)*

**Resolution 2023-C:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract renewal with Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC for research and evaluation services, in a total amount not to exceed \$185,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 12-14)*

**Resolution 2023-D:** Authorization to amend resolution #2023-15 Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) to re-allocate up to \$350,000.00 of any unused funds earmarked for charter school students to traditional public schools students in the program.  
*(Pgs. 15-16)*

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.

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

James R. Haj  
President/CEO

- *Battle of the Books – July 13, 2023 (10 am – 12 pm)*  
*Trust funded summer camps across the county*
- *The Children’s Trust Family Expo events:*
  - ✓ *Booker T. Washington Senior High School – July 22, 2023 (10 am – 3 pm)*  
*1200 NW 6th Ave, Miami, FL 33136*
  - ✓ *Miami Dade College Kendall Campus – July 29, 2023 (10 am – 3 pm)*  
*11011 SW 104th St, Miami, FL 33176*
  - ✓ *Florida Memorial University – August 5, 2023 (10 am – 3 pm)*  
*15800 NW 42nd Ave, Miami Gardens, FL 33054*
  - ✓ *TRIM I & TRIM II – September 11 & September 18, 2023*

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

**Reminder:**  
**Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2023**



**Program Services & Childhood Health Committee Meeting**  
**Summary of Actions Taken**  
**June 01, 2023**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**These actions were taken by the Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting held on June 01, 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 May 04, 2023, Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Dr. Edward Abraham. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.**

**Resolution 2023-A: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Lourdes P. Gimenez and seconded by Karen Weller.** Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and to negotiate and execute contract renewals with eight (8) providers, identified herein, for Trust Academy quality supports, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,249,893.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with three remaining contract renewals. Further, delegation of authority to adjust paid providers and some program components. **Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.**

**Resolution 2023-B: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Gilda Ferradaz.** Authorization to negotiate and execute a single source contract with Jewish Community Services of South Florida (JCS) to operate the 211 Miami helpline, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,374,176.00. **Motion passed, 7-0. Recusal by Daniel Bagner**

**Resolution 2023-C: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Daniel Bagner and seconded by Karen Weller.** Authorization to negotiate and execute a match contract 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, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously, 9-0.**

**Resolution 2023-D: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Lourdes P. Gimenez and seconded by Mary Donworth.** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 45 providers, identified herein, to deliver evidence-based parenting and family strengthening services in a total amount not to exceed \$23,230,563.00, each for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, each with four remaining annual renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations. **Motion passed, 8-0. Recusals by Daniel Bagner, and Pamela Hollingsworth.**

**Resolution 2023-E: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Richard Dunn and seconded by Gilda Ferradaz.** Authorization to waive the formal competitive procurement process and to negotiate and execute contract renewals with 22 providers, identified herein, for Family and Neighborhood Support Partnerships, in an amount not to exceed \$13,408,796.00, and for The Children's Trust to encumber a purchase order in the amount of \$500,000.00 for pooled family stabilization funding, for a total amount not to exceed \$13,908,796.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with three remaining contract renewals. Further, delegation of authority to adjust paid providers and some program components. (Pgs. 22-33) **Motion passed, 9-0. Recusal by Daniel Bagner**

**Resolution 2023-F: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023, was made by Daniel Bagner and seconded by Dr. Edward Abraham.** Authorization to amend resolution #2022-24 and the current contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) for services from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, to adjust the scope of work to add an additional contract activity relating to the A\$CEND program wherein the ELC will award qualifying A\$CEND educators a one-time bonus payment from non-Trust funding sources. **Motion passed, 8-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth, and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.**

## The Children's Trust Board Meeting

**Date: July 10, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-A**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Program & Professional Development: Trust Academy supports for quality program implementation and fiscal/administrative functions.

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

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 16 small Community-Based Organizations (CBO) for the first year of a two-year capacity building initiative, in a total amount not to exceed \$595,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with one 12-month renewal.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$595,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** As part of Program and Professional Development: Trust Academy Quality Supports, the Small Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Capacity Building initiative aids community growth by developing its participating organizations. High quality programs are best implemented and maintained through sound organizational supports and staff competencies. Throughout Miami-Dade County, small unique organizations provide services that respond to the needs of the community and could obtain greater impact with organizational development. Such organizations often assist direct service providers funded by The Children's Trust.

Program and professional development (PPD) supports are an important cornerstone to the success of The Trust's strategic plan. Recognizing the important role of small CBOs within their communities, The Children's Trust has developed a PPD component specifically targeting small CBOs not currently funded by The Trust. Each small CBO participating in this two-year initiative met all the eligibility criteria described in the background section below and are recommended for funding based on our comprehensive review process. With the board's approval, participating organizations will receive a funding award for individualized programmatic and fiscal capacity building. The 16 small CBOs listed below will also engage in several capacity-building activities supporting the successful implementation of each CBO's capacity-building plan. Funding awards support capacity-building needs and do not fund direct service functions. Activities include but are not limited to time allocated for:

- Organizational assessment, training, on-site coaching, and networking opportunities.
- Infrastructure, staff, and board development.
- Additional training.
- Administrative functioning.
- Marketing and resource fund-development materials and activities.

The Children's Trust's staff with coordination support by The Pontis Group (the Trust Academy contracted partner for Organizational Capacity and Leadership Development), will ensure that the program is executed in alignment with its goals of supporting small CBOs to:

- deliver high-quality evidence-based services with fidelity;
- practice strong administrative and fiscal management;
- engage in continuous learning and quality improvement;
- foster financial sustainability, including seeking revenue from diverse sources; and
- advance parent and community engagement, along with resident advocacy.

CBOs will build acumen in the following areas:

- Board development and executive leadership
- Strategic planning
- Resource development and fundraising
- Effective management of people
- Program quality, including design, implementation, and monitoring/evaluation for continuous learning
- Community engagement, community cultural sensitivity and collaboration
- Communications
- Fiscal capacity building services

Leadership development and the development of adaptive capacities are infused within all the activities.

The following applicants demonstrated community and capacity-building needs, interest, and ability to participate in this two-year capacity-building initiative through a competitive solicitation and are recommended for funding.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Annual Amount not to Exceed</b>
300 Letters, Inc.	\$25,000
Association of Exchange and Development of Activities and Partnership (AEDAP)	\$25,000
Avenues of Excellence, Inc.	\$40,000
EatWell Exchange, Inc.	\$40,000
Father and Family Council, Inc.	\$25,000
Friends of South Florida Music, Inc.	\$40,000
MagicWaste Youth Foundation, Inc.	\$40,000
Miami Youth Garden, Inc.	\$25,000
MoonlighterFabLab, Inc.	\$40,000
Parks Foundation, Inc.	\$60,000
Safe Schools South Florida	\$25,000
The Children's Voice Chorus, Inc.	\$60,000
The Lucy Project, Inc.	\$60,000
The Mavuno Project, Inc.	\$25,000
The START Program, Inc.	\$40,000
Women Voice Network, Inc.	\$25,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$595,000.00</b>

**Background:** Starting in 2015, the board addressed a need to provide capacity building for small CBOs that needed to be competitive for Trust funding. The Children's Trust completed the inaugural Small CBO Capacity Building cohort in July 2018. Another cohort was selected

and implemented from April 2019 through March 2021. Based on the success of this program, a third cohort has been solicited.

For the purposes of this Trust Academy initiative, eligible small CBOs are defined as:

- having a current annual operating budget between \$50,000 minimum (including the value of in-kind goods and services) and \$500,000 maximum (excluding the value of in-kind goods and services);
- providing services to children and families that address identified community needs, especially those supporting agencies that serve children and families living in neighborhoods impacted by high poverty rates, as well as those serving special populations like children with disabilities, experiencing homelessness, involved in dependency or juvenile justice systems, or LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Questioning) youth;
- being a non-for-profit organization with continuous operations for at least two years;
- not previously completing the two-year Small CBO Capacity Building initiative, and any agencies having current Trust board-approved contracts (with the exception of Innovation as noted below). However, the following were considered eligible:
  - Agencies currently or previously subcontracted within a Trust contract;
  - Agencies currently or previously funded for only an Innovation Trust contract;
  - Agencies currently or previously funded through Trust discretionary or community outreach funding; and
  - Agencies with previous (but no current) Trust board-approved contracts.

The funding award amount varies according to the agency's annual operating budget, as indicated below:

<u>Award (per year)</u>	<u>Agency annual budget</u> (excluding value of in-kind goods and services)
\$25,000.00	Less than \$100,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$100,000 to \$300,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$301,000 to \$500,000.00

The Children's Trust issued a competitive request for proposal, RFP#2023-11, on April 3, 2023, to fund capacity building supports for child and family-serving small CBOs in Miami-Dade County. Eighteen agencies submitted applications, requesting a total of \$645,000.00. Sixteen applicants for capacity-building of small CBOs are recommended for funding as a result of the RFP review process for a total annual amount of \$595,000.00.

The comprehensive review process included:

- Program proposal: each application was independently reviewed and scored by a team of reviewers that may have included Children's Trust staff, experts in the field and trained volunteers.
- Review team debriefing: Following each reviewer's individual rating, the review team met in a publicly noticed debriefing meeting to discuss each proposal and assign a consensus team score, including explanatory comments.
- Interviews and Site Visits: At The Children's Trust's discretion, publicly noticed interviews and site visits were conducted with viable applicants regarding the agency fiscal health and/or program proposal.

- Staff recommendations: Taking into consideration the above review process results, consideration is also given to factors such as alignment with The Children’s Trust’s priority investment areas, effective and economical distribution of funding across Miami-Dade County and/or in underserved geographic areas/populations in Miami-Dade County (if applicable), organizational history and core mission and reasonable program cost for the capacity building plans proposed.

**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 **10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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: July 10, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-B**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Health and Wellness: Public Benefits Enrollment.

**Strategic Plan Headline Community Results:** Children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health services.

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with 9 providers, identified herein, to deliver health public benefits enrollment, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,596,882.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with up to four annual renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$1,596,882.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-24 and for each annual renewal thereafter.

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**Description of Services:** According to the most recent census data, nearly half of Miami-Dade children live in impoverished or low-income households. Poverty for a family of four is \$27,750 or less annually; low income is up to \$55,500 annually. Among single parent households, poverty rates are even higher. As the world has continued to shift out of the coronavirus 2019 pandemic, its effects on Miami-Dade's most vulnerable communities are still apparent. Their needs and challenges have been further exacerbated by rising costs due to inflation and the threat of a potential economic crisis. Vast economic, social and educational disparities remain across Miami-Dade neighborhoods and racial/ethnic groups making it difficult for children to reach their full potential. Many eligible families do not access benefits due to enrollment barriers such as lack of awareness, family literacy level, language barriers, differing immigration statuses among family members, excessive paperwork, and other procedural hurdles.

Benefits enrollment supports aim to maximize economic benefits for children and their families who qualify for means-tested benefits, ultimately contributing to the broader local economy and child well-being. Enrollment supports will be provided throughout Miami-Dade County, with a concentration in services for vulnerable communities with high proportions of families experiencing poverty. Priority populations and partnerships for benefits enrollment supports are encouraged with Trust-funded initiatives such as after-school programs, parenting, and other family services. All agencies must achieve a minimum annual enrollment of 400 families into various benefits programs. Programs will provide one-on-one enrollment assistance that includes new/initial benefits enrollment, and renewal/recertification to maintain eligible benefits over time. Support includes tracking each application's status to determine approval status. Annual services are expected to support the enrollment of at least 3,000 families in various public benefits programs.

Priority benefits programs supported through this initiative include family-relevant federal means-tested programs, as well as other entitlement and assistance programs, such as:

- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), including TCA-Relative Care Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Medicaid and KidCare (Florida's Children's Health Insurance Program/CHIP)
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) / Child Tax Credit (CTC)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Housing and rental assistance programs, including homeless assistance benefits
- Benefits managed by the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELCMDM) (e.g., School Readiness funds (CCDF), Voluntary Pre-K, Thrive by 5 Child Care Scholarships)
- Head Start, Early Head Start
- Low/ no cost after-school and summer programs (including Trust-funded programs)
- Discount phone, wireless and broadband services, like those offered through Miami Connected
- Adult education and employment assistance programs
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)/ Disability

The following agencies are recommended for funding:

<b>Agency *Paid Partners</b>	<b># Families to be Approved for Benefits</b>	<b>Amount Not to Exceed</b>
Citrus Health Network, Inc. * Florida Department of Children and Families	620	\$150,575.00
Community Health of South Florida, Inc. * Florida Department of Children and Families	700	\$170,896.00
Family Central Inc.	940	\$235,002.00
Family Resource Center of South Florida, Inc.	800	\$193,407.00
Haitian Neighborhood Center Sant La, Inc.	940	\$235,000.00
Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc.	940	\$230,244.00
Start Off Smart, Inc.	460	\$114,782.00
Sundari Foundation, Inc.	400	\$96,882.00
Young Men's Christian Association of Greater Miami (YMCA)	680	\$170,094.00

**Delegation of Authority:** Delegation of authority to adjust paid providers and some optional program components not essential to the core requirements of the RFP.

**Background:** The Children's Trust issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-10 on April 3, 2023, to fund several agencies to provide families with children with public benefits enrollment support. The solicitation limited eligible applicants to current direct service Trust-funded agencies to facilitate supporting families enrolled in Trust-funded programs. Nineteen applications submitted by the RFP deadline, and all were reviewed. Recommendations for funding were released for 8 applicants, subsequently after appeal, one additional agency was

recommended resulting from a successful appeal, due to system technical matter. The above 9 applications are recommended for funding based on a comprehensive review process, which included:

- Fiscal health review: The Children's Trust's finance department reviewed and scored the agency audit, as needed, as the solicitation was only open to existing Trust funded providers.
- Program proposal: Each application was independently reviewed and scored by a team of reviewers that may have included Children's Trust staff, experts in the field and trained community volunteers.
- Review team debriefing: Following each reviewer's rating, the review team met in a publicly noticed debriefing meeting to discuss each proposal and assign a consensus team score, including explanatory comments.
- Interviews: At The Children's Trust's discretion, publicly noticed interviews were conducted with viable applicants regarding the agency fiscal health and/or program proposal.
- Staff recommendations: Taking into consideration the above review process results, consideration is also given to factors such as alignment with The Children's Trust's priority investment areas, effective and economical distribution of funding across Miami-Dade County and/or in underserved geographic areas/populations in Miami-Dade County (if applicable), minimizing duplication of efforts, and reasonable program cost for the services and outcomes proposed.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was reconsidered 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  
**10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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: July 10, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-C**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Research and Evaluation

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

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract renewal with Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC for research and evaluation services, in a total amount not to exceed \$185,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing on October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$185,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-24.

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**Description of Services:** As part of The Children's Trust funding requirements, The Trust collects and analyzes extensive data relating to the demographics and attendance of the families and children served through the Trust-funded programs ("program participants"), the quality of programs delivered, and the outcomes achieved by program participants. This resolution seeks to incorporate additional, timely feedback from potential and existing program participants to assess program participant needs, input and satisfaction regarding The Children's Trust-funded programs. The goals are two-fold:

1. Strengthen The Children's Trust's understanding of potential program participants' needs and interests as we plan for future investments.
2. Incorporate input and satisfaction feedback from current program participants to guide The Children's Trust and funded program providers' continuous learning and quality improvement efforts.

Specific projects for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will vary in purpose and population to meet the planning needs of The Children's Trust. The work will continue to center around research and evaluation services to inform program participant needs, input, and satisfaction with Trust-funded programming. School-based health services (and health investments in general) will be one anticipated planning area. This will involve collecting input from parents, potentially including current service users and/or general community sample, on service elements that will or have met their needs, and information from school personnel (e.g., principals, teachers) on perceived needs and implementation successes and challenges. Other investment areas with focusing planning and participant input in the coming year may involve early literacy investments (e.g., Book Club, Books for Free), as well as The Trust's provider survey.

Any focus groups, interviews or surveys with participants will be conducted in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. When appropriate, the budget includes participant research incentives for data collection. Mixed methods will be incorporated to triangulate input (i.e., enhancing survey results with focus group input or other relevant comparative community population or indicator data points). Results will support sound decision-making about future investments in programs and services for children and families. Sampling will ensure representation of all major race/ethnicity and language groups in Miami-Dade County, as well as oversample families earning less than half the median household income for the county, when appropriate.

**Background:** In the first year of work, Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC designed and conducted a community-level parent survey to understand program participant needs. Areas of focus included early child care, after-school and summer programming, parenting supports, health and development services, and demographics. An initial live survey sampling dashboard assisted in successful survey fielding to ensure the sampling plan was achieved through targeted outreach. The final parent sample includes nearly 3,700 parents, ranging from expecting parents to parents of adolescents. Results dashboards have been developed to facilitate data use and exploration, which has informed the 2022-2023 solicitations and is expected to continue to inform solicitations and initiative development planning in coming years.

Additionally, in the first year, Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC successfully conducted numerous focus groups across all regions of the county, with a focus on special populations such as children with significant disabilities, youth and families involved in the child welfare and delinquency systems, fathers, expecting parents, teen parents, parents of LGBTQ+ children, and immigrant families. To inform the youth development solicitation, they conducted 27 focus groups with 101 parents and 61 youth attending Trust summer camps, and another 28 youth who were not actively in school or working, to provide input about what they want in programming. They conducted 16 focus groups with more than 100 parents to inform the parenting and family strengthening solicitation.

On April 6, 2022, The Children's Trust released a request for proposals (RFP 2022-05), which closed on April 22, 2022. Four applications were received by the deadline and reviewed according to the solicitation guidelines and procurement policy. Based upon the reviews, Q-Q Research Consultants, LLC was recommended to carry out the research and evaluation services being sought. On May 16, 2022, the board approved resolution #2022-51 to fund the first 17 months of research and evaluation services (year 1). The current resolution seeks the first 12-month renewal (year 2).

This contract may be renewed for up to one additional 12-month term (year 3). At year three, The Trust will assess the continued need for services, and vendor performance and determine renewal for up to two additional 12-month terms for a cumulative total of five contract years of funding. The option to renew a contract shall be at the sole discretion of The Children's Trust.

**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 **10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.**

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## The Children's Trust Board Meeting

**Date: July 10, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-D**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Youth Development: Youth Enrichment, Employment and Supports; and Community Awareness & Advocacy: Cross-funder Collaboration of goals, strategies & resources.

**Strategic Plan Headline Community Results:** Students are succeeding academically; children behave appropriately in schools, homes and communities; and youth successfully transition to adulthood.

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to amend resolution #2023-15 Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) to re-allocate up to \$350,000.00 of any unused funds earmarked for charter school students to traditional public schools students in the program.

**Budget Impact:** There is no budget impact.

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**Description of Services:** In resolution #2023-15 the board authorized an allocation of a total of \$2,000,000.00 for the 2023 Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP). For the first time in the program's history of funding, \$500,000.00, was specifically earmarked for expenses related to the inclusion of charter school students in the program. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), the operator of SYIP, engaged in significant outreach efforts to the 47 eligible charter high schools to recruit their students into the program. Following this outreach, 15 charter schools opted to participate, which resulted in 140 students who completed the pre-requisites for the program. Such participation fell short of the 300-charter school student goal, and without board action, an estimated \$350,000.00 in Trust funds earmarked for charter school students will not be utilized. In the event additional funds are needed for charter school students, the South Florida Workforce Investment Board d/b/a CareerSource South Florida (SFWIB) allocated \$500,000.00 for charter school students, which can be expended for such purpose.

With this amendment, up to \$350,000.00 in unused funds will be utilized for additional students who attend traditional public schools to participate in the program, which also includes hiring additional staff support. Specifically, this year, there was more than a 50 percent increase in students with disabilities enrolled in the program, the reallocated funding will enable the hiring of additional staff to meet contractual ratio requirements for youths with disabilities.

The reallocation of funds is expected to be a one-time adjustment, and full utilization of the earmark for charter school students is anticipated in subsequent years as charter schools become more familiar with the program.

**Background:** The Children's Trust supports the eighth year of the SYIP. This collaboration includes the SFWIB, Miami-Dade County, M-DCPS, The Foundation for New Education Initiatives, Inc. (The Foundation), and Educational Federal Credit Union d/b/a EdFed Credit

Union (formerly d/b/a South Florida Educational Federal Credit Union), and Kenneth C. Griffin Charitable Fund. This internship program recruits and subsequently connects rising 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who live in Miami-Dade County with paid summer internships. There is an emphasis on engaging at-risk youth, and at least 15 percent of program participants will be youths with disabilities. The program intends to employ at least 3,000 youth interns in the summer of 2023. The youth interns will each set up a credit union account with collaborating partner EdFed Credit Union, earn a stipend of no less than \$1,500.00 and work 30 hours per week for five weeks. The internship program start date is July 3, 2023.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide.

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

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY

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