



Program Svcs & Childhood Health Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 1, 2021
3250 S.W. 3rd Avenue (Coral Way)
United Way – Ryder Room
“Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar”
3:30 p.m. – 5 :30 p.m.

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AGENDA

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

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

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

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

3:45 p.m. **Approval of June 3, 2021 Program Services & Childhood Health Committee minutes summary** *(Addl. Items packet, Pgs. 3-4)*

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

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

Pamela Hollingsworth
Committee Chair

Resolution 2021-A: Authorization to amend resolution number 2021-28, approved by the board on March 15, 2021 to authorize(1) a contract amendment with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) to increase funding for Thrive by 5 child scholarships, in an additional amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a new total of \$11,500,000.00, and (2) the encumbrance of an additional \$500,000.00 via a purchase order for high-quality tiered payment differentials for a new total amount of \$10,500,000.00, both for a term of 15 months, commencing July 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, subject to annual funding appropriations. *(Pgs. 5-9)*

Resolution 2021-B: Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with six providers, identified herein, and selected following a competitive solicitation 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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with four remaining contract renewals. *(Pgs. 10-14)*

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

Resolution 2021-C: 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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with four remaining contract renewals. *(Pgs. 15-16)*

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

James R. Haj
President/CEO

- *Preliminary Budget FY 2021-22*
- *Selection Committee for Champions for Children – July 7, 2021*
- *TRIM I & TRIM II – September 13 & September 20, 2021*

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

Reminder:
Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 2, 2021

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Program Services & Childhood Health Committee Meeting
Summary of Actions Taken
June 3, 2021
3:31 p.m.

These actions were taken by the Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting held on June 3, 2021, 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 May 6, 2021 Program Services & Childhood Health Committee meeting minutes was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Mary Donworth. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Resolution 2021-A: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Mary Donworth. Authorization to negotiate and execute a match contract renewal with Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, for cultural arts programs in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-B: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Pastor Richard Dunn. 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 \$2,262,024.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with two remaining 12-month renewals, subject to annual funding appropriations; and authorization to amend current contracts with the same entities, as authorized by Reso No. 2020-82, running from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021, to add \$688,000.00 in funds, for a new total not to exceed \$2,075,892.00, and to amend fiscal year 2020-21 general budget to reflect the increase. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-C: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Karen Weller and seconded by Dr. Edward Abraham. Authorization to negotiate and execute a match contract, the fourth and final renewal, with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, to support the Evidence2Success initiative, in a total amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed, 9-0. Recusal by Annie Neasman.**

Resolution 2021-D: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Pastor Richard Dunn. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract with Key Biscayne Community Foundation, for the Fab Lab, in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-E: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Pastor Richard Dunn and seconded by Karen Weller. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with Catalyst Miami, Inc., for Future Bound Miami, a Children's Savings Accounts program, in a total amount not to exceed \$135,000.00 for a term of 12 months commencing October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-F: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Karen Weller and seconded by Dr. Edward Abraham. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with Miami Homes For All, Inc., to support partnerships to end youth homelessness in Miami-Dade County, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a term of 12 months commencing, October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-G: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Karen Weller. Authorization to enter into a service agreement with Miami-Dade County for a local funding match to support Miami-Dade Public Library System's STEAM-based programming and academic tutoring, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-H: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Pastor Richard Dunn and seconded by Marissa Leichter. Authorization to renew a service agreement with Kristi House, Inc., for a local funding match to support abuse prevention efforts, human trafficking awareness training, and victims' services, in a total amount not to exceed \$180,300.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-I: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Pastor Richard Dunn. Authorization to renew a service agreement with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, for a local funding match to support an anti-human trafficking campaign and to increase services for victims of human trafficking, in a total amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 for a term of 12 months, commencing October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Resolution 2021-J: Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Directors on June 21, 2021 was made by Dr. Edward Abraham and seconded by Nicole Gomez. Authorization to negotiate and execute a funder collaboration contract renewal with the U.S. Soccer Foundation to support the Soccer for Success program, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, for a term of 12 months commencing August 1, 2021, and ending July 31, 2022. **Motion passed unanimously, 10-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

The Children's Trust Board Meeting

Date: July 19, 2021

Resolution: 2021-A

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Early Childhood Development: Child Care Quality Improvement

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children attend quality child care; and children are ready for kindergarten.

Recommended Action: Authorization to amend resolution number 2021-28, approved by the board on March 15, 2021 to authorize(1) a contract amendment with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) to increase funding for Thrive by 5 child scholarships, in an additional amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00, for a new total of \$11,500,000.00, and (2) the encumbrance of an additional \$500,000.00 via a purchase order for high-quality tiered payment differentials for a new total amount of \$10,500,000.00, both for a term of 15 months, commencing July 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, subject to annual funding appropriations.

Budget Impact: Funding in the additional amount of \$2,000,000.00 for this resolution was allocated for FY 2020-21 and is available in FY 2021-2022.

Description of Services: Approval of this resolution will amend resolution number 2021-28, approved by the board on March 15, 2021, which authorized funding to the ELC for the administration and payment of high quality child care slots and for The Children's Trust to encumber a purchase order for high-quality payment differentials to child care providers in high poverty neighborhoods.

As part of the Thrive by 5 initiative, The ELC manages the child care scholarship enrollment and payments to address early learning capacity issues in our community. Miami's significant oversaturation of the child care market, coupled with low payment rates for children receiving school readiness subsidies, pose substantial challenges for providers to meet and maintain high-quality standards. The Thrive by 5 quality improvement system (QIS) offers guaranteed payment for slots in high-quality programs to serve children not otherwise served by the school readiness program. The Children's Trust child care scholarships help children who become ineligible for a school readiness subsidy during the school year, eligible families with incomes from 150 to 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. To date, over 900 children have received a scholarship and are enrolled across 135 high-quality early learning programs.

Currently there are 748 children on the Thrive by 5 child scholarship waitlist. These families do not qualify for any other child care subsidy program and cannot afford the extremely high cost of quality child care. Families are prepared to go back to work following the COVID-19 pandemic and are ready send their children back to quality early learning programs.

Separately, with the purchase order encumbered through this resolution, programs at tiers two and above receive payment differentials for all children ages birth to 5 years attending their program (not only those receiving school readiness subsidies). Early learning providers receive a payment differential according to their quality tier. The tiered payment differential

is additional funding on top of the base school readiness subsidy rate. The range of differential payment percentages by quality tier level are between 3 percent and 15 percent. The additional funding through this resolution will allow the ELC to remove over 160 children from the waitlist, enabling families to work to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Background: The Thrive by 5 QIS strives to increase access to high-quality early learning for young children in high poverty neighborhoods. The QIS builds on prior Trust efforts, evaluation, and board policy guidance, and the state's early learning performance funding project. Using an equity lens, the QIS intervenes across systems to promote healthy development for children living in poverty by helping to build two-generational economic stability for families. Support of high-quality tiered payment differentials and child scholarship slot payments were strategies added to the QIS in late 2018.

Last year, Thrive by 5 QIS was recognized nationally as a Pacesetter community by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for the community solutions impact area of Meeting Fiscal Challenges. Our QIS was also highlighted in a national story about child care industry hurdles during COVID-19 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Geographic Area: High poverty areas across the county (see the map)

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:

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **19th day of July, 2021.**

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 15, 2021

Resolution: 2021-28

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Early Childhood Development: Child Care Quality Improvement.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children attend quality child care; and children are ready for kindergarten.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute a contract with the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe for an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for the disbursement of slot payments to early learning programs for The Children’s Trust Child Scholarship program, and for The Children’s Trust to encumber a purchase order in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 for high-quality tiered payment differentials, in a total amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00 for a term of 15 months, commencing July 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 for this resolution is allocated for FY 2020-21 and is projected to be available in FY 2021-22.

Description of Services: As part of the Thrive by 5 quality improvement system (QIS), financial incentives to support high-quality services are available to early learning providers through tiered payment differentials and child care scholarships.

Per chapter 1002.82(n), Florida Statutes, the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) categorizes programs into quality tiers, from one to five (lowest to highest quality), based on Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) assessments measuring teacher-child interactions. More than 200 studies demonstrate that children in classrooms with more effective teacher-student interactions, as measured by CLASS, have better social and academic outcomes, such as math, literacy, cognition, and classroom engagement. The Children’s Trust leverages state funding for the CLASS assessments through this coordinated approach.

With the purchase order encumbered through this resolution, programs at tiers two and above receive payment differentials for all children ages birth to 5 years attending their program (not only those receiving school readiness subsidies). Early learning providers receive a payment differential according to their quality tier. The tiered payment differential is additional funding on top of the base school readiness subsidy rate. The breakdown of differential payment percentages by quality tier level are noted in the following table.

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
None	3%	10%	12%	15%

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The funding in this resolution will support more than 23,000 children in early learning programs. There are currently 312 programs participating in the Thrive by 5 QIS, and the distribution across quality tiers is shown in the table below.

Contract year	Number of Programs					Total
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5	
2018-19	2	28	106	50	3	189
2019-20	3	45	131	88	8	275
2020-21	5	36	149	114	8	312

Background: The Thrive by 5 quality improvement system (QIS), strives to increase access to high-quality early learning for young children in high poverty neighborhoods. The QIS builds on prior Trust efforts, evaluation, and board policy guidance, and the state's early learning performance funding project. Using an equity lens, the QIS intervenes across systems to promote healthy development for children living in poverty by helping to build two-generational economic stability for families. Support of high-quality tiered payment differentials and child scholarship slot payments were strategies added to the QIS in late 2018.

Last year, Thrive by 5 QIS was recognized nationally as a Pacesetter community by the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for the community solutions impact area of Meeting Fiscal Challenges. Our QIS was also highlighted in a national story about child care industry hurdles during COVID-19 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Licensed child care programs that meet all the following criteria qualify to participate in the Thrive by 5 QIS.

- 1) 30+ percent of children under age 6 served receive a Florida school readiness subsidy.
- 2) Located in a high poverty area.
- 3) Provide services for infants and toddlers.

This contract’s funding amount is higher than the prior year because the upcoming contract term is for 15 months to align with The Children’s Trust fiscal year. The annual funding allocation remains the same.

Florida Statute created the ELC to enact school readiness programs and administer federal, state and local funds allocated by the State Office of Early Learning (OEL) within the Department of Education for subsidized child care in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. The ELC has a contract with OEL to administer school readiness payments, Gold Seal payments, tiered payment differentials due to HB 1091, which was adopted on March 30, 2018, and became effective on July 1, 2018. As such, ELC is the sole entity responsible for determining eligibility and administering all state and federal child care payments to early learning providers. As such, and per The Children’s Trust’s procurement policy section 2000. General Purchasing and Procurement Policy, Exemptions to Formal Competitive Procurement Process (G-4, single- source purchases), a competitive solicitation is not required.

Geographic Area: High poverty areas across the county (see map).

The foregoing recommendation was offered by **Dr. Susan Neimand** who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Daniel Bagner** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Motion passed, 24-0. Recusal by Pamela Hollingsworth.

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **15th day of March 2021.**

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 19, 2021

Resolution: 2021-B

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Early Childhood Development

Strategic Plan Headline Community Results: Children attend quality child care; children regularly access medical, dental and behavioral health care services; children are supported by nurturing and involved parents; children are ready for kindergarten; and children behave appropriately in schools, homes and communities.

Recommended Action: Authorization to negotiate and execute contracts with six providers, identified herein, and selected following a competitive solicitation 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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with four remaining contract renewals.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$1,939,358.00 for this resolution is projected to be available for FY 2021-2022.

Description of Services: The early childhood community-research demonstration projects focus on implementing and evaluating programs with high-need populations and underserved communities in Miami-Dade County to support early childhood development. These projects require active partnerships between community-based early childhood organizations and qualified research partners, with funding invested in high-quality program implementation and rigorous program evaluation or research that can contribute meaningfully to learning about what works within our community using participatory research methods. Projects are expected to build evidence that will contribute to the scaling and sustainability of successful practices, but not necessarily with Trust funding. Funding in this solicitation is not intended to simply support ongoing service delivery but it must also support a rigorous program evaluation.

Activities will be unique for each community-based research demonstration project, as noted in the descriptions below. All designs consider the unique diversity of Miami Dade County's local neighborhoods, including differences in resiliencies and challenges based on where children are born and growing up. Community-based services take place in schools, child care centers or home-based locations. Projects are expected to demonstrate positive teacher, family or child-level outcomes. The ultimate goal is to identify, implement and evaluate strong early childhood programs and practices that demonstrate equitable outcomes for all young children that relate to The Trust's headline community results noted above. Kindergarten readiness includes domains of language/ literacy/ communication, cognition, approaches to learning, physical health/motor development, self-help and social/emotional development. There is a particular interest in projects that aim to explore ways to reduce racial and social disparities evident in early childhood. Investing in early childhood community research demonstration projects provides for the testing and evaluation of early childhood development models within our local neighborhoods, and the development of practices specifically with and for Miami-Dade County's unique diversity of children, families, caregivers and early learning workforce.

Contracted Agency¹	Partners	Project Description	Amount Not to Exceed
Florida International University (FIU) Board of Trustees	<p>Community Partner: The Gathering Place</p> <p>Research Partners: Florida International University Behavioral Science Research Institute</p>	The Gathering Place is a community space that offers birth and postpartum doulas, childbirth education, breastfeeding counseling, support groups, and workshops and trainings. FIU's Black Mother's Care Plan- Reducing Racial Bias and Supporting Maternal and Infant Health (BMCP) project is an interdisciplinary partnership that aims to impact racial bias against African American women in obstetric patient care. BMCP convenes local doulas, midwives, and Black community members with obstetric care experience to design a toolkit to educate aspiring and current health professionals from across Miami-Dade and to reduce racial bias and disparities in health care, implementing it through in-person workshops. FIU, The Gathering Place and Behavioral Science Research Institute are receiving funding through this project.	\$273,387.00
Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc.	<p>Community Partner: Miami Lighthouse for the Blind</p> <p>Research Partner: University of Miami</p>	The Miami Lighthouse Equity in Education for Miami's Visually Impaired Students and their Sighted Peers project builds on research that developed a best practice model in inclusive early learning environments for visually impaired students. Teacher-child interactions and classroom implementation activities in Conscious Discipline will lead to changes in teacher classroom practices that are expected to improve children's social-emotional skills. In addition, family engagement will lead to an increased knowledge of social-emotional strategies that promote positive behaviors for children at home. The end goal is change in the mindsets of adults, creating a caring, safe learning school community, healthy relationships, and supporting families to promote parallel connections with children at home. Both Miami Lighthouse of the Blind and the University of Miami receive funding from this contract.	\$273,157.00
Reading and Math, Inc.	<p>Community Partners: Miami-Dade County Public Schools;</p>	Reading and Math, Inc's Florida Reading Corps program combines literacy and numeracy science with the people power of AmeriCorps to boost more PreK students onto a path of reading and math proficiency by the end of third grade, especially those from low income backgrounds and who identify as Black, Indigenous, people of	\$282,000.00

¹ Contracted agency is the agency that responded to the RFP and will be responsible for implementing the project.
Resolution 2021-B- Early Childhood Development: Community Research Partnerships
July 19, 2021

Contracted Agency¹	Partners	Project Description	Amount Not to Exceed
	<p>InterAmerican Learning Center;</p> <p>Excel Kids Academy</p> <p>Research Partner: University of North Carolina</p>	<p>color (BIPOC). The program is implemented in the community partner's sites. Previous research found replicable evidence that the program significantly improves students' literacy skills. Now the program has evolved to integrate math content. The aim is to ensure the program operates in a maximally equitable manner for all students, especially for Black and Latino students, multi-lingual learners, and/or students experiencing poverty. Reading and Math, inc. and University of North Carolina are receiving funding from this project.</p>	
Sundari Foundation, Inc.	<p>Community Partner: Lotus Village</p> <p>Research Partner: Florida International University</p>	<p>The Sundari Foundation, Inc. will operate the Prenatal and Early Childhood Development Research Project at the Lotus Village to: 1) increase understanding of the developmental, social and emotional wellbeing (mental health) and trauma of homeless children (birth-5) and mothers/expecting mothers; 2) improve child developmental status and social and emotional wellbeing, reduce impacts of trauma, and improve mother-child relationships by providing supportive services to children and mothers; 3) evaluate the effectiveness of service interventions to optimally support sheltered children and mothers, with adaptations needed for those experiencing homelessness and their service providers; and 4) raise public awareness of the needs of sheltered children and mothers and the value of evidence based practices to support early childhood development, wellbeing and school readiness and improve the lives of children and families experiencing homelessness. FIU will evaluate the program implementation. Sundari Foundation, Inc. and FIU will receive funding from this project.</p>	\$423,076.00
University of Miami Department of Psychology	<p>Community Partners: Overtown Children and Youth Coalition;</p> <p>Connect Familias;</p> <p>Sant La</p> <p>Research Partners:</p>	<p>UM's Integrated Data for Effectiveness across Systems (IDEAS) to Action-A Learning Network to Map Early Childhood Resilience and Drive Equity creates a learning network with formalized outreach channels using local, state, and national dissemination strategies. Using a strengths-based, whole child framework, the IDEAS to ACTION will achieve two goals. The first goal is to develop and implement a population-based measure that can be mapped geographically to study school readiness and community factors that contribute to resilience over time in</p>	\$320,940.00

Contracted Agency ¹	Partners	Project Description	Amount Not to Exceed
	University of Miami Behavioral Science Research Institute	targeted community areas, and across Miami-Dade County. The project will also assess the impact of COVID-19 on these outcomes pre- and post-pandemic. The second goal is to implement a data-to-action process that enables communities and schools to access and utilize data for decision-making (e.g., develop plans that lead to implementation of promising strategies), allocate funding to at-risk areas, and guide policies to improve children’s school readiness. The community partners will utilize the data to develop implementation plans to support children’s school readiness. UM, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Overtown Children and Youth Coalition, ConnectFamilias, and Sant La will receive funding through this project.	
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine (UM)	Community Partners: University of Miami Debbie School; University of Miami Linda Ray Intervention Center; Easter Seals; United Community Options; The Arc of South Florida Research Partner: University of Miami	UM’s Multi-tiered System Supports (MTSS) for Families and Educators to Support Child Social-Emotional Functioning and School Readiness program builds on four years of successful partnership between the University of Miami and seven birth-to-2 early childhood special education programs throughout Miami-Dade County that predominantly serve racial/ethnic minority children with disabilities. UM will be implementing the program at the community partner’s sites. The evolution of the Teacher-Child Interaction Therapy (TCIT) program seeks to address these needs by developing, implementing, and evaluating a culturally responsive and sustainable MTSS that integrates TCIT and evidence-based parenting interventions at three levels of intensity to promote positive behavioral and social-emotional functioning in young children with disabilities. UM and each of the community partners will receive funding though this project.	\$366,798.00

Background: The Children’s Trust issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-06 on March 8, 2021, to fund active community-research partnerships. The intent is to use community-based participatory research frameworks focused on implementing and evaluating evidence-based practices or promising practices that support early child development within high-need communities. Eleven applications were received and reviewed. The comprehensive review process included an independent program application rating by three trained reviewers, a review team debriefing, a fiscal audit review, and an initiative-wide review. Six applications are being recommended for funding.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this **19th day of July 2021.**

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 19, 2021

Resolution: 2021-C

Strategic Plan Priority Investment Area: Health and Wellness: Food and Nutrition Services.

Strategic Plan Headline Community Result: Students are succeeding academically; children have healthy lifestyle habits.

Recommended Action: 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, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, with four remaining contract renewals.

Budget Impact: Funding in the amount of \$600,000.00 for this resolution is projected to be available for FY 2021-2022.

Description of Services: Through partnerships with the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Florida Department of Agriculture (FDA), FLIPANY provides nutritious lunches, snacks, and suppers to 81 Trust-funded after-school sites for children and youth in grades K-12. In addition to food distribution, FLIPANY offers administrative services to these agencies to help them meet the requirements of the Afterschool Meals Program funded by the FDA and administered by DOH.

The Children's Trust requires all after-school and summer programs to provide participating children with food that meets the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition program requirements. FLIPANY is the after-school snack and meal provider for programs not located in a Miami-Dade County Public School or a licensed childcare center. FLIPANY delivers healthy snacks to after-school providers weekly based on the average number of snacks consumed in the prior week.

Additionally, an increasing number of sites are now serving evening suppers daily. This service is highly rated by the children and the staff and is available as a hot or cold meal. FLIPANY is encouraging providers to serve evening suppers to ensure that basic nutritional needs are met.

During the first eight months of the current contract, FLIPANY:

- provided 25,488 snacks and 9,481 suppers/lunches, which resulted in \$60,031.10 in leveraged federal reimbursement; and
- received positive reviews from site staff, who indicated students were overall extremely satisfied with the food choices. The after-school staff was also extremely satisfied with snack delivery and quality.

Background: After-school sites with children who meet free and reduced lunch criteria or are in school boundaries that include children who meet the requirements, are approved by the DOH for federal reimbursement. FLIPANY assists sites in getting approved for reimbursement by the DOH. The Children’s Trust uses rates established by the DOH Child Care Food Program as a guideline for the cost of meals per participant and will not reimburse at a rate greater than the established reimbursement rates, with the exception to dinner which is reimbursed at a rate of \$4.93. The Children’s Trust pays for snacks, meals, beverages, and food administration at sites that do not meet the DOH requirements.

On February 8, 2021, The Children’s Trust released Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2021-05 for one agency to act as the Afterschool Meals Program Food Sponsor. One application was received, reviewed and recommended for funding. The comprehensive review process included an independent program application rating by three trained reviewers, a review team debriefing, and a fiscal audit review. FLIPANY has been providing snacks and meals to Trust-funded providers since June 2015. FLIPANY has demonstrated that they have the established infrastructure and capacity to continue this critical nutrition component, supporting the health and development of participating children and youth.

Geographic Area: Countywide.

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

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted **this 19th day of July, 2021.**

THE CHILDREN’S TRUST
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY _____

SECRETARY

Approved by County Attorney for form and legal sufficiency _____