



## Program Svcs & Childhood Health Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 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 January 12, 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 six providers, identified herein, to deliver comprehensive school-based health services, in a total amount not to exceed \$16,250,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, subject to funding appropriations; and also, to request authorization to use funds from this initiative to leverage federal funding through the Low-Income Pool program (LIP). *(Pgs. 4-8)*

**Resolution 2023-B:** Authorization to enter into a purchase agreement with University of Miami Department of Pediatrics to support the Pediatric Mobile Clinic in providing comprehensive health services throughout Miami-Dade County, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 9-11)*

**Resolution 2023-C:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., for a comprehensive vision program, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. *(Pgs. 12-13)*

**Resolution 2023-D:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with three providers, identified herein, to deliver oral health preventive services, in a total amount not to exceed \$548,014.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 14-15)*

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-E:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Health System, in partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, to implement Miami's Injury Free Coalition for Kids, in a total amount not to exceed \$445,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 16-18)*

**Resolution 2023-F:** Authorization to amend resolution #2022-61 and the current funder collaboration agreement with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, with a contract term of October 1, 2022, to September 2023, to increase the contract amount by \$75,000.00 for the launch of an additional Fab Lab Miami site, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.000. Additionally, authorization to renew, negotiate and execute a contract with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, for the contract term October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. *(Pgs. 19-21)*

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

James R. Haj  
President/CEO

- *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*
- *Health Mobile Units – Arrive 30 minutes prior to March Board Meeting*
- *Board of Directors Site Visits:*
  - March 9, 2023; 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Key Biscayne Community Foundation- FAB LAB  
6161 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33127. Located on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Belafonte Tacolcy Center
  - April 12, 2023; 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
YMCA of South Florida  
Shenandoah Elementary, 1023 SW 21 Avenue, Miami, FL
- *Champions for Children April 27, 2023*  
*Double Tree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center*  
*711 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33126*
- *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, March 30, 2023**

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**Program Services & Childhood Health Committee Meeting**  
**Summary of Actions Taken**  
**January 12, 2023**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**These actions were taken by the Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting held on January 12, 2023, with a quorum of members physically present and some members attending virtually:**

**\*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 October 6, 2022, Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.**

**Resolution 2023-A: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Marissa Leichter.** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, and the United Way of Miami-Dade, for local match funding for the federal Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,270,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed, 4-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth, Mary Donworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-B: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez.** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) for local match funding for the State of Florida School Readiness Program Match grant, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,230,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed, 5-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-C: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Marissa Leichter** Authorization to negotiate and execute contract renewals with six providers, identified herein, for early childhood community research demonstration projects within high-need communities, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,939,358.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, with two remaining contract renewals. **Motion passed, 5-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-D: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Maritza Leichter** Authorization to: 1) negotiate and execute a single source contract with Miami- Dade Family Learning Partnership for expanded Reach Out and Read early literacy programming, in a total amount not to exceed \$700,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; 2) amend resolution # 2022-50 and the current contract for services from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, to add \$200,000.00, for a new total amount not to exceed \$555,664.00; and 3) enter into a research and evaluation agreement as part of a collaborative research effort, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing retroactively on January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023. **Motion passed, 5-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-E: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Lourdes Gimenez** Authorization to amend Resolution # 2022-48 and the current 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 services from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 for the support and maintenance of a birth to five book club, to (i) add \$285,000.00 for Haitian-Creole book purchases, accompanying guide development and translation, and related purchase and fulfillment costs, (ii) add \$15,000.00 for outreach and community engagement activities for Haitian American families, for a new total amount not to exceed \$2,617,239.00. Further, authorization to approve a budget amendment to increase the Book Club budget and allocate these funds in the appropriate budget line. **Motion passed, 5-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-F: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Marissa Leichter** Authorization for a procurement waiver from the formal competitive procurement process to award a total amount not to exceed \$27,890,000.00 for the delivery of integrated childcare quality improvement services described below. The total amount includes \$14,900,000.00 to negotiate and execute through multiple contracts with providers, identified herein, and \$12,990,000.00 for The Children's Trust to encumber in purchase orders for educator scholarship payments, salary supplement payments to early learning educators, and high-quality tiered payment differentials to providers, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed, 4-0. Recusals by Pamela Hollingsworth, Mary Donworth and Gilda Ferradaz.**

**Resolution 2023-G: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Mary Donworth and seconded by Gilda Ferradaz** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) for local match funding to draw down federal-state funds to subsidize early childcare, in a total amount not to exceed \$102,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.**

**Resolution 2023-H: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Karen Weller** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the University of Miami- Nova Southeastern University (UM-NSU) Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) for autism spectrum disorders (ASD) diagnostic evaluation services, in a total amount not to exceed \$264,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.**

**Resolution 2023-I: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Lourdes Gimenez and seconded by Karen Weller.** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract renewal with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UM) in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 for comprehensive early intervention services for children with mild developmental delays who do not meet eligibility requirements for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) parts B or C, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.**

**Resolution 2023-J: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on January 12, 2023 was made by Marissa Leichter and seconded by Karen Weller** Authorization to amend resolution #2022-24 and the current contract with United Way of Miami-Dade for services from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, to increase the contract amount by \$100,000.00, for a new total contract amount of \$1,100,000.000 for the purpose of supporting staff retention. **Motion passed, 6-0. Recusals by Mary Donworth.**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.**

# The Children's Trust Board Meeting

**Date: March 13, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-A**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Health and Wellness: Comprehensive School-based Health.

**Strategic Plan Headline Community Results:** Children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care; 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 negotiate and execute contracts with six providers, identified herein, to deliver comprehensive school-based health services, in a total amount not to exceed \$16,250,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, subject to funding appropriations; and also, to request authorization to use funds from this initiative to leverage federal funding through the Low-Income Pool program (LIP).

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$16,250,000.00 is allocated for FY 2022-2023 and is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024. There is no budget impact for LIP.

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**Description of Services:** The overarching goal of school-based health services is to improve access to quality health care by delivering essential services in schools and to make referrals to community providers for follow-up services, as needed. Services promote a healthy school environment that identifies, prevents, and remedies student health problems.

The school health program is implemented in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. It is provided in 145 school health suites across 141 M-DCPS schools with a collective student population of nearly 108,000. School health teams include:

- 17 social workers.
- 40 mental health professionals.
- Six advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP).
- 70 registered nurses (RN).
- 115 licensed practical nurses (LPN).
- 16 health aides/medical assistants.

High school sites are staffed with RNs with required bachelor's degrees. Most middle schools are staffed by a pool of nurses, including one RN assigned to two schools and an LPN. Some middle schools with more significant needs are staffed with a full-time RN. Each elementary school is assigned one full-time LPN supported by a rotating RN who provides ongoing consultation, review of clinical notes, observations of LPN encounters, and shadowing.

Essential nursing care, disease prevention and health promotion activities provided include:

- basic nursing services;
- medication administration and assistance with self-administration;
- chronic disease management, including one-on-one education for children with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe allergies, seizures and sickle cell;
- state-mandated screenings for vision and Body Mass Index (BMI);

- oral health risk assessment, health education and disease prevention counseling based on individual health needs, as well as fluoride varnish application if requested; and
- referral and connection of families with needed community services and resources, including other programs funded by The Children's Trust.

Behavioral health services are delivered within a multi-tier model of services that includes schoolwide and small group interventions, as well as more intensive, individualized interventions when indicated. To ensure successful implementation, school administrators and staff are involved in planning and conducting interventions.

Key mental health and social work services include:

- screenings for developmental, social, emotional and behavioral well-being for early identification of students with developmental, mental health or behavioral concerns;
- timely and responsive assessment and intervention services for students who may be put at-risk by social determinants of health, as well as students with existing developmental and behavioral concerns;
- individual, group and family counseling to address specific problems interfering with student functioning and well-being;
- risk reduction for vulnerable students by promoting awareness, responding to crises, and assisting schools in reinstating a state of functional safety and security; and
- schoolwide preventive education and supports that promote a healthy school climate.

The Low-Income Pool program (LIP) comprises a broad allotment of state and federal funding primarily through intergovernmental transfers from local governments, matched by federal funds through the Agency for Healthcare Administration (ACHA). The LIP's objective is to ensure continued government support for health care services for uninsured and underinsured populations. Based on state appropriations of LIP, a percentage of the contracted amount from the four Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may be used to draw down LIP funding, through agreements between The Children's Trust and AHCA on behalf of these FQHCs. These contracts will be used as leverage to draw down the LIP funding to Miami-Dade County's most vulnerable populations. This funding will be used exclusively to provide health services for children in Miami-Dade County. The funded FQHCs, a federal designation for community-based health care providers funded to provide primary care services in underserved areas, are Borinquen Health Care Centers, Citrus Health Network, and Jessie Trice Community Health Center. Last year this arrangement drew down more than 2.2 million dollars. In addition, school health providers are required to bring at least a 10 percent match to The Children's Trust funding.

The following table shows the agencies recommended for renewal, as well as the number of schools and students to be served.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount not to Exceed</b>	<b># of Schools</b>	<b>School Enrollment</b>	<b>2021-2022 # of Visits<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2021-2022 Unduplicated Students</b>
Borinquen Health Care Centers	\$3,481,000.00	31	25,977	55,495	17,833
Citrus Health Network	\$2,227,200.00	19	13,217	31,586	8,914
Community Health of South Florida	\$3,649,000.00	29	26,888	27,472	12,380
Jessie Trice Community Health Center	\$4,399,000.00	40	25,065	68,541	19,112
University of Miami <sup>2</sup>	\$1,027,000.00	9	7,900	18,793	5,312
Variety Children's Hospital d/b/a Nicklaus Children's Hospital	\$1,466,800.00	13	8,699	33,548	6,813
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,250,000.00</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>107,746</b>	<b>235,435</b>	<b>70,085</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes all visit types, such as non-routine medication, routine medication, social worker, consultation.

<sup>2</sup> This provider offers holistic primary care services in addition to the standard school health services provided by other agencies.

During the school year 2021-2022:

- 69 percent of school health visits resulted in students returning to class;
- More than 27,000 school health referrals were made for community follow-up services, mostly related to nursing and mental health needs;
- About 1 in 4 of more than 27,400 screened for BMI received weight follow-up services;
- 15 percent of nearly 25,400 students screened for vision received follow-up services; and
- Nearly 1 in 5 of more than 3,300 students screened for oral health received follow-up services.

For the current 2022-2023 school year, from the start of school through early December 2022, programs have delivered the following services:

- Nearly 52,000 students served through more than 110,000 school health visits;
- About 26,300 BMI screenings; and
- Nearly 24,000 vision screenings.

**Background:** A child's physical and emotional health and wellness significantly impact learning, behavior, and overall quality of life. Most risk factors for chronic adult diseases, mental health conditions, and social challenges arise in childhood. The Trust's strategies consider the powerful influence of social determinants and thus Trust investments aim to increase access to services for children who lack health resources and are underinsured or uninsured.

On March 12, 2018, The Children's Trust board approved funding recommendations from the request for proposals, RFP #2018-01, for comprehensive school health services for a five-year funding cycle. Following a comprehensive review process, the agencies listed above demonstrated their capacity, expertise and qualifications to continue to provide these services. Their overall performance has met expectations over the past five years. At this time the 5-year funding cycle has completed, but as per the procurement policy, Section 2000, General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-3), these health-related prevention services provided by the agencies listed above are exempt from The Children's Trust competitive solicitation process.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **13<sup>th</sup> day of March 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: March 13, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-B**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Areas:** Health and Wellness: Other Health Services.

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

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to enter into a purchase agreement with University of Miami Department of Pediatrics to support the Pediatric Mobile Clinic in providing comprehensive health services throughout Miami-Dade County, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 is allocated for FY 2022-2023 and is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** The University of Miami (UM) Pediatric Mobile Clinic (PMC) aims to reduce healthcare disparities by providing comprehensive medical care to underserved children. Furthermore, it promotes a healthy lifestyle through education in the communities served until families can secure permanent, long-term healthcare coverage.

Services provided on the PMC include:

- primary medical care for children in underserved areas and without health insurance or access to medical providers, including linking those in need with medical specialists;
- mental health services for children and families identified to have specific needs;
- prevention, early identification, education and intervention for medical issues and support to reduce preventable diseases;
- assisting parents and caregivers with social services, care management and educational attainment issues to strengthen families and increase self-sufficiency;
- provision of the primary pediatric vaccination series through the SHOTZ-2-GO program, which follows CDC-recommended vaccine schedules to offer children vaccines free of charge with parental consent, in partnership with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Florida Department of Health, and the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Clinic;
- COVID-19 testing and vaccines;
- connection with dental and vision services through a referral network of community-based programs, as well as on-site dental services through partnerships with mobile dental clinic programs;
- telehealth for specialized services and to include caregivers into services;
- multidisciplinary staff provide knowledge, skills, tools and supports to promote self-efficacy so that families can better help themselves on a path to health;
- partnership with developmental specialists at the Mailman Center for Child Development, including Parent Child Interactive Therapy; and
- training and mentoring future health care providers to meet the challenges of serving children who are put at risk based upon their social determinants of health. The goal is to increase the numbers of professionals who will choose careers focused on care for underserved children and families.

During the period of January 2022 to November 2022 the PMC/SHOTZ-2-GO achieved the following:

- 2,310 medical visits with 2,048 unique patients
- More than 461 encounters by the mental health counselor to identify and manage depression, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, self-esteem problems, behavioral problems and family violence
- Social services for 1,518 children, including care management, subspecialty referrals, social service agency referrals, food bank referrals, and toy, food and clothing donations
- 275 immunization drives that resulted in:
  - 17,330 vaccines administered
  - 7,330 children and adults immunized
  - 1,317 people immunized with a COVID-19 vaccine (first dose, second dose and boosters)
- Partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to support 213 schools with low immunization compliance located in 51 ZIP codes
- Partnered with Florida Department of Health to identify areas with low immunization
- 337 telehealth/tele-mental health encounters
- 439 children were tested for COVID-19
- Participated in 35 community events providing immunizations, testing, COVID vaccination, and health education (i.e., The Children's Trust Family Expos, Miami Consortium of Latin American Consulates' events, the Mexican American Council Health and Financial Fairs, The Farmworker Association of Florida health and back-to-school and food fairs, Homestead Farmworker Association health fairs, city governments' back-to-school events and health fairs, Juneteenth Celebration at Belafonte TACOLCY Center, vaccine initiative at the Asociación Campesina de Florida City, Lotus House health fair, Celebracion Dia del Niño, Church World Services, Allapattah Community Fair, UM Department of Community Service (DOCS) health fairs, Le Jardin community fairs, FDOH Bounty of Health Summer Bash, and Jackson community health fairs).

**Background:** During May 2020, through the emergency funding authority provided by procurement policy 2009, The Children's Trust provided \$200,000.00 to the University of Miami Pediatric Mobile Unit during the onset of COVID-19 for testing services when access to COVID testing for youth was scarce in Miami-Dade. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated and exposed increasing challenges to children's healthcare access and disparities among underserved communities. Funding was reduced to \$100,000 in 2022, as the pandemic continued. It is recommended that the UM PMC services, as described herein, be continued for an additional year at \$100,000.00 through this resolution.

Per the procurement policy, Section 2000, General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-3), to fund youth primary health services, COVID-19 testing, vaccinations and school-required immunizations to support students attending school safely, these health-related prevention services provided by the University of Miami Department of Pediatrics are exempt from The Children's Trust competitive solicitation process.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide with a focus on under-served communities.

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 **13<sup>th</sup> day of March 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

March 13, 2023

## Resolution 2023-C

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Health and Wellness: Comprehensive School-based Health, Vision Services.

**Strategic Plan Headline Community Results:** Children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care services; children are ready for kindergarten; and students are succeeding academically.

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., for a comprehensive vision program, for a term of 12 months, commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, in a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$500,000.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2022-2023 and projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** The comprehensive vision program, implemented by Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc. (MLB), provides free eye examinations and prescription eyeglasses for preschool and school-age children who are financially disadvantaged. The primary goals are early detection of vision impairments, facilitating access to vision care, and promoting optimal visual functioning to ensure students succeed academically and socially.

Services are delivered using instant vision program (IVP) and the in-office voucher program. For the IVP, four mobile clinics visit various schools to serve students referred by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Trust-funded school-based health staff, and parents. The in-office voucher program provides services through vouchers dispensed by MLB and are accepted by local participating optometrists.

This contract is paid on a unit cost basis of \$92.00 per exam, which leverages the resources needed to provide free eyeglasses when indicated. This unit cost is a reduction from the actual cost of \$181.00 per exam since MLB leverages \$750,000.00 from other sources, including The Miami Foundation, the Florida Department of Health, and the Dr. John T. MacDonald Foundation. Based on the contracted unit cost and total allocation, services are available for 4,248 children, but typically more are served using the leveraged funding. In the first five months of the 2022-2023 school year, MLB has conducted more than 3,000 eye examinations in Miami-Dade County.

The recommended funding amount represents an increase of \$100,000.00 from the prior year's amount to serve an additional 1100 participants. This program has experienced a significant increase in demand for vision exams as shown in the five-month data below, which represents 71 percent of their annual target. At this rate, it is anticipated that close to 2200 eligible participants will go without vision services during the upcoming school year. The additional funds, along with leveraged funding from other sources, are needed to serve these eligible participants.

<b>Contract Year</b>	<b>Vision Services</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	Eye examinations completed	4,793
	Eyeglasses provided	2,792
<b>2022-2023</b> (first 5 months)	Eye examinations completed	3,009
	Eyeglasses provided	1,606

**Background:** Vision impacts a child’s physical, cognitive and social development, and good vision predicts better academic achievement for school-age children. Early identification of vision problems is critical to a child’s health and school outcomes. School-based health programming includes regular vision screenings to identify potential deficits, which are conducted in alignment with the Florida Department of Health requirements for vision screenings for students in grades K, 1, 3, and 6. The Children’s Trust has funded MLB to provide vision follow-up services since 2006.

Per The Children’s Trust’s procurement policy section 2000, General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-3), health services involving examination, diagnosis, and treatment are exempt from a formal competitive procurement process and therefore do not require a formal solicitation.

**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 **13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.**

THE CHILDREN’S TRUST  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 2023-C– Health and Wellness: Comprehensive School-based Health, Vision Services (Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.)  
March 13, 2023

## The Children's Trust Board Meeting

**Date: March 13, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-D**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Health and Wellness: Community-based oral health services.

**Strategic Plan Headline Community Results:** Children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health services; children are ready for kindergarten; and students are succeeding academically.

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with three providers, identified herein, to deliver oral health preventive services, in a total amount not to exceed \$548,014.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$548,014.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** The Children's Trust community-based oral health preventive services build upon the oral health screenings conducted by school nurses. The agencies listed below provide oral health education and prevention services for uninsured and underinsured preschool and elementary-aged children attending Children's Trust-affiliated early child care centers, after-school and summer programs, and Women, Infant and Children (WIC) offices. Services are provided on-site at program locations where children attend. Parental consent and engagement are obtained in collaboration with the agencies operating the direct service programs for children. Required service components are listed below, with all children receiving the first two components, and the remaining three offered if needed.

1. Oral health education and counseling
2. Screening for oral diseases
3. Fluoride varnish application
4. Dental sealants
5. Referrals for connection to a dental home for comprehensive continuity of care and any needed restorative services

The table below shows the numbers served last year. These services took place in Trust-affiliated child care centers, WIC offices and Trust-funded youth development. From October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, 374 children received 1,130 sealants.

From August 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, \* 2,883 children were served:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Recommended Amount not to Exceed</b>	<b>2021-2022* Contracted # Children</b>	<b>2021-2022* Actual # Children</b>
Community Health of South Florida	\$190,000.00	1,361	846
Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade	\$190,787.00	2,100	1330
Jessie Trice Community Health System, Inc.	\$167,227.00	778	707
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$548,014.00</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>2,883</b>

\*2021-2022 contract had a 14-month contract term.

Last year, although more screenings were completed than during the previous year, the numbers served continued to be negatively impacted by illness and restrictions to services caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, historical performance in earlier years of the funding cycle has met expectations.

**Background:** Tooth decay is one of childhood's most common chronic diseases. If left untreated, it can lead to severe infection, and complex treatments with negative implications for routine behaviors like eating, speaking and school performance. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2019 Oral Health Surveillance report, tooth decay was 17 percent among 6 to 11-year-olds and 57 percent among 12 to 19-year-olds. One study found children with poor oral health status were nearly three times more likely to miss school due to dental pain, and absences caused by pain were associated with more unsatisfactory school performance. Children growing up in households with limited economic resources, underserved and uninsured minority populations suffer the most from dental disease and often lack access to proper treatment.

On January 22, 2019, The Children's Trust board approved the funding recommendations for the request for proposals, RFP #2018-15, for oral health education and preventive services for a five-year funding cycle. Following a comprehensive review process, the agencies listed above demonstrated their capacity, expertise, and qualifications to continue to provide the services. Additionally, there is a continued demand for this service. Therefore, all three agencies are recommended for continued services although the 5-year funding cycle has completed.

Per the procurement policy, Section 2000, General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-3), these health-related prevention services provided by the three agencies noted above are exempt from The Children's Trust competitive solicitation process.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide with a focus on high-need neighborhoods and settings to reach the intended populations.

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 **13<sup>th</sup>** **day of March 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: March 13, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-E**

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

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

**Recommended Action:** Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County, d/b/a Jackson Health System, in partnership with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, to implement Miami's Injury Free Coalition for Kids, in a total amount not to exceed \$445,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount of \$445,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** The Children's Trust funds the Public Health Trust of Miami-Dade County d/b/a Jackson Health System (PHT) for countywide injury prevention and education services, provided by the PHT and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UM). These services aim to reduce unintentional child and youth injuries through multi-lingual, interactive services. Services are provided virtually and in-person at early learning centers and schools and in the "Injury Free" mobile unit which has an interior built out to demonstrate common home safety issues. Services include trainings for Trust-funded providers, parents, caregivers, and youth; public awareness through a dedicated website; the mobile unit participation at community events; and articles published in The Children's Trust Parenting Our Children newsletter. PHT serves as The Children's Trust's and the community's expert on child safety.

With the launch of an updated mobile unit few years ago and the lifting of pandemic restrictions in early 2022, the PHT offered more in-person trainings, while continuing virtual offerings to meet the interests of participants during fiscal year 2021-2022. From October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, the PHT provided 432 trainings attended by 1,749 staff members, parents, caregivers, and youth.

The "Injury Free" mobile unit travels throughout Miami-Dade County for events and scheduled visits with agencies funded by The Children's Trust. Social distancing and sanitation protocols continue, including limiting the number of guests allowed onto the bus at one time, sanitizing after each room is used, and nightly disinfection. The bus is equipped with an interior that provides hands-on education through simulated learning in home and passenger safety topics. Common safety hazards are displayed in the mobile unit, and visitors are provided with opportunities to identify, correct and take action to eliminate risks. Visitors learn through verbal, visual and physically interactive exercises and media. The mobile unit is staffed with injury prevention experts fluent in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole. On-site training is offered when groups are too large for the mobile unit and online training is not feasible.



Contracted services include:

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

The PHT leadership includes four doctors under the Program Director's leadership with specializations in pediatric medicine, pediatric injury and pediatric surgery, with a vision to:

- amplify reach and effectiveness by giving the public the same messages from multiple sources at the same time to improve communication, education and training;
- increase funding/grant monies by implementing more data surveillance, and research efforts; and
- expand the program's footprint by getting more involved with health care systems and policymaking.

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

Unintentional injuries are a leading cause of emergency room visits, hospitalizations and death among children in the United States. In 2020 in Miami-Dade County, 32,622 emergency room visits by children and youth, ages 0-19 years, were due to unintentional injuries. That same year, there were 653 hospitalizations and 47 deaths of children due to unintentional injuries.

Injuries can lead to physical, cognitive and emotional trauma, school absences, performance impairment, and family and financial stress. While they vary by age, the primary causes of severe and fatal child injuries are motor vehicle crashes, pedestrian and cycling injury, drowning, poisoning or overdose, and strangulation or suffocation. Common injuries, sometimes severe, include falls, burns, sports/concussion injuries and injuries to mental health (e.g., bullying). Families often need help to reduce the risk of choking, burns, dehydration, tip-over injuries and lacerations. Education must be ongoing to address the growing community and its evolving needs.

The recommended funding amount represents an increase of \$37,000 from the prior year's amount. This program's operational cost has increased over the past years. In addition, staff salary adjustment was necessary to ensure retention.

The table below includes the 2021-2022 trainings for Trust-funded provider staff members, parents, caregivers and youth.

<b>Training Activity</b>	<b>Number of Sessions</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)	2	12
Car Passenger Safety (CPS) Certification	2	16
Car Seat Inspection	100	324
Customized Safety Training	15	153
Home Safety Training	140	470
Passenger Safety	142	491
Poison Safety	12	93
Teen Driver/Passenger Safety	4	51
Water Safety	15	139
<b>All</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1,749</b>

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

**Geographic Area:** Countywide.

The foregoing recommendation was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ who moved its approval.

The motion was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **13<sup>th</sup> day of March 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: March 13, 2023**

**Resolution: 2023-F**

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**Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area:** Community awareness and advocacy: Cross-funder collaboration of goals, strategies and resources; and youth development.

**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 amend resolution #2022-61 and the current funder collaboration agreement with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, with a contract term of October 1, 2022, to September 2023, to increase the contract amount by \$75,000.00 for the launch of an additional Fab Lab Miami site, for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$200,000.000. Additionally, authorization to renew, negotiate and execute a contract with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, for the contract term October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** Funding in the amount \$200,000.00 for this resolution is available in FY 2022-2023 and is projected to be available in FY 2023-2024.

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**Description of Services:** Fab Lab Miami offers engaging programming in underserved neighborhoods around digital fabrication and other STEAM- related activities so youth can play, create, learn, mentor, and invent. Students learn by designing and creating objects of personal interest or import and work in the following areas: 3D printing, vinyl cutting, laser cutting, coding, robotics, electronics, science experiments and design software. Students go through a cycle of imagination, design, prototyping, reflection, and iteration as they find solutions to challenges or bring their ideas to life. The program also utilizes local professionals to assist them in connecting the activities with relevant STEAM academic courses and future careers.

Fab Lab Miami initially launched as a mobile program, delivering programming to sites on a rotational basis. The need for a permanent location for programming became quickly apparent. Through a partnership with the Belafonte Tacolcy Center, Fab Lab Miami was able to transform a computer lab into a permanent makerspace and was granted permission to use the space full time, free of -charge. Programming is offered at the permanent makerspace as well as at partner sites. Fab Lab Miami partners with existing after-school and summer programs and schools to offer its signature six to nine-week program, and on and off-site workshops.

Additional funding is requested through this resolution to expand the Fab Lab Miami makerspace and STEAM programming to the southern section of Miami-Dade County in Homestead/Florida City. Since a significant economic industry in this region is agriculture, this Fab Lab Miami expansion will emphasize agrotechnology. Agrotechnology uses agriculture, horticulture, and aquaculture technology to improve yield, efficiency and profitability. Agrotechnology can involve products, services or applications derived from agriculture that enhance various input/output processes.

Fab Lab Miami consults with experts in the local agrotechnology field for ideas for relevant programming for youth. Fab Lab Miami seeks to expand programming to Homestead and add

pertinent programming element that correlates with the current trend of agriculture development within the Homestead infrastructure. Fab Lab Miami currently provides programming that encourages students to explore technology through digital fabrication, and agrotechnology goes hand in hand with the mission of Fab Lab Miami. The following ideas may be incorporated into programming: building vertical gardens with 3D printers, printing gardening tools and supplies in 3D, creating wireless sensors for watering filtration systems (where sensors monitor technical variables including temperature, carbon dioxide, oxygen, lighting, humidity, nutrient concentration, pH, pest control, irrigation and harvesting), coding for mobile application development, the creation of a farm-to-table initiative for community partners, and creating technology-centered solutions for local agriculture businesses.

A host site for the Homestead/Florida City permanent makerspace has been identified at Phichol Williams Community Center (PWCC), a site being utilized by Gang Alternative, Inc., a Trust-funded community-based organization. Gang Alternative will host Fab Lab as an enrichment partner based at the center.

Fab Lab Miami will also partner with Branches of South Florida, Touching Miami with Love, EnFamilia and other partners to engage after-school and summer program participants.

**Background:** Fab Lab Miami is an effort by the Key Biscayne Community Foundation to expand access to STEAM for children in Miami-Dade's underserved neighborhoods. The Key Biscayne Community Foundation, Himan Brown Charitable Trust, Fa Bene Foundation, and an anonymous donor invest a combined total of \$260,000.00 annually for the Liberty City location. For the new Fab Lab location in South Dade, the following funders are collaborating to pool investment for this project: Key Biscayne Community Foundation, the Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation, Ocean Reef Community Foundation, and the Kirk Foundation. Together, they have committed a total of \$230,000.00 (both monetary and in-kind) for the South Dade project, pending the approval of each of their respective boards. For every dollar The Children's Trust invests in this initiative, \$2.50 in direct funding will be leveraged in return.

This investment also complements The Children's Trust's match contract with the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, bringing mobile STEAM opportunities directly into communities. Funding both initiatives allow for scale at a faster rate. Because the Fab Lab's offerings can also be mobile, there is an opportunity to move the lab to other Trust-funded providers' sites in future years.

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). Given the continued success of the project, this resolution seeks to renew this funder collaboration for a fifth year.

**Geographic Area:** Countywide, with a focus on Liberty City/Brownsville and Homestead/Florida City

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 **13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.**

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## FY 2022 – 2023 Impact Report (as of January 2023)

**Mission:** To inspire and nurture the pursuit of coursework and careers in STEAM through a maker-driven, hands-on experience with digital fabrication and STEAM activities.

## STEAM Activities

Coding | Robotics | Electronics | CAD

3D Printing | Laser & Vinyl Cutting

## Program Summary

- Weekly Programming with Partners - Fab Lab Miami served students from Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School, Miami Children's Initiative, Primer Microschool, Omega School, and Belafonte TACOLCY Center.
- STEAM Coalition meetings were convened at the makerspace.
- Field trips & workshops were held with partners such as the Girl Scouts.
- A female iTech Magnet School student has continuously and successfully interned at Fab Lab Miami since her participation in the Summer Youth Internship Program.
- College & Career Readiness - A STEM Career Coach works one-on-one with local high school students on STEM career pathways.

## Expanding STEAM Makerspace

Fab Lab Miami is planning to expand its makerspace program to South Dade with another location by the end of 2023.

### Program Results

**27% increase in student desire to do more STEM activities in the future.**

**80% of students feel confident working with peers in a group on STEM projects.**

**81% of students feel comfortable with the tools they were exposed to during the program.**

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