

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Prevention and Diversion Services to Children and Families Dually Served or at Risk of Being Served by DJJ and Child Welfare
2. Date of Submission: 12/02/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Tom Goodson

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	0	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	0	1,580,000	1,580,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: James Carlson
- b. Organization: Brevard Family Partnership
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Brevard Cares
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Brevard
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Brevard

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

a) Description of Services: Brevard C.A.R.E.S. provides aggressive front end diversion interventions for at risk children, youth and families to prevent entry into the system by providing community based (less restrictive) alternatives using high fidelity wraparound intensive care coordination (an evidence based practice). Referrals to the program come directly from parents, schools, the community, the court, Department of Children and Families (DCF) Protective Investigations and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Brevard C.A.R.E.S. enables at risk children and families to be served in their homes, schools, and in the community through the use of Wraparound and Family Team Conferencing. The target population in this project is ungovernable youth at risk of entry into the child welfare system due to abandonment by their parents as a result of their inability to manage the child's high risk behaviors. Referrals will come from Brevard Public Schools, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families, the Delinquency Court, Community Agencies, and families directly. To proactively identify youth who are at risk of abandonment and becoming adjudicated dependent following a 21 day commitment in the juvenile justice facility, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. staff meet weekly with the DJJ intake staff to review and identify families who are in need of support and are at risk of abandoning their youth. The court liaison is also present daily in the courtroom to support the delinquency and dependency Judges in identifying youth and families who are candidates for diversion through the Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program. Historically in Brevard County, and currently statewide a large population of ungovernable youth (crossover youth) enter the child welfare system following release from the DJJ commitment center due to the lack of awareness of these families, and lack of concrete support being offered to the family in time of need. Using proven evidence based practices Brevard C.A.R.E.S. was designed and created to identify, engage, and serve these families; and has successfully reduced the number of ungovernable youth from entry into the child welfare system. Services provided include: ? Early identification, intervention, assessment and service coordination for families with ungovernable youth at risk of entry into the child welfare or juvenile justice system. ? Access to a full continuum of community based services that are customized to meet the individual needs of each youth

and family. These include but are not limited to: o Brief Strategic Family Therapy o Multi Systemic Therapy o Trauma informed Interventions o Behavior Management o Mentoring o Anger Management o Behavior Buddy o Bio Psychosocial Assessment o Dialectical Behavior Therapy o Individual and Group Therapy o Parent Education o Psychiatric Evaluations o Psychological Testing o Substance Abuse Treatment o Tutoring o Respite ? Wraparound Family Team Conferencing ? Access to 24/7 Mobile Response ? Access to 24/7 Safety Management Services Team ? Family stabilization services ? Natural linkages to community supports to sustain the family long term ? Peer support and education ? Pro-Social Activities and Leadership Development ? Academic Support ? Vocational skill development and employment assistance ? Alumni services b) Purpose of the project: This project will enable Brevard C.A.R.E.S. to keep families with ungovernable youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice system and/or the child welfare system safe and together in the community while serving them in the least restrictive setting possible at a much lower cost while producing better outcomes. The cost differential on average for this population of children and youth is \$578 per child per month through Brevard C.A.R.E.S. vs. \$4,000 per month once in the judicial system. c) Target Population: The \$1.3 million request will be used to target and identify families with ungovernable youth who are at risk of entering the juvenile justice and/or child welfare system to provide intensive care coordination to keep the family safe and together in the community with the goal of serving youth in the least restrictive setting possible. The DJJ reported that FY: 2013-14 only 23% of the eligible youth in Brevard county received civil citations, which is more than 5% below the state average. During that same year, DJJ reported that 35% of the youth arrested in Brevard County had a history of running away and 14.8% of the youth self-reported a history of physical abuse.¹ The number of high risk family referrals received by Brevard C.A.R.E.S. has increased by nearly 60 percent over a 12 month period. In FY: 2014-15, Brevard C.A.R.E.S. received in excess of 1,500 referrals of high risk families with over 25 percent of these referrals were received for ungovernable youth. This includes youth who are at high risk for entering foster care due to unmanageable behaviors- and paternal abandonment following juvenile commitment. In FY: 2014-15 Brevard County had 2006 DJJ involved arrest (1,175 youth) for an average arrest per youth of 1.7. For youth who were duly by DJJ and child welfare, crossover youth, there were 151 arrest (65 youth) for an average arrest per youth of 2.5. Research shows that identifying and serving these youth in the community early on results in better outcomes for the youth and his or her family; and is much more cost effective and less traumatic than after judicial system involvement and/or the entry of youth into the child welfare system. These services will also be made available to families who have adopted children out of the dependency system to prevent adoption disruption due to ungovernable behaviors of the youth and provide a viable alternative for youth who, once in the system are often difficult to place resulting in costly deep end placements, and less favorable outcomes. d) Benefit to the State of Florida: The benefit to the state of Florida for funding this one-time special appropriation request is: ? SAFER children and families in Brevard County; ? A REDUCTION of children entering into the judicial side of the child welfare system at a much higher cost; (for example the average cost of serving a youth and their family through C.A.R.E.S. costs \$6,936 per year as compared to \$48,000 per year once placed in the child welfare system or \$88,000 per year if a youth is adjudicated and held in a state-funded residential facility²). ? LESS TRAUMA for children who will be able to remain at home and in their school and community when safe and appropriate to do so; ? DECREASED likelihood of deeper penetration into the system resulting in youth receiving criminal charges that may adversely impact their opportunity to be successful employable adults; ? MORE children and families served with better outcomes; (A Data Validation Study conducted on the C.A.R.E.S. Program by the Academy of Educational Development (now FHI 360) in Washington D.C. confirmed that families who successfully complete C.A.R.E.S. are 33 times less likely to reenter the system.) ? A PROVEN replicable evidence based practice program. e) Return on Investment: The average cost of serving a youth and their family through C.A.R.E.S. costs \$6,936 per year as compared to \$48,000 per year in the child welfare system. Recent data indicates on average 375 referrals are received for ungovernable youth annually at Brevard C.A.R.E.S. In addition, research proves the program produces successful outcomes for those served

and will result in youth who participate growing up to be productive contributing members of society while those who penetrate deeper into the system often end up in the criminal justice system as adults costing the tax payers long term.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 1,021,000 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No