

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Exchange Parent Aide of Northeast Florida
2. Date of Submission: 10/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Cord Byrd  
Members Copied:

### 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, Col. E***
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2019-20
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

| FY:                | Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project<br>for FY 2019-20<br><i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the<br/>appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i> |                               |   | Develop New Funds Request<br>for FY 2020-21<br><i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i> |  |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Column:            | A   | B                             | C   | D   | E                                      | F   |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds  | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds | Total Funds Appropriated<br><br><i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring:<br/>column A + column B)</i> | Recurring Base Budget<br><br><i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>                        | <b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b> | <b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b><br><br><i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i> |
| Input Amounts:     |   | 200,000                       | 200,000   |   | 353,312                                | 353,312   |

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
  - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
  - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Children and Families
  - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
  - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.  
If we fail to meet the contract deliverables we will discuss return of the funds.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Barbara Alexander
- b. Organization: Exchange Club Family Center
- c. Email: Exchange Club Family Center
- d. Phone #: (904)383-0750

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Barbara Alexander
- b. Organization: Exchange Club Family Center
- c. Email: Exchange Club Family Center
- d. Phone #: (904)383-0750

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Nicholas Matthews
- b. Firm: Becker & Poliakoff
- c. Email: NMatthews@beckerlawyers.com
- d. Phone #: (954)985-4176

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: NE Florida Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Duval, Nassau
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Duval, Nassau

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

To provide in-home child abuse prevention and parent education skills to up to 126 families (estimated to serve 302 children and 214 adults) referred to the program by DCF, schools and community partners for families deemed 'at-risk' of child abuse and neglect but do not qualify for services through Child Welfare providers who serve the area. The program is provided through weekly one-hour visits for a period of 6 to 12 months, to deter need for DCF intervention and reduce foster care placements

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

| Spending Category  | Description   | Nonrecurring<br>(Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if<br>request is zero for the category |
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| Administrative Costs:  |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Administrative Costs: Executive Director @ .25 plus Finance and HR services/fees related to the contract.   | 40,000   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits                                      |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                        |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                          |   |  |
| Operational Costs:   |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits                               | 4 F/T Parent Aides @ \$38,000 (\$152,000); Parent Aide Supervisor \$48,000; one P/T Peer Recovery Specialist at 15.00/hr x 25 hours per week/52 weeks (\$19,500) plus H.R.A. benefits for F/T staff @ 360/month/person (\$25,920) and FICA @ .0765 (\$16,792) | 262,212  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other            | Mileage reimbursement for Parent Aide staff @ .45 cents/mile (\$25,000);  | 51,100   |

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|   | Occupancy (\$6,000); cell phone service and Microsoft 365 monthly fees (\$3,600); Materials for families, workbooks and other supplies (\$6,500); Flex Funds for families (\$10,000) |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study             |  |                |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:                                  |  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering |  |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>353,312</b> |

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

With the changes in federal funding ushered in by the Families First Prevention Services Act, in-home prevention services are now limited to children deemed 'unsafe' by DCF and at "imminent risk of removal" from their home. All other families in need of services are no longer

eligible through the community-based care providers and number of children in out-of-home care is already increasing. DCF Assistant Secretary Patricia Medlock is familiar with and supportive of this request for funding.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

These services were provided until very recently under the Title IV-E waiver which Florida enjoyed for the past several years. With the change to the FFPSA, primary prevention programs were de-funded effective Dec. 31 2018 throughout Florida. With the loss of these services, more children are at risk of being removed from their home and placed in Foster Care, a very costly alternative to the taxpayers of Florida. Per DCF, foster care placements are increasing due to loss of prevention services.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Weekly home visits include Initial Needs Assessment for the entire family, individual and family goals to work on throughout the course of the program, evidence-based curriculum designed to engage parents in positive reinforcement and non-violent disciplinary techniques for the child(ren), understanding a child's medical and educational needs, and a wide variety of evidence-based written and recorded (DVD) materials. Safety assessments are conducted during the initial visits and periodically thr

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

rofessionally trained, bachelors level Parent Aide staff meet with parents/caretakers and children in the family home once a week for 60-90 minutes over a period of 6 - 12 months to provide parent education, information critical to child well-being and development, case management and referrals to community partners as needs are identified. The Parent Aide model and all curriculum used are evidence-based and research driven materials.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless

- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe): There are no restrictions on enrollees. Any parent or caretaker deemed in need of services are elig

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

| Benefit or Outcome  | Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome   | Describe the method for measuring level of benefit   |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health | One of the services we provide is nutritional information and meal planning with children. Additionally, part of the intake process relates to an assessment of health concerns and the potential correlation to diet and health is explored during the months of service. | One of the services we provide is nutritional information and meal planning with children. Additionally, part of the intake process relates to an assessment of health concerns and the potential correlation to diet and health is explored during the months of service. |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education                  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality  |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.) |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions                                    |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity                     | Goals are established during initial visits with the family and often involve finding a safer place to live, achieving educational goals and work goals. Household budgeting is also a part of the Parent Aide curriculum.                                       | As goals are met throughout the months of service, goals are reviewed and updated. Each adult participant is provided with guidance and support to achieve all goals, including job-related and financial goals.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism   |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities                          |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency   | participants set goals which often entail educational and work goals and are provided guidance and encouragement to achieve step by step small goals which ultimately lead to an improved household income situation for the family by the time of case closure. | Adults in the case are interviewed initially and include a review of household income and budgeting practices. Goals are set during the course of the program designed to improve the parents job situation, household income and learn how to manage the household income. Many of our families are in transient living conditions when referral is received |

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|  |   | and one goal will be to achieve stable housing and secure income sufficient to meet household budgetary needs.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism                            | Recidivism in reference to substance abuse is addressed and referrals with one or more adult household members in recovery from substance abuse are given priority. Parent Aide staff are certified in the evidence-based curriculum 'Nurturing Families through Recovery' which helps Parent Aides to work with adults in recovery to encourage compliance with their program of choice. Parents are also taught about the impact of a parent's incarceration on a child in efforts to reduce criminal recidivism. | The Parent Aide develops a relationship with adults in the program and safety plans are developed which assist the non-offending parent in making safe choices for the children in the event of relapse or arrest of the partner.            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse                       | Adults in recovery are provided with on-going moral support and may be assigned a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist who works solely with the parent who is in recovery, to support their continued sobriety. In addition, Parent Aides are trained in curriculum designed for working with families for whom substance abuse is a factor.   | Goals set with the adults in the home would include continued sobriety and participation in their recovery program of choice. The goals are monitored at the weekly visits through interviews with all adults in the case.                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system | Our goal is to help parents provide a safe and stable environment through initial and on-going assessments of each individual's concern, establish individual and family goals and provide education and information to assist the family maintain a stable   | Children who are in a stable environment, are not the victims of abuse or neglect, attend school regularly and are generally well provided for are statistically less likely to enter the DJJ or foster care system. The primary goal of our |

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|  | home and be involved with the child's educational needs and all aspects of their child's life.  | program is to help families stay together and out of the State system.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality  |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality   |   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Keep children out of foster care. | The primary goals of the Parent Aide program are to keep families safe, stable and together and out of the foster care system, and to reduce taxpayer burden associated with DCF intervention and out of home care. | Parent Aide data for the years 2009 - 2017 for adults who successfully completed Parent Aide in Duval Co was reviewed by DCF. 98.6% of the adults had no confirmed incident of abuse or neglect within six months of case closure and 96.8% within one year of closure. Of the cases reviewed, approximately 65 percent were referred by CBC sub-contractors who deal with high risk cases. The remainder were referred by DCF Investigators, schools and self-referrals. |

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

| Type of Funding  | Amount  | Percent of Total | Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing? |
|--|---------|------------------|---|
| 1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request: | 353,312 | 65.6%            | N/A   |

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| 2. Federal:   | 0              | 0.0%        | No  |
| 3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F) | 0              | 0.0%        | No  |
| 4. Local:   | 100,000        | 18.6%       | No  |
| 5. Other:   | 85,000         | 15.8%       | Yes |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>538,312</b> | <b>100%</b> |     |

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select "ongoing activity".

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M