



**AGENDA REPORT**  
**July 24, 2018**

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**SUBJECT:**

Resolution to allow a referendum to be held in the general election on November 6, 2018, seeking approval of the electorate to approve authority for the Children's Services Council to annually levy up to a .33 mill of assessed valuation of properties in Brevard County subject to ad valorem taxation to fund the activities of the Council

**DEPT/OFFICE:**

Agenda Coordinator

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners approve the attached Resolution, to allow the voters of Brevard County to vote on whether to fund the Children's Services Council to provide services to Brevard County children including prevention, development, treatment and rehabilitation services.

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION and BACKGROUND:**

The Children's Services Council has requested that the Brevard County Board of Commissioners submit a referendum to the electors as to whether or not to fund the Council's activities by an annual levy of an ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County. By Ordinance No. 90-41, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners created the Children's Services Council of Brevard County as an Independent Special District coterminous with the boundaries of the County to provide children's services throughout Brevard County. The Children's Services Council has authority to provide services to Brevard County children including prevention, development, treatment and rehabilitation services.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 90-41 and Section 125.901, Florida Statutes, the County may fund the Children's Services Council through the annual levy of a county-wide ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County, which shall not exceed one-half mill (\$.50 per \$1000), provided that the authority to levy such taxes has been approved by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question in an election called for by the Board of County Commissioners for such purpose.

The Council is seeking voter approval to levy up to a one-third (.33) mill on all taxable property, despite the maximum statutory request allowed being one-half (.5) mill.

The Council will allocate the funds collected to help the children in our County that are most at risk – risk to abuse, drugs, poverty, mental illness and homelessness. Local non-profits and government-funded agencies cannot reach all the at-risk children due to limited and decreasing resources. The Children's Services Council will be able to fund services and systems of care which are currently unfunded or under-funded.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Description**

- ▢ **Clerks Memo**
- ▢ **Strikethrough Resolution**
- ▢ **Clean Resolution**
- ▢ **Childrens Services Council Fnl Rept.**



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July 25, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item J.3., Resolution to Allow a Referendum Seeking Approval of the Electorate to Approve Authority for the Children's Services Council to Annually Levy Up to a .33 mil of Assessed Valuation of Properties

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 24, 2018, considered resolution to allow the voters of Brevard County to vote on whether to fund the Children's Services Council to provide services to Brevard County children including prevention, development, treatment, and rehabilitation services, but took no formal actions.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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June 4, 2018

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Frank Abbate, County Manager

**RE:** Item VI.F.1., Resolution to Allow A Referendum Seeking Approval of the Electorate to Approve Authority for the Children's Services Council to Annually Levy up to a .33 Mil of Assessed Valuation of Properties

**This is to correct the memorandum of May 25, 2018.** The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on May 24, 2018, tabled consideration of a resolution to allow a referendum seeking approval of the electorate to approve authority for the Children's Services Council to annually levy up to a .33 mil of assessed valuation of properties to the July 24, 2018, Regular meeting.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Rowe".

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2018--\_\_\_\_--

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ~~BREYARD~~ BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS DIRECTED BY THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD COUNTY, PROVIDING FOR CALLING RE A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018 WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF BREVARD COUNTY SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORATE TO ~~ON THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER VOTERS WILL APPROVE~~ AUTHORITY FOR THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL TO ANNUALLY LEVY UP TO A ~~.5~~ .33 MILLS OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES IN BREVARD COUNTY SUBJECT TO AD VALOREM TAXATION ~~AD VALOREM TAX COUNTY WIDE~~ TO FUND THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL; ~~;~~ PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION. This resolution is adopted pursuant to Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable provisions of law including Section 125.901, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS. It is hereby found and determined as follows:

- A. The Children's Services Council has requested that the Brevard County Board of Commissioners submit a referendum to the electors as to whether or not to fund the Council's activities by an annual levy of an ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County.
- B. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 90-41, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners created the Children's Services Council of Brevard County as an independent Special District coterminous with the boundaries of the County to provide children's services throughout Brevard County.
- C. The Brevard Board of County Commissioners created the Children's Services Council in accordance with Section 125.901, Florida Statutes.
- D. In accordance with Ordinance No. 90-41 and Section 125.901, Florida Statutes, the County may fund the Children's Services Council through the annual levy of a county-wide ad valorem tax on all taxable property in the County, which shall not exceed one-half mill (\$.50 per \$1000), provided that the authority to levy such taxes has been approved by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question in an election called for by the Board of County Commissioners for such purpose.
- E. The Children's Services Council has authority to provide services to Brevard County children including prevention, development, treatment and rehabilitation services. (Further info here from CSC)

SECTION 3. REFERENDUM. A referendum election is hereby called and ordered to be held

in Brevard County concurrently at the time of the next general election to be held on November 6, 2018, to determine whether or not ~~whether~~ voters will approve authority for the Children's Services Council to annually levy up to a .33-5 mills ad valorem tax county-wide to fund the Council.

SECTION 4. NOTICE OF REFERENDUM. ~~A~~This notice of referendum resolution shall be published twice in ~~full as part of the Notice of Referendum Election, together with a notice in~~ substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," in Florida Today, a newspaper of general circulation in Brevard County published at least twice, once in the fifth week and once in the third week prior to the week in which the referendum election is to be held.

SECTION 5. NOTICE TO SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. ~~—~~Upon adoption of this resolution, notice of the calling of the referendum election provided for in this resolution shall be delivered to the Supervisor of Elections. This resolution shall not be implemented unless the Supervisor of Elections provides her consent to a date when the registration books can be available pursuant to Section 100.151, Florida Statutes.

SECTION 6. PLACES OF VOTING, INSPECTORS, CLERKS. The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of the referendum election during the times prescribed by law. All qualified electors residing within the County shall be entitled and permitted to vote at the referendum on the proposition set forth below. The places of voting and the inspectors and clerk for the referendum shall be those designated by the Supervisor or Elections of Brevard County.

SECTION 7. OFFICIAL BALLOT. Ballots to be used in the referendum shall contain a statement of the description of the proposed issue on authorization of the Children's Service County to levy economic development ad valorem annually, not to exceed .33 mill tax exemptions and shall be in substantially the following form:

BALLOT  
Brevard County, Florida

Caption: ~~.5 MIL AD VALOREM TAX TO FUND CHILDRENS SERVICES COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD COUNTY AD VALOREM TAX AUTHORIZATION REFERENDUM~~

Shall the Children's Services Council of Brevard County be granted the authority to fundzed improvement of ~~to annually levy up to .5 mils in county wide ad valorem taxes, pursuant to Florida Statutes 125.901, to provide funding for the children's services, including council, an independent special district that provides preventive, developmental, treatment and rehabilitative services for children as needed for the general welfare of the County by levying each year an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-third (.33) mill for services to children<sup>2-?</sup>~~

Yes — for authority to levy up to one-half .5 mills

No — against authority to levy up to one-half mill .5 mils

SECTION 8. ABSENTEE VOTING. The form of ballots to be used in such referendum for absentee voters shall be the same as used at the polling places for said referendum or such other form as may be prescribed by law.

SECTION 9. PRINTING OF BALLOTS. The Supervisor of Elections for Brevard County is hereby authorized and requested to (a) have sample ballots printed and to deliver such sample ballots to the inspectors and clerks on or before the date and time for opening of the polls for such referendum and (b) have official ballots for use in such referendum printed and delivered in accordance with law.

SECTION 10. PAYMENT OF REFERENDUM EXPENSES. The Children's Services Council shall pay all lawful expenses associated with conducting the referendum election. And the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to disburse the funds necessary to pay such expenses.

SECTION 11. VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS. The Supervisor of Elections for Brevard County is hereby authorized and requested to furnish to the inspectors and clerks at each place where the votes are to be cast in such referendum, applicable portions of the registration books or certified copies thereof showing the names of the qualified electors residing in the County.

SECTION 12. ELECTION PROCEDURE. The referendum shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law and shall be as soon as practicable, be returned and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law. The result shall show the number of qualified electors who voted at such referendum election and the number of votes cast respectively for and against approval of the proposition. Upon certification in the manner prescribed by law, the results shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 13. ELECTION RESULTS. If the majority of the votes cast at such a referendum election shall be "Yes For Approval," the referendum shall pass.

SECTION 145. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any word, phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other word, clause, sentence or paragraph hereof.

SECTION 156. REPEALING CLAUSE. All resolutions or other actions of the County which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

SECTION 167. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. However, the resolution shall not be implemented until such time as the Supervisor of Elections has consented to obtaining and making registration books available in accordance with Section 100.151, Florida Statutes.

(signature page follows)

DONE AND ADOPTED in Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Ellis, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rita Pritchettard, Chair

**Exhibit "A"**

**NOTICE OF REFERNDUM ELECTION IN BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT A REFERENDUM ELECTION has been called by the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, and will be held from 7:00A.M. until 7:00 P.M. in Brevard County, Florida, at which time there shall be submitted to the duly qualified electors of Brevard County, Florida, as more specifically described and provided for in a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, the following question published below:

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD COUNTY AD  
VALOREM TAX AUTHORIZATION REFERENDUM**

**Shall the Children's Services Council of Brevard County be granted the authority to fund improvement of children's services, including preventive, developmental, treatment and rehabilitative services for children as needed for the general welfare of the County by levying each year an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-third (.33) mill for services to children?**

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_

**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

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**YES \_\_\_\_\_**

**NO \_\_\_\_\_**

# CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD

1100 Rockledge Blvd, Suite 300, Rockledge, FL 32955

July 18, 2018

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners:

One out of every five Brevard County residents is a child. Yet because kids don't vote, they lack representation in government. The Children's Services Council of Brevard was established by an ordinance of the Brevard County Commission in 1990 to provide a voice for Brevard's most vulnerable citizens.

Our Council believes the children and families in our community, as well as the agencies that serve them, are facing new and daunting issues. Opioid addiction and school violence are examples. And, based on a poll conducted in January 2018, voters agree that Brevard needs to support early childhood development, school readiness, quality child care, and children's social and emotional health to help our children face these challenges.

In response to this need, we are asking the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners to include a Children's Referendum on the November 6 general election ballot. We ask that voters have the opportunity to authorize the Children's Services Council to establish a dedicated funding source for programs and services that support children and families.

This report documents community needs, suggests proposed investments, describes coordinated services, states expected results, and estimates return on investment. It also introduces the Council leadership, offers a framework for operations, and details the Council's authority, transparency, and accountability standards mandated by the legislature.

Advancing the Children's Referendum sends a strong message that we value our children. Voting YES for the Children's Referendum clearly affirms that we, as a community, are willing to invest in their future.

On behalf of the Children's Services Council,



Judge Kelly McKibben  
Council Chair

# Children's Services Council of Brevard

## Referendum Case

*July 18, 2018*

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## CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD

### Current Needs and Planned Responses

BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN IN NEED	
<b>106,213</b>	Children living in Brevard County
<b>17,161</b>	Children enrolled in exceptional education programs
<b>22,864</b>	Children under 18 living in poverty
<b>8,441</b>	Children involved in child abuse investigations
<b>8,109</b>	Children uninsured

See Appendix 2, Page 29 for references

PROPOSED INVESTMENTS			
A	B	C	D
Support the health of newborns and their early development	Ensure children are prepared to learn at school and achieve their greatest potential	Provide positive activities and promote self-worth for children and youth	Help youth live healthy lifestyles and make positive choices
COORDINATED SERVICES			
Enhance and better integrate services for Brevard children - prenatal through age 3	Increase access to and improve quality of child care in Brevard	Provide early delinquency prevention and expand out-of-school time service initiatives for elementary and middle school children	Build capacity and expand services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
FOR AGES			
Birth - 3	Birth - 5	5-12	Birth - 17
EXPECTED RESULTS			
<b>Children will begin life healthy and thriving</b>	<b>Children will start school ready to learn and succeed</b>	<b>Children will be safe and connected outside of school</b>	<b>Children will be socially and emotionally secure</b>

## INTRODUCTION

Communities must be able to invest in the supports and services required to ensure that all children, youth, and families will have optimal opportunities to succeed. Florida is the only state where a community has the power, by law, to create a special district for the sole purpose of investing in the well-being of children and their families. While there are many competent, even exceptional, organizations that serve specific needs of children, the Children's Services Council is the only public entity designated to provide leadership, coordination, oversight, and resources.

Florida law specifies that the Council can use local tax money to serve the children and families within the boundaries of Brevard County. If placed on the ballot by the County Commission, voters may, by referendum, approve taxing authority for the Children's Services Council. Statute limits ad valorem funding to one-half mil of non-exempt property valuation. The proposed referendum limits taxing authority to a reduced amount of .33 mills in Brevard. The Council has developed a tentative first-year budget based on a millage rate of only .25. This means each homesteaded residence valued at \$200,000 would invest about one dollar a week in Brevard's children.

The Children's Services Council of Brevard will use these funds to improve the safety, economic stability, and self-sufficiency of families so that children are born healthy, grow up safe, and are prepared to meet their full potential. The Council will promote interagency coordination and program implementation so that children's services are provided in an integrated, efficient, and holistic way and will report measurable results back to the community.

There is tremendous benefit to a county with its own Children's Services Council. While the services offered and age groups vary between communities, the primary focus is investing in prevention and early intervention programs. This reduces the need for taxpayers to fund more costly services such as juvenile detention, foster care, and mental health services in jails.

Another result of dedicated funding would be the opportunity to focus on creating the most efficient, high quality system of care in partnership with funders and existing community agencies. A successful referendum would support new and expanded programs and services to protect children, support families, reduce inequalities, and ensure lifelong success.

## SERVICES

The role of the Children's Services Council is to plan, coordinate, fund, and evaluate preventive, developmental, rehabilitative, and treatment services. The Council gathered information from Children's Services Councils around the state, reviewed local and state data trends, and worked closely with Brevard's service providers to develop four service priorities.

**A. CHILDREN WILL BEGIN LIFE HEALTHY AND THRIVING**

<b>ONE YEAR FOR BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN</b>	
<b>176</b> Substance exposed newborns	
<b>285</b> Births to teen moms	
<b>420</b> Low-birthweight babies	
<b>PROPOSED INVESTMENT</b>	
The Children’s Services Council will invest in programs that...	<b>Support the health of newborns and their early development</b>
<b>SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>	
<p>Mothers who participate in pregnancy support services learn about parenthood, make informed decisions about their pregnancies, stay healthy, and pursue their educational and vocational goals. Pregnancy support services provide education, counseling, resources, and support to individuals who are pregnant and in need of assistance, consistent with the organization’s mission.</p> <p>Families participating in child and family development services delivered through strong community partnerships gain new competencies, improve child health and well-being, improve family functioning, and make family-community connections. Services address the needs of the family as a whole and are based in the homes, neighborhoods, and communities of families who need help promoting positive development, meeting challenges, and preventing adverse outcomes.</p>	
<b>EXPECTED RESULTS</b>	
By enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard children – prenatal through age 3...	<b>Children will begin life healthy and thriving</b>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>	
Hospital charges for the first year of life for a normal birthweight baby average \$5,800 while the average hospitalization costs for a low birthweight baby average \$205,000.	

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**B. CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED**

<b>ONE YEAR FOR BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN</b>	
<b>608</b> Children on the waiting list for child care support	
<b>2,811</b> Three- and four-year-old children not enrolled in school	
<b>6,750</b> Pre-school age children living in poverty (ages 0-5)	
<b>\$11,000+</b> Average annual cost of preschool childcare	
<b>PROPOSED INVESTMENT</b>	
The Children's Services Council will invest in programs that...	<b>Ensure children are prepared to learn at school and achieve their greatest potential</b>
<b>SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>	
<p>Early Childhood Education facilitates appropriate child development and ensures the health and safety of children in care. Early childhood education programs serve families in need of high-quality child care in a center-based setting. Programs promote healthy child development through relationship building and a variety of cognitive, physical, and social activities. Children served typically range from six weeks to five years of age.</p>	
<b>EXPECTED RESULTS</b>	
By increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard...	<b>Children will start school ready to learn and succeed</b>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>	
<p>Comprehensive, high-quality, birth-to-five early childhood programs for disadvantaged children, yielded a 13% return on investment per child, per annum through better education, economic, health, and social outcomes.</p>	

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**C. CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED**

<b>ONE YEAR FOR BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN</b>	
<b>1,884</b> Children ages 10-17 arrested, all offenses	
<b>2,437</b> Elementary and middle school children not promoted	
<b>4,348</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders overweight and obese	
<b>PROPOSED INVESTMENT</b>	
The Children's Services Council will invest in programs that...	<b>Provide positive activities and promote self-worth for children and youth</b>
<b>SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>	
<p>Children and youth who participate in out-of-school time programs gain the personal, social, emotional, and educational assets needed to support healthy development, increase well-being, and facilitate a successful transition through childhood and adolescence, and into adulthood. Programs engage school-age children in social, educational, and recreational activities appropriate to their needs, interests, and abilities; promote the development of positive relationships with adults and peers; and provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for young people to spend their out-of-school time hours.</p>	
<b>EXPECTED RESULTS</b>	
By providing early delinquency prevention and expanding out-of-school time service initiatives for elementary and middle school children...	<b>Children will be safe and connected outside of school</b>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>	
<p>For every \$1 spent on afterschool programs, the return to taxpayers ranges from \$2.99 to \$4.03. Expenditures produce benefits in the areas of improved school performance, increased compensation, and reduced crime and welfare costs.</p>	

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**D. CHILDREN WILL BE SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY SECURE**

<b>ONE YEAR FOR BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN</b>	
<b>11</b> Children and teens committed suicide	
<b>341</b> Children enrolled in substance abuse programs	
<b>578</b> Children diagnosed seriously emotionally disturbed	
<b>PROPOSED INVESTMENT</b>	
The Children's Services Council will invest in programs that...	<b>Help youth live healthy lifestyles and make positive choices</b>
<b>SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</b>	
<p>Children and youth who participate in counseling, support, and education services identify and build on strengths, develop skills to manage situational change, and improve functioning in daily activities at home, at school, and in the community. Services are community-based, prevention-focused programs that emphasize personal growth, development, and situational change. Children with developmental disabilities achieve full integration and inclusion in the mainstream, make choices, exert control over their lives, and full participate in their communities.</p> <p>Children, youth, and families who receive services for mental health and /or substance use disorders improve social, emotional, psychological, cognitive, and family functioning to attain recovery and wellness. Services are comprehensive, community-based, and designed to help individuals with diagnosable conditions. Youth participating in psychosocial services receive community based services that facilitate childhood development and resiliency using a holistic approach that improves family functioning and increases child well-being and safety.</p>	
<b>EXPECTED RESULTS</b>	
By building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health...	<b>Children will be socially and emotionally secure</b>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>	
<p>There is an \$11 return for every \$1 invested in social and emotional learning interventions that improve mental health and academic achievement, and reduce delinquency, substance abuse, and violence.</p>	

See Appendix 2, Page 29 for references

## LEADERSHIP

Florida law requires that each Children's Services Council have ten members, including a chair and vice chair, and specifies how members are to be identified. The membership includes two elected officials, chosen by the people in general elections to represent them in local government, who have the position and the stature to coordinate a broad community response to the needs of children and families. One serves on behalf of the County Commission and the other represents the School Board.

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### ***Kristine Isnardi, District 5 County Commissioner***



Commissioner Kristine Isnardi was elected to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in November 2016. She represents District Five which includes areas of Melbourne, West Melbourne, Palm Bay, Indialantic and Melbourne Village.

Originally from Michigan, Ms. Isnardi moved to Palm Bay in 1999. In 2007, she was elected to the Palm Bay City Council, where she served the citizens for seven years. During her tenure, she was a strong advocate for roads, infrastructure, public safety, and veterans' issues while promoting less taxation, limited government intrusion, and fiscal transparency.

Ms. Isnardi has been a Registered Nurse for eight years and currently works with Hospice of Health First. She is presently completing her Nurse Practitioner Master's Degree. She is married to retired Army veteran David Isnardi and together they have six children and two grandchildren. Ms. Isnardi and her family have served the community through various organizations that assist our veterans, the homeless, and the underserved.

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### ***Andy Ziegler, District 5 Brevard County School Board Member***



Andy Ziegler was elected to the Brevard County School Board in 2008 and re-elected in 2010 and 2014. He has served 30 years with the Rotary Club of Palm Bay holding numerous board positions including President in 1997. Mr. Ziegler is an honorary lifetime member of the Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Department having served with them for seven years including two years as the assistant fire chief.

Mr. Ziegler is a current member of numerous Boards of Directors including the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce, AmiKids, Florida School Boards Association, Past Chair of Central Florida Public School Board Coalition. He was also instrumental in paving the way for the Children's Hunger Project to operate through public schools.

He graduated from the Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science in 1983.

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Three Council members exemplify expertise in child welfare policy and practice including a Judge assigned by the Chief Judge who has experience with juvenile cases, the Superintendent of Schools, and a senior administrator from the Florida Department of Children and Families. Day in and day out, they take care of children and families and have a deep understanding of the needs and challenges they face.

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***Judge Kelly McKibben, Circuit Judge, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit***  
Council Chair



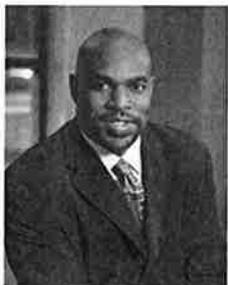
Judge Kelly McKibben is a Circuit Judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in Brevard County, currently assigned to the Felony Criminal Division and Felony Drug Court. She began her professional career with the Florida Department of Children and Families as an attorney and then as Chief Legal Counsel for four counties, handling all legal matters for the agency. In December 2005, she was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush as a County Court Judge in Brevard County. Governor Rick Scott appointed her as a Circuit Judge in September 2013.

Judge McKibben has been on the boards of the Children's Advocacy Center and Brevard Family Partnership. She has also been involved in the Juvenile Court Rules Committee, Legal Needs of Children Committee, and the Florida Bar's Special Committee on Child and Parent Representation.

Judge McKibben was presented with the Judge of the Year Award by the Florida Law Related Education Association, Inc. in 2014. She was also honored with the William E. Gladstone Award in 2016 for making the greatest contribution to the courts in serving dependent children and their families. She recently received the 2017-2018 Jurist of the Year award from the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She has participated in the Justice Teaching Institute since 2013 and enjoys visiting local students through the Justice Teaching Program. Judge McKibben received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Florida in 1990, and her Juris Doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law in 1994. She has been a Brevard County resident since November 1994 when she started practicing law. She is also an avid Gator fan, enjoys traveling, and loves to spend quality time with her husband, family and friends.

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***Dr. Desmond Blackburn, Superintendent of Brevard Public Schools***



Dr. Desmond K. Blackburn, Ph.D. currently serves as the superintendent for the School Board of Brevard County since his appointment in July of 2015. Under his leadership, he has created a new vision and strategic plan for Brevard Public Schools. His signature initiative was to fully align district resources to better support staff and students resulting in a reorganization of priorities and personnel.

He is an active member for CivMil and the Space Coast League of Cities. He also serves as a Board of Director for United Way of Brevard, CareerSource, Economic Development Council (EDC), Brevard County Sheriff's Office Charities, March of Dimes and the Children's Services Council.

Dr. Blackburn also gives back to the community via non-profit fundraising that has included efforts on behalf of the March of Dimes, Breast Cancer Awareness, and Dancing for the Space Coast. He was the 2017 Campaign Chair for United Way of Brevard.

Dr. Blackburn is a life-long educator. Prior to his appointment as Brevard's chief educational leader, he served the citizens of Broward County Public Schools as a district trainer, director of school improvement, an area superintendent, and as the chief school performance & accountability officer.

He was born in Mt. Vernon, New York. In 1988, his parents moved him and his sister to Lauderhill, Florida. He attended Piper High School where he excelled academically and athletically leading him to become involved in numerous activities including Radio Broadcasting, Key Club, Track & Field, Basketball, and the Academy of Finance. He matriculated to the University of Florida where he was a member of Beta Eta Sigma (Black Honor Society), earning a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 1996. He then went on to earn a Master of Science from Nova-Southeastern (2000) and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Florida Atlantic University (2006). He and his wife Kelli have been married nearly 20 years and have two sons, Dean and Grant.

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***Tracy Klinkbeil, Department of Children & Families, Circuit 18 Community Development Administrator***



Tracy Klinkbeil is the Circuit 18 Community Development Administrator for the Department of Children and Families. She has served in this role for three years in Brevard and Seminole counties. Traci has devoted her DCF career of 23 years to serving children and families in Florida and is passionate about protecting children, strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect.

She currently serves as the Chair of the Space Coast Human Trafficking Taskforce; Vice-Chair of Together in Partnership; Chair of the Seminole County Community Focus Change Team; and serves on the Boards of the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole, Circuit 18 Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, Career Source Brevard and Children's Services Council of Brevard.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from the University of Miami, and Master of Arts Degree in Applied Sociology from the University of Central Florida. She has been married for 21 years and has two daughters, 12 and 19 years old.

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The five remaining Council members are community leaders willing to take personal responsibility for building capacity to respond to the needs of children, youth, and families. They represent the demographic diversity of the community and have been residents for at least two years. They must be nominated by the County Commission and appointed by the Governor to serve staggered four-year terms. All members serve without compensation and are required to participate in training.

Together, the ten volunteers serving on the Children's Services Council have worked tirelessly over the past year, meeting over at least monthly as well as traveling across the state to visit other councils, to determine the best way to carry out their mandate as defined in statute: To provide funding for children's services throughout the county. Collectively, they believe that believes that investing in children is also an investment in the community.

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**Marilyn "Bunny" Finney, Governor Appointed**  
Council Vice Chair



Marilyn J. "Bunny" Finney Marilyn J. "Bunny" Finney is an active community member who is noted for her strengths as a leader, motivator and advocate. She has been involved for over forty years in extensive civic and community efforts at the state and local level.

Ms. Finney currently serves on the Brevard Long Term Recovery Coalition, Help Me Grow Brevard, Project Hunger, United Way of Brevard and Brevard County Civilian/Military Council.

Her past early childhood affiliations include Brevard Public Schools Apple Corps Volunteer and Teacher Education Center Council, Brevard Family Partnership, Brevard Head Start Policy Council, Together In Partnership, Commission on Mental Health and Community Solutions, Florida Child Abuse and Permanency Advisory Council, Florida Department of Children and Families TEAM Florida Partnership, and Healthy Families Brevard.

Ms. Finney's community affiliations include LEAD Brevard (past board chair), Junior League of Central & North Brevard (past president), United Way of Brevard (past board chair), United Way of Florida Board of Governors, Brevard County Charter Review Commission, and Florida Bar Grievance Committee 18B.

Ms. Finney has received numerous awards for distinguished community service: "Central Florida Humanitarian Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service" by Space Coast Daily; "LEAD Brevard Rodney S. Ketcham Leadership Award"; and was twice-named one of "100 Most Influential People on the Space Coast" by Spacecoast Business. She was named the Junior League of Central & North Brevard "Volunteer of the Year", Children's Home Society of Florida's "2000 Dave Thomas Child Advocate of the Year", and the "1999 FLORIDA TODAY Reaching Out Award Citizen of the Year."

Ms. Finney came to Brevard County in 1963 where she met and married her husband Phil. Since then they have lived and worked on Merritt Island. They have two married sons and two grandchildren.

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**Sharon Underill, Governor Appointed**



Sharon Underill has been affiliated with Underill Management Company since 1980. She has also worked as a social worker for the State of Florida for three years and was a supervisor for two years in HRS's Children's Protective Services. She also holds an inactive Florida real estate broker's license.

She served on the board of directors of Club Esteem and is a past secretary for the Junior League of South Brevard, a past president of Space Coast Tri Delta Alumnae Group, a past officer for South Brevard Panhellenic, and a past Finance Chair for Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Underill was appointed to the Brevard County Children's Services Council in 2001 and has been reappointed through 2021.

She graduated with high honors from the University of Florida with a BS in psychology. She has been married for 45 years; has two daughters with eight, and soon to be nine, grandchildren.

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**Todd Morley, Governor Appointed**



Todd Morley is the Economic Development Director, City of Cape Canaveral. He is responsible for the development, implementation and management of marketing, economic development, public relations and communications programs for the City.

Mr. Morley is a member of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast, EDC AVT (Ad Valorem Tax) Committee (evaluation and recommendation to Brevard County Board of County Commissioners for economic incentives for industries looking to locate to Brevard County), and a Governor's Appointee to the Children Services Council of Brevard.

He has a Bachelor of Science, Business Management from the University of Central Florida. He is a lifelong resident of Brevard who spent twenty plus years in construction industry. He attended Andersen Elementary, Kennedy Middle School, Clearlake Middle School, and Cocoa High School. He and his wife have been married 26 years and have three children: 32, 25 and 22 and one grandchild.

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**Bart Gaetjens, Governor Appointed  
Council Secretary/Treasurer**



Bart Gaetjens is an Area External Affairs Manager for Florida Power & Light. He has been employed by Florida Power & Light for over 35 years. In his current position he is dedicated to growing and maintaining positive, long-lasting relationships in Brevard and Indian River Counties with municipal, community and business leaders. In addition, he is responsible for coordinating restoration efforts during hurricanes and emergencies in Brevard and Indian River Counties.

Mr. Gaetjens was recently appointed to serve on the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) National Civic Leaders for Space Superiority group representing Brevard County. He currently serves as a Director on several local boards including the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, United Way of Brevard, Brevard Nature Alliance (Chair), Manufacturing Association of Florida, Junior Achievement of the Space Coast, Titusville YMCA and LEAD Brevard. Mr. Gaetjens previously has served on the Titusville Chamber of Commerce (past Board Chair) and the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gaetjens is a graduate of the 2016 LEAD Brevard Class. In 2017, he was a participant in Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey's Dancing for the Space Coast to raise donations for local charities. He is a member of the Space Coast League of Cities and CivMil.

Mr. Gaetjens was raised in Miami where he graduated from Christopher Columbus High School. He is also a graduate of Florida State University and achieved a degree in Business Management. He is a resident of Titusville, where he has lived with his wife Terry for the past 28 years. They have three daughters and two grandsons.

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***Adrian Laffitte, Governor Appointed***



Adrian Laffitte worked at Lockheed Martin for 31 years. He started his career at VAFB in 1981, working on the Space Shuttle Program and the Titan IV program. He was named Director of Atlas Launch Operations where he was responsible for the processing and launching of the Atlas II, Atlas III & Atlas V vehicles at Cape Canaveral Air Station (CCAS). As a Launch Director, he conducted 30 successful consecutive launches.

After his retirement, Mr. Laffitte served as the Executive Director for the Kennedy Space Center Educational Foundation, where he was responsible for establishing and facilitating programs to educate students and educators in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM).

Mr. Laffitte's recognitions include the 2003 National Space Club Debus Award, 2007 Lockheed Martin NOVA award, 2010 Boy Scouts of America Golden Eagle Award, 2010 The Hispanic Engineer Albert Baez Award for Outstanding Technical Contribution to Humanity, 2012 most admired Business Leader in Brevard County, FLORIDA TODAY Reaching Out Award Citizen of the Year in 2016 and 2017 Central Florida Humanitarian Award presented by Space Coast Daily.

Mr. Laffitte served as the 2012 Campaign Chair and 2014 Board Chair for United Way of Brevard. He currently is a member of the Board of Governors for United Way of Florida. He also chaired the Brevard Community College Foundation and served in 2005 and 2006 as the Chair of the National Space Club.

Other volunteer service includes The Astronaut Memorial Foundation Board of Trustee, Brevard Library Foundation (2007 Chair), Webster University Space Coast Advisory Board, Space Tec Partners Inc. (Vice Chair), Merritt Island High School DaVinci Academy of Aerospace Technology Board (Chair), Kennedy Space Center Educational Foundation (Treasurer), and Congressman Posey's Space Advisory Council. Mr. Laffitte chaired the 2014 Brevard Save Our Student Referendum Campaign.

He has a BS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico (1977) and a MS in Structural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin (1979). Mr. Laffitte has been married to Roz for five years and together they have five children that grew up and went to school in Brevard.

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Additionally, the Council has secured the pro bono services of a prominent local attorney to assist the Council.

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***Kim Rezanka, Council Attorney***



Kim Rezanka is an attorney with Cantwell & Goldman, P.A. in Cocoa, Florida. Cantwell & Goldman is a full-service business law firm founded in 1978. Ms. Rezanka is a seasoned litigator with more than 26 years of experience representing business entities and individuals in matters involving complex business contracts and concerns.

Ms. Rezanka received her law degree from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in 1991.

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## ACCOUNTABILITY

It is important to note that, just like County government, Children's Services Councils must abide by all provisions of Florida law pertaining to local government. Meeting schedules must be provided to the County Commission and publicly noticed. Meetings must be accessible and open to the community with an opportunity for public comment. Minutes of meetings and records of the organization are open for inspection as outlined in Florida's Sunshine Law. The only exemption to public records requests is information that would specifically identify a child or guardian.

In order to demonstrate to taxpayers that their money is being managed wisely the law requires each Council to produce annual budgets and independent audits, as well as quarterly financial reports. These must be provided to the County Commission and made available to the public. The council must also document how funds are used to achieve exceptional outcomes in children and family services in its annual report to the community and present it to the County Commission by January 1. At a minimum, the analysis must include:

- The goals, objectives, and activities of the organization that have been undertaken and that are planned to meet the identified needs of children and families as defined by the Florida Legislature;
- Procedures used for early identification of at-risk children who need additional or continued services and methods for ensuring that the additional or continued services are received;
- Detailed information on the various programs, services, and activities available to participants and the degree to which the programs, services, and activities have been successfully used by children;
- Recommendations for programs, services, and activities that should be continued, improved, added, or eliminated in order to streamline the service delivery system for children and families;
- The quality and outcomes of activities, services, and programs offered by the council, including cost-effectiveness; and
- A detailed, anticipated budget for continuation of activities, services, and programs offered by the council, and a list of all sources of requested funding, both public and private.

See Appendix 5

## OPERATIONS

As described earlier, the Children's Services Council is legally responsible for the operations and record keeping of the board and organization with all of the public records and accounting requirements of a county or city. Florida law also requires data collection and research to be used for directing funding to the most appropriate agencies and services to meet the needs of the children and families in the community.

The Children's Services Council is not a direct service provider. Services and funds are contracted through existing agencies in the community. This requires contract monitoring and fiscal oversight to insure funds are being used wisely and that quality services are being delivered to children and families.

A preliminary organization chart has been developed identifying the projected staff resources necessary to comply with the law and to serve the needs of the community and partner agencies. This is based on a review and analysis of staff and operations of existing Children's Services Council's across the state.

### Children's Services Council of Brevard County Proposed Organization Chart



Immediately after the organization is operational, the Council is charged with conducting research, developing a strategic plan, determining funding priorities and policies, and preparing for the organization's first funding cycle. The state statute requires the Council's plan to include:

- The activities, services, and opportunities that will be provided to children.
- The anticipated schedule for providing those activities, services, and opportunities. The manner in which children will be served, including a description of arrangements and agreements which will be made with community organizations, state and local educational agencies, federal agencies, public assistance agencies, the juvenile courts, foster care agencies, and other applicable public and private agencies and organizations.
- The special outreach efforts that will be undertaken to provide services to at-risk, abused, or neglected children.
- The manner in which the council will seek and provide funding for unmet needs.
- The strategy which will be used for interagency coordination to maximize existing human and fiscal resources.

See Appendix 5

## AUTHORITY

The Children's Services Council of Brevard (CSC) is an independent special district created by Ordinance #90-41 on November 13, 1990. The County Commission created the Children's Services Council at the request of the local community. The Council's purpose is to focus on public policies, collaborative strategies, best practices, and adequate resources to serve the children and families of Brevard.

Special Districts are a form of local government, created at the request of residents, to meet specific service needs for their communities. These districts have the authority to function as a government body that provides services, allocates funds, administers staff, and conducts day-to-day operations.

In contrast to the broad authority of a County, managing multiple functions and serving many needs, the authority of a special district is restricted by state law to specifically perform a single function. Children's Services Councils are limited to one activity defined by Florida Statute: To provide funding for children's services throughout the county.

An independent special district is managed by a local, independent council that operates like a board of directors with bylaws detailing the governance structure and the funding mechanisms within the boundaries of the law. The Children's Services Council of Brevard is an independent body of community leaders and interested citizens that have the well-being of children and families as their sole interest.

## FINANCE

Based on the 2017 Final Taxable Value of \$34,584,926 and utilizing a quarter mil (.25), the Children's Services Council has prepared a tentative budget based on a revenue estimate of \$8.646 million of which \$321,631 are retained by the Clerk of Court and Property Appraiser for collections and fees. Ninety-one percent (91.4%) of the remaining funds, \$7,624,373, will be used to provide qualified programs and services to children and families and nine percent (8.6%) will be used for Council operations that are mandated by Florida Statute.

The Council is committed to having the lowest administrative cost in the state. Current budgets from similar sized councils are provided for comparison and to illustrate that Brevard's Council is committed to maximizing investment in children and minimizing the need for administration. There is also an opportunity to leverage local funds as match to draw down state and federal funds.

The County Commission has the option to support children and families, in whole or in part, using county general revenue or to seek approval from the community, "by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question." A children's referendum on the November 6 ballot will allow voters to decide if they want to invest in services from prenatal through young adulthood that will support their healthy growth, development, and success.

### Children's Services Council of Brevard County Proposed Budget

Proposed CSC Brevard Budget with St. Lucie and Martin Comparisons	CSC St Lucie Budget 2017-18	CSC Martin Budget 2017-18	CSC Brevard Proposed Budget
<b>Revenue</b>			
Ad Valorem	\$ 8,610,188	\$ 7,242,685	8,646,000
Interest Earnings	9,000	40,000	15,000
Lapse Funds		160,267	
Miscellaneous Income	2,506		
Rental Income	11,984	34,000	
Intergovernmental Income		33,000	
Income from Reserves	408,047		
CRAs/Other Fees		(8,575)	
Collections Tax Expense	(182,505)	(76,500)	(183,295)
Collections Prop Appr	(138,000)	(72,000)	(138,336)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 8,721,220</b>	<b>\$ 7,352,877</b>	<b>\$ 8,339,369</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Salaries and Benefits</b>			
Salary Expense/Temp Staff	\$ 656,654	\$ 1,221,695	\$ 405,000
Payroll Taxes	50,822		31,260
Retirement	68,284		40,500
Health Insurance	155,890		60,944
LTD/Life Insurance/Other Benefits	4,462		7,870
Workers Compensation	2,200		5,022
<i>Total Salary and Benefits</i>	<i>938,312</i>	<i>1,221,695</i>	<i>550,596</i>
<b>Operations</b>			
Professional Services - Legal	10,000	7,000	15,000
Professional Services - Audit	13,500	15,000	13,500
Professional Services - Consulting	13,588	22,000	15,000
Travel Expenses	15,450	7,200	6,700
Continuing Education	5,065	6,300	5,000
Communication/Telephone Expense	16,470	7,000	8,000
Postage	1,040	1,500	1,000
Utilities	15,200	28,000	-
Rent Expense / Bldg Supplies/Bldg Maintenance	35,587	37,500	30,000
Insurance	6,050	30,000	6,000
Equipment - Bldg/Equipment - Copy-Leasing	43,310	9,750	3,500
Publications	5,500		1,200
Advertising/Communication - Marketing/Printing	1,800	29,000	12,000
Office Supplies	14,350	5,000	9,000
Books/Subscriptions	730	450	500
Dues/Memberships	12,413	12,000	12,000
Equipment - Under Capital Purchase (2,500)	5,000	2,500	5,000
Software - SAMIS	-	16,000	16,000
Contingency	90,000	7,750	5,000
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<i>305,053</i>	<i>243,950</i>	<i>164,400</i>
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,243,365</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,645</b>	<b>\$ 714,996</b>
<b>Program Allocations</b>			
<i>Total Available for Program Allocations</i>	<i>\$ 7,477,855</i>	<i>\$ 5,887,232</i>	<i>\$ 7,624,373</i>
<b>Total Administration/Fees/Program Funding</b>	<b>\$ 8,721,220</b>	<b>\$ 7,352,877</b>	<b>\$ 8,339,369</b>
Administrative %	14.3%	9 FTE	19.9%
			11 FTE
			8.6%
			7 FTE

**Notes:** 1) Martin County - Does not include Carryover Funds, Reserves or Capital Outlay

## COUNCIL PREPARATION FOR REFERENDUM

Over the past year, the Council has met eleven times. The Council has completed an extensive review of needs of Brevard's children as detailed in this report. The Children's Services Council of Brevard has made several key decisions, including:

### **Completed extensive research:**

- Conducted a statistically valid poll of Brevard voters to determine support for a referendum (Appendix 1)
- Reviewed local, state and national research and statistical data (Appendix 2)
- Worked closely with community partners to understand service systems and programs currently serving the community
- Visited and/or consulted with all existing Florida Children's Services Councils to examine their operations and impact (Appendix 3)
- Surveyed service agencies the determine needs and gaps (Appendix 4)

### **Established four priorities for meeting the needs of children:**

- Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard children—prenatal through age 3
- Increasing access to and improving of quality child care in Brevard
- Providing early delinquency prevention and expanding out of school time service initiatives for elementary and middle school children
- Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual and/or emotional challenges, including mental health

### **Developed operational plan based on an analysis of eight existing Florida councils**

- Established independent Council structure
- Prepared a staff organization chart

### **Prepared financial plan:**

- Referendum will limit Council tax authority to conservative one-third mil (.33) although statute allows one half mil (.5)
- Developed preliminary budget with initial millage request of one-quarter mil (.25)
- Established a maximum administrative expense of 12% with estimated 8.6% in draft budget

### **Requested referendum:**

- The Council asked hard questions and explored alternatives, but made the decision to go to referendum to seek voter support for funding for additional services for our children.

## EXECUTION PLAN

July 2018	County Commission presentation Review of ballot language and referendum request
November 6, 2018	General election and referendum
January 2019	Council begins staff search
April/May 2019	Year 1 budget development Maximum administrative charges not to exceed 12%
June 1, 2019	Set preliminary millage rate at .25
June/July	Develop funding policies and agency application package
By July 1, 2019	Present budget to County Commission
August 2019	Present millage rate to Property Appraiser
August/September	Agency prequalification screening: Leadership/financial capacity
September 2019	Two public hearings regarding millage rate
October 1, 2019	Beginning of first fiscal year Issue Agency Request for Proposals (RFP)
November 2019	Council receives first funding allocation Deposited in qualified public depositories
December 2019	Funding awards and contract negotiations First quarter financial report Council annual report to Brevard County Commission
January 2020	New and expanded children and family services begin

## **APPENDIX**

- 1. VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM**
- 2. RESEARCH AND REFERENCES**
- 3. FLORIDA CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL SUMMARIES**
- 4. SNAPSHOT OF AGENCY PROGRAM NEEDS**
- 5. LEGISLATIVE MANDATES**

**1.1 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM**

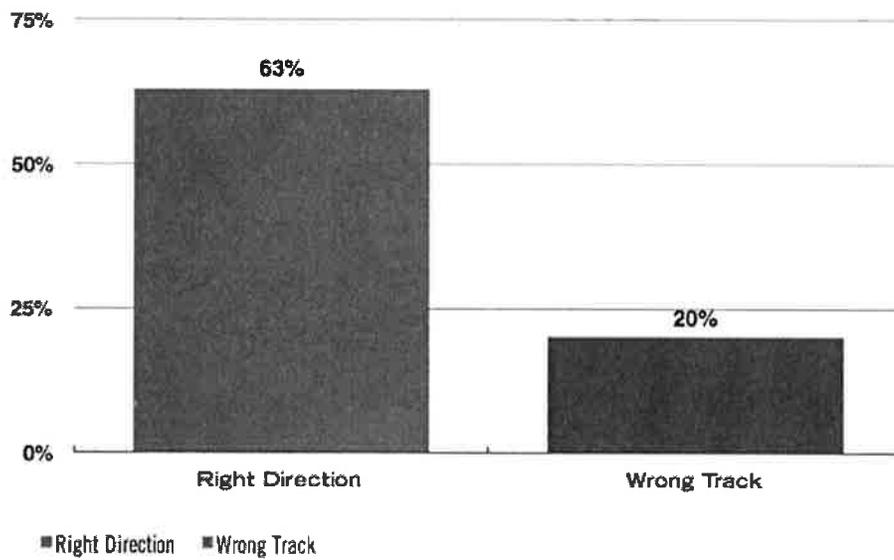
## Polling Results

<b>METHODOLOGY: REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE</b>	
Dates	January 23-27, 2018
Model	2018 General Election
Respondents	400
Margin of Error	+/- 4.9

## 1.2 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

# General Findings

Right Direction, Wrong Track



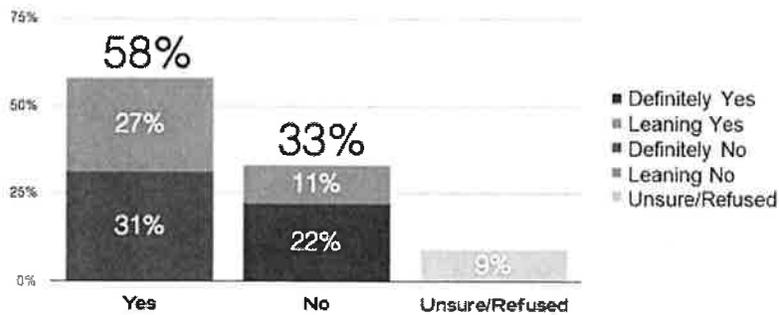
## 1.3 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

# General Findings

1st Round Test Ballot

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD COUNTY

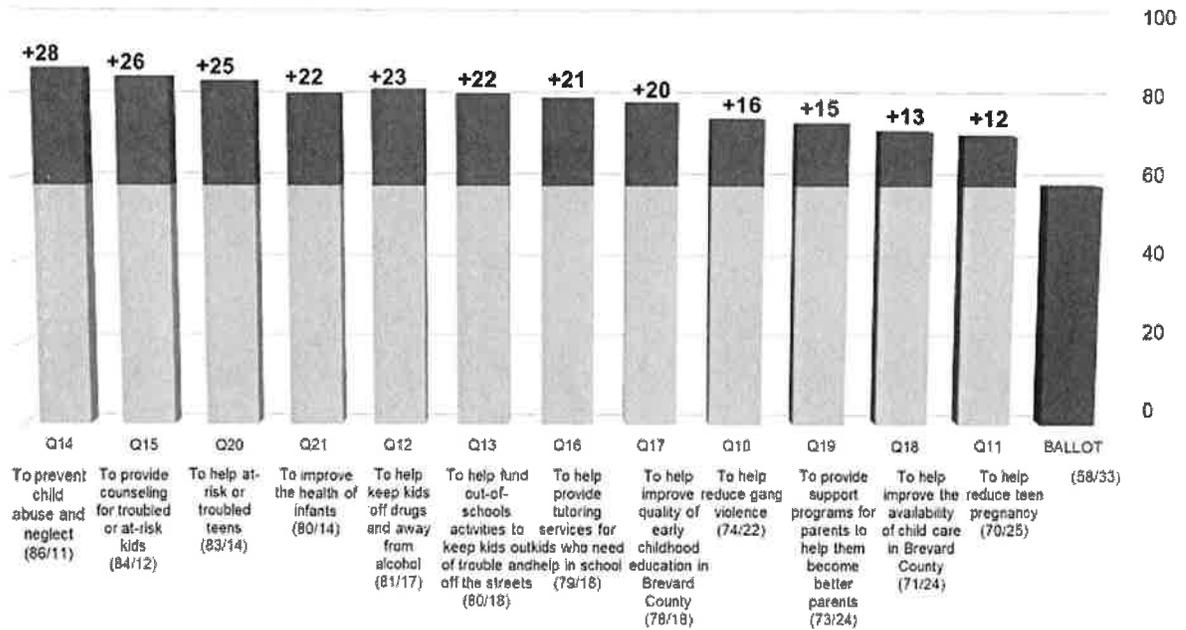
The Children's Services Council of Brevard County is an independent special district established by the Brevard County Commission in 1990 to provide preventative, development, treatment, rehabilitation, and other services for children in Brevard County. Shall the Council be granted authority to fund these services by levying an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-half mill with all expenditures to be spent exclusively for these services for children in Brevard County?



## 1.4 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

# Anchors & Elevators

Q10-21 For each, please tell me if you think that project is important or unimportant for the property tax money to be spent on.



Source: Brevard County Poll Results | Clearview Research | 12/20/18-1/27/2019

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## 1.5 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

Q10-21: For each, please tell me if you think that project that project is important or unimportant for the property tax money to be spent on.

Rank Order  
(Highest to Lowest Net "Important" Response)

#	Questions Text	Important	Unimportant	Net +/-
14	To prevent child abuse and neglect	86%	11%	75
15	To provide counseling for troubled or at-risk kids	84%	12%	72
20	To help at-risk or troubled teens	83%	14%	69
21	To improve the health of infants	80%	14%	66
12	To help keep kids off drugs and away from alcohol	81%	17%	64
13	To help fund out-of-schools activities to keep kids out of trouble and off the streets	80%	18%	62
16	To help provide tutoring services for kids who need help in school	79%	18%	61
17	To help improve quality of early childhood education in Brevard County	78%	18%	60
10	To help reduce gang violence	74%	22%	52
19	To provide support programs for parents to help them become better parents	73%	24%	49
18	To help improve the availability of child care in Brevard County	71%	24%	47
11	To help reduce teen pregnancy	70%	25%	45

## 1.6 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

Q22-25: Next I would like to read you some statements about the Children's Services Council of Brevard County. For each statement, Please tell me whether you would be more or less likely to support it based on the following information:

Rank Order  
(Highest to Lowest Net "Likely" Response)

#	Questions Text	Likely	Unlikely	Net +/-
22	All of the money raised for the Council will be used right here in Brevard County	83%	14%	69
25	The Children's Services Council will utilize a Citizen Review Committee similar to those created to oversee the Brevard Schools Capital Improvement Plan and the Save Our Indian River Lagoon initiative	61%	29%	32
23	A yes vote is a vote to use property tax money to fund these local services	56%	36%	20
24	The Children's Services Council would be funded with property tax dollars and some say that it is not fair to make property owners pay for the costs of these services	48%	43%	5

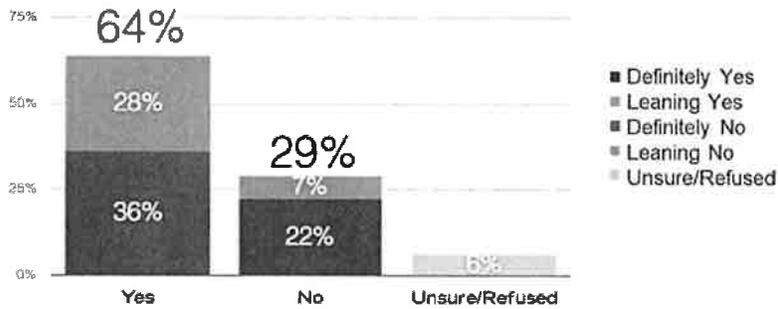
1.7 VOTER POLL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM

# General Findings

2nd Round Test Ballot

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BREVARD COUNTY

The Children's Services Council of Brevard County is an independent special district established by the Brevard County Commission in 1990 to provide preventative, development, treatment, rehabilitation, and other services for children in Brevard County. Shall the Council be granted authority to fund these services by levying an ad valorem tax not to exceed one-half mill with all expenditures to be spent exclusively for these services for children in Brevard County?



## 2. RESEARCH AND REFERENCES

### BREVARD COUNTY CHILDREN IN NEED

**106,213 Children living in Brevard County**

2016 Population under age 18  
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0>

**17,161 Children enrolled in exceptional education programs**

2015/16 Students enrolled in exceptional education programs  
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0>

**22,864 Children under 18 living in poverty**

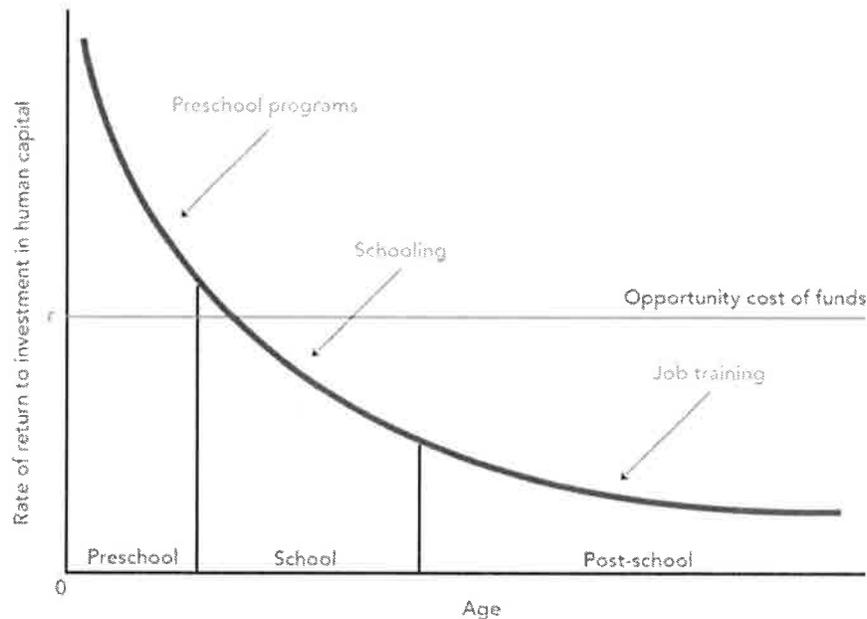
2016 Children under 18 in poverty  
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0>

**8,441 Children involved in child abuse investigations**

October, 2016-September 2017 Children Subject of Maltreatment Investigations  
<http://fosteringcourtimprovement.org/fl/County/Brevard/>

**8,109 Children uninsured**

2017 Children ages 0-17 without health insurance; 7.6% of 106,694 children=8,109  
<http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.School-agedChildandAdolProfile>



Source: Carrano and Heckman, 2003<sup>14</sup>

<b>CHILDREN WILL BEGIN LIFE HEALTHY AND THRIVING</b>
<b>176</b> Substance exposed newborns
2015 Substance exposed newborns <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/</a>
<b>285</b> Births to teen moms
2015 Births to mothers under age 20 <a href="https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0">https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0</a>
<b>420</b> Low-birthweight babies
2017 Low birthweight births <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/FLQUERY/Birth/BirthRpt.aspx">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/FLQUERY/Birth/BirthRpt.aspx</a>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>
Hospital charges for the first year of life for a normal birthweight baby average \$5,800 while the average hospitalization costs for a low birthweight baby average \$205,000.
Cuevas KD, Silver DR, Brooten D, Youngblut JM, Bobo CM. The cost of prematurity: hospital charges at birth and frequency of rehospitalizations and acute care visits over the first year of life: a comparison by gestational age and birthweight. American Journal of Nursing; 2005 July;105(7):56-64. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15995395">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/15995395</a>
<b>CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED</b>
<b>608</b> Children on the waiting list for child care support
July, 2018 Early Learning Coalition
<b>2,811</b> Three- and four-year-old children not enrolled in school
2018 Not enrolled in school: 3 and 4 years <a href="https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk">https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=bkmk</a>
<b>6,750</b> Pre-school children living in poverty
2016 Children ages 0-4 in poverty <a href="https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0">https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#FL/2/0/char/0</a>
<b>\$11,000+</b> Average annual cost of preschool childcare
July, 2018 Early Learning Coalition
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>
For every \$1 spent on afterschool programs, the return to taxpayers ranges from \$2.99 to \$4.03. Expenditures produce benefits in the areas of improved school performance, increased compensation, and reduced crime and welfare costs.
Brown et. al, The Costs and Benefits of After School Programs: The Estimated Effects of the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002, The Rose Institute of Claremont-McKenna College, September 2002. <a href="http://s10294.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Costs_Benefits_After_School_Programs.pdf">http://s10294.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Costs_Benefits_After_School_Programs.pdf</a>

<b>CHILDREN WILL START SCHOOL READY TO LEARN AND SUCCEED</b>
<b>1,884</b> Children ages 10-17 arrested, all offenses
2016 Arrests, All Offenses by County, Youth Ages 10-17, Single Year Rates <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.School-agedChildandAdolProfile">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.School-agedChildandAdolProfile</a>
<b>2,437</b> Elementary and middle school children not promoted
2016 Elementary school students not promoted 1,993; Middle school students not promoted 444; Total 2,437
<b>4,348</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 6 <sup>th</sup> graders overweight and obese
2015/16 Overweight and obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th grade students –1st, 3rd, and 6th grade students with a body mass index greater than or equal to the 85th percentile. <a href="http://floridakidscount.org/docs/2018Index/Brevard.pdf">http://floridakidscount.org/docs/2018Index/Brevard.pdf</a>
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<b>CHILDREN WILL BE SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY SECURE</b>
<b>11</b> Children and young adults committed suicide
2017 Suicide Crude Death Rate, Ages 0-20, Single Year Rates <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.School-agedChildandAdolProfile">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=ChartsProfiles.School-agedChildandAdolProfile</a>
<b>341</b> Children enrolled in substance abuse programs
2016 Substance Abuse Program Enrollees – Children <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/charts/OtherIndicators/NonVitalIndNoGrpCountsDataViewer.aspx?cid=8724">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/charts/OtherIndicators/NonVitalIndNoGrpCountsDataViewer.aspx?cid=8724</a>
<b>5,102</b> Children emotionally disturbed
2018 Estimated Emotionally Disturbed, Ages 9-17 <a href="http://www.flhealthcharts.com/charts/OtherIndicators/NonVitalIndNoGrpCountsDataViewer.aspx?cid=8680">http://www.flhealthcharts.com/charts/OtherIndicators/NonVitalIndNoGrpCountsDataViewer.aspx?cid=8680</a>
<b>RETURN ON INVESTMENT</b>
There is an \$11 return for every \$1 invested in social and emotional learning interventions that improve mental health and academic achievement, and reduce delinquency, substance abuse, and violence.
Clive Belfield, Brooks Bowden, Alli Klapp, Henry Levin, Robert Shand, Sabine Zander. Center for Benefit-Cost Studies in Education. Teachers College, Columbia University. February, 2015 (Revised).

### 3. FLORIDA CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL SUMMARIES

#### **Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County**

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
1990	2014	\$8,610,188	0.4765

*Priority Areas*

Keeping kids off the streets - \$1.6M (20%)	50,717 persons served
Keeping kids in school - funding to priority area -\$1.4M (17%)	2,480 children
Ensuring every baby is healthy - \$1.2M (14.3%)	38,138 children
Stopping child abuses - \$921K (11.3%)	4,752 children
	2,127 families

*Top Funded Agencies*

The Arc of St. Lucie County  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 Hibiscus Children's Center  
 Early Learning Coalition

#### **Children's Services Council of Martin County**

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
1988	2014	\$5,766,000	0.3618

*Priority Areas*

Success in School & Life - \$2.4M (42%)	# Children Served
Healthy Children - \$1.4M (25%)	
Strong Families - \$791K (14%)	
Safe Communities – \$217K (3.8%)	

*Top Funded Agencies*

Early Learning Coalition - \$686K  
 City of Stuart Community Services - \$512K  
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County - \$339K  
 The Arc of St. Lucie County – \$180K  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters – \$152K

#### **Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County**

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
1986	2014	\$129,478,109	0.6745

*Priority Areas*

Quality Child Care – \$51.441M (39.7%)	# Children Served
Heathy Beginnings - \$29.570M (22.8%)	
Bridges (Transitions from Middle School to High School to Career) – \$5.674M (4.4%)	

*Top Funded Agencies*

Early Learning Coalition – \$30M  
 Head Start Match - \$5.2M  
 Entry Agency (Prenatal) – \$3.1M  
 Healthy Beginnings Nurses - \$3M

### Children's Services Council of Broward County

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
2000	2014	\$79,008,364	.4882

#### Priority Areas

Abuse & Neglect - \$13M (16%)	# Children Served 3,819 children served
Youth Development - \$13M (16%)	296,455 children served
Special Needs – \$10.9M (12.6%)	2296 children served
Early Education - \$6.984M (.5%)	74,000 children served

#### Top Funded Agencies

YMCA - \$12.1M  
 Early Learning Coalition - \$5M  
 Broward Regional Planning Council - \$4M  
 After School Program - \$3.7M

### The Children's Trust of Miami

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
2002	2008	\$176,398,398	0.4673

#### Priority Areas

Youth Development - \$46.2M (26.2%)	# Children Served 35,866 children served
Early Childhood Development - \$20.8M (11.8%)	28,920 children served
Health and Wellness - \$16.035M (9.1%)	99,454 children served
Parenting - \$15.205M (8.6%)	8,633 children served

#### Top Funded Agencies

Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe  
 Excel Kids Academy  
 Miami-Dade County Depart. Cultural Affairs  
 Read To Learn

### Children's Services Council of Manatee County

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
1990		\$11,198,175	

#### Priority Areas

Prevention and Redirection – \$2.4M	# Children Served 27,320 children
Out of School Time - \$1.9M	6,398 clients
School Readiness - \$1.5M	2,324 clients
Family Strengthening and Support - \$971K	2,410 clients
Crisis Stabilization – \$ 816K	5,115 clients

#### Top Funded Agencies

Early Learning Coalition  
 Behavior Health and Substance Misuse  
 Boys and Girls  
 Healthy Families  
 Crisis Counseling and Advocacy

**Children's Services Council of Hillsborough County**

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
		\$38,922,689	

*Priority Areas*

*# Children Served*

- Children are Healthy and Safe (*Prenatal – Birth*)
- Children are Healthy and Safe (*Birth to Age 8*)
- Children are Developmentally on Track (*Birth – Preschool*)
- Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed (*Birth – Preschool*)
- Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed (*K – Age 8*)
- Children are Ready to Learn and Succeed (*Middle/High School*)
- Children have Supported and Supportive Families (*Birth – Middle*)

*Top Funded Agencies*

- Healthy Start Coalition - \$5.8M
- Children's Home Network - \$2.8M
- Early Learning Coalition - \$2.1M
- USF Dept. of Pediatrics - \$1.9M
- Metropolitan Ministries – \$1.9M
- Champions for Children - \$1.5M

**Kids Hope Alliance -Jacksonville Children's Commission**

Year Founded	Year Reauthorized	Total Revenue	Current Millage
1994	N/A	\$33,257,878	0.4673

*Priority Areas*

*# Children Served*

- Safety: School-Based Afterschool - \$10.9M (33%)
- Early Learning: Quality Coaching, Training & Assessment - \$3.9M (11.8%)
- Nutrition Services - \$3.8M (11.3%)

*Top Funded Agencies*

- The Bridge of Northeast Florida
- Communities in Schools of Jacksonville
- Daniel Memorial
- Episcopal Children's Services

#### 4. SNAPSHOT OF AGENCY PROGRAM NEEDS

At the request of the Children's Services Council of Brevard a survey was developed and sent out to local agencies serving children in Brevard County to identify existing and potential program and funding needs. If the referendum makes it to the ballot and voters decide to invest in the health and well-being of our children, the Council projects to have **\$7.6 Million** to fund programs directly aligned with the four established priority areas.

In the survey, agencies were asked how funding could strengthen their existing programs. Additionally, agencies were asked what new could be developed to serve the unmet needs of local children. Agencies were asked to consider their most urgent programming needs and to share how extra funding could support their current clients and minimize waiting lists. Agencies were also asked to detail matching dollars towards programs funded.

#### Responding Agencies

211 Brevard  
AMI Kids Space Coast  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Brevard Achievement Center  
Brevard County Legal Aid  
Brevard Family Partnership  
Central Florida Council, BSA  
Children's Advocacy Center  
Children's Home Society  
Club Esteem, Inc.  
Community Treatment Center  
Computers Advancing Education  
Counselors for Change  
Crosswinds Youth Services  
Early Learning Coalition  
Eckerd Connects  
Girl Scouts of Citrus

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren  
Healthy Start Coalition  
IMPOWER  
Junior Achievement  
Lifetime Counseling Center  
My Community Cares, Inc.  
Niños Health  
Space Coast Early Intervention Center  
The Brevard Health Alliance, Inc.  
The Children's Center  
The Children's Hunger Project  
The Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids  
The Haven for Children, Inc.  
The Salvation Army of Melbourne  
United Way of Brevard  
Victory Kid Sports Foundation

Agency Name: <b>2-1-1 Brevard</b>
Program Name: Crisis Intervention/Suicide Prevention
Program Description: 1. Expand crisis/suicide intervention, care coordination & behavioral health support for youth via phone, text & online chat. 2. Use 2-1-1 as centralized screening hub to connect families with minor children with wrap-around services (Pinellas County model) 3. Enhance Help Me Grow Brevard to increase engagement of child health providers and connect children with developmental screening and intervention services.
Funding Needed: \$265,000
Children to be Served: 1. 4,000 - 8,000 (duplicated) callers 3. 200
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: There are currently no resources available to increase capacity as described above. BTW - the 3 described services could address priority areas 1 & 3 as well as 4
Match/Leverage: Unknown at this time

Agency Name: <b>AMIKids Space Coast</b>
Program Name: Health & Mental Health Services
Program Description: At intake each boy receives a needs assessment to identify the underlying mental health issues that must be addressed before he can make academic and behavioral gains. AMIKids serves only clientele with substance abuse disorders. As a result we adopted the nationally-recognized Seven Challenges treatment model, which provides a structure for group counseling and a framework for working with individuals. Independent studies have shown that this program significantly decreases the substance use of adolescents and greatly improves their overall mental health status. Goals: Provide students with quality health care, increase their rate of academic success, improve their physical and mental well-being, and reduce recidivism.
Funding Needed: \$75,000
Children to be Served: 50
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: 14
Statement of Need: The proposed service will result in cost avoidance for Brevard County Government by reducing Medicaid match costs, penal costs, and rehabilitative costs to the County.
Match/Leverage: Yes, CBO

Agency Name: <b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida</b>
Program Name: Brevard County Mentoring programs
Program Description: Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We are Defenders of Potential.
Funding Needed: \$180,000
Children to be Served: 120
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: 60
Statement of Need: Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We are Defenders of Potential.
Match/Leverage: Yes we would

Agency Name: <b>Brevard Achievement Center</b>
Program Name: World of Work and The Studio@BAC
Program Description: World of Work served students with disabilities in BPS middle schools with pre-employment training, supporting transition into more independent lives after high school. The Studio@BAC offers elementary through high school students with disabilities arts enrichment and educational opportunities in their normal school day, allowing children who otherwise have little cultural engagement the chance to experience accessible arts activities
Funding Needed: \$275,000
Children to be Served: 1100
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: World of Work would allow middle school students with disabilities to begin gaining skills that assist them in obtaining and maintaining community employment after high school. Solid readiness prior to employment leads to more successful employment outcomes, allowing individuals to gain greater independence. The Studio@BAC provides a broad range of artistic experiences and exposure to children with disabilities, helping explore areas of their lives that allow them to live and grow as integrated members of our community. Because of limited funding, services are limited to only part of the school year. Greater gains in learning would be realized with expansion.
Match/Leverage: Yes; funds from the Division of Cultural Affairs for arts educations for students with disabilities require a local match. Previous grant awards - \$25,000

Agency Name: <b>Brevard County Legal Aid</b>
Program Name: Children's Legal Assistance Project
Program Description: This project provides legal representation to abused and neglected children in foster care. CLAP attorneys ensure that children who are removed from their homes and placed in the system are safe and receiving proper care, including mental health and medical care. The project's goal is to access appropriate treatment and/or placement for these children, many of whom have special needs. CLAP attorneys protect access to educational opportunities, stabilize transition from a foster care to independent living, and ensure that the court understands each child's needs. We help our clients obtain the skills that will lead to a successful, independent lives.
Funding Needed: \$150,000
Children to be Served: 150
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: 1296 children were in foster care in Brevard County in 2017. This is the 11 <sup>th</sup> highest ranking county in Florida. Brevard also ranks 9 <sup>th</sup> in the state for repeat entry into the system. Most of these children are emotionally, developmentally, or physically challenged. Sadly, there is no right to legal representation for these kids. Unlike other counties, Brevard has not established an independent taxing district that could provide funding for children's legal services. Notable studies of such programs in other counties present ample evidence demonstrating the positive impact of legal representation for foster kids and the communities where they live.
Match/Leverage: Yes, we anticipate various funding sources, including the Florida Bar Foundation and Space Coast Health Foundation will provide matching funds.

Agency Name: <b>Brevard Family Partnership</b>
Program Name: Programs
Program Description: BFP Programs Division serves as the single point of entry for all children entering the foster care system. Programs Division encompasses foster and group care, foster home licensing, clinical services, Family Team Conferencing and community supports and services.
Funding Needed: \$300,000
Children to be Served: Unknown
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: Mentoring/Big Brothers Big Sisters
Statement of Need: Mentoring programs provide opportunities for youth leadership, skill building, and sustained connections between youth and adults. School-based social-emotional learning programs have shown significant improvement in social and emotional skills, attitudes, and academic performance and reductions in internalizing symptoms and risky behaviors. Extra-curricular and after school programs promote involvement of positive adult role models, older peers, and supportive group settings. Youth drop in centers (YMCA or recreational centers) help to create a healthy outlet for children to gain new skills, develop a sense of team and connect with positive role models. Teen and young adult job skill training and placement programs are needed to help young people transition successfully into adulthood.
Match/Leverage: Not at this time

Agency Name: <b>Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America</b>
Program Name: Scouting in Brevard County
Program Description: The Central Florida Council provides the Scouting program to at-risk children in Brevard County. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
Funding Needed: \$40,000
Children to be Served: 300
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: To provide the program for additional youth, more funds are required.
Match/Leverage: Unknown

Agency Name: <b>Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard</b>
Program Name: Clinical Intervention Program and Child Protection Team
Program Description: We provide assessments to children who have alleged to be abused and short term trauma focused therapy to victim children and non-offending caregivers at no cost.
Funding Needed: \$100,000
Children to be Served: 200
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: To enhance access to services to better provide for our community in order to decrease, prevent crime, delinquency, abuse, drugs, etc. Also decrease recidivism rates in our dependency, abuse, and criminal systems.
Match/Leverage: yes

<b>Agency Name: Children's Home Society</b>
Program Name: Infant Mental Health
Program Description: Providing infant mental health services to children ages 0-3 years old. Focused on working with parent and child in a dyadic model that focuses on social and emotional well-being of parent and child. Utilization of dyadic activities to promote attachment, parent education on age appropriate child development, assessments to determine social and emotional as well as physical development, relationship enhancement and activities to promote children's developmental trajectory. Research indicates the first 1000 days are critical to healthy brain development and can influence behavioral and mental health, relationships, and academic success throughout life. As a true prevention program, this program would focus on high risk families and provide them the necessary education and support to help infants and toddlers grow up to achieve their full potential. Supports would also be provided to the parents.
Funding Needed: \$89,300
Children to be Served: 40 families
Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: We are seeing an increase in mental health needs country wide. The impact of the first 1000 days in a child's life cannot be underestimated. For years, it was thought that children under age 3 did not have feelings and did not respond to trauma or parental neglect as older children do. Research on brain development and trauma has proven that to be false. Services for children under age 5 are very limited, and typically focus in the day care, medical, or disabilities areas. Infant mental health is rarely funded through any other means, yet is so critical to the growth and development of children.
Match/Leverage: NA

<b>Agency Name: Children's Home Society</b>
Program Name: Clinical Services
Program Description: This would expand services to children who have private insurance with large co-pays and deductibles by helping parents cost share these expenses in order to ensure their children get mental health and behavioral health services.
Funding Needed: \$36,000
Children to be Served: 30
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Families with private insurance with plans with large co-pays or large deductibles for behavioral health and mental health services often must pay \$80-\$100 per session out of pocket to get services for their children. Families who struggle to make ends meet have to choose between services for their child and other life necessities, such as electricity and food, when faced with a \$400 per month additional expense. This often prohibits children in need of mental and behavioral health services from getting the help they need, even when they have insurance. This creates a significant gap in the services available to children in our community.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>Children's Home Society</b>
Program Name: Early Head Start
Program Description: Early Head Start is a federal grant providing high quality early childhood education to children who meet federal poverty guidelines to assist in providing enriching educational support for social, emotional, physical, and educational development. The goal is to prepare children for kindergarten and lessen the education gap often created through socio economic disparities. The current Early Head Start is funded for only 9.5 months of the year. This funding would expand to 12 months, year around programming. Two of our 3 EHS centers are NAEYC accredited and are among the highest quality early childhood centers in the county.
Funding Needed: \$277,842
Children to be Served: 64
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: 80
Statement of Need: By funding the remaining year of child care and education, parents who are working or attending school (requirements for enrollment in the center based EHS program) will be able to continue these endeavors through the summer months. Parents often must quit their jobs for the summer to care for their children or may need to forgo taking classes during the summer. Part of EHS is helping families to improve their environmental circumstances to become more self-sufficient, and having quality year around early childhood education and care for their children is a huge step in a family's progress towards that goal.
Match/Leverage: No, but it does count towards the non-federal share requirement of the Early Head Start grant that focuses on the local community supporting early childhood education.

Agency Name: <b>Club Esteem, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Challenging Youth - Embracing Excellence After-school and Summer Program
Program Description: Our primary goal is to ensure that all participating students are performing at or above grade level each year, allowing them to be promoted annually to the next grade and ultimately graduating from high school on time. We encourage students to be diverse and help them to find additional areas of interest outside of school which will help to grow them as a person and to have a competitive college resume when graduating from high school. In addition to academic support, Club Esteem offers a wide variety of free enrichment programming such as dance, art, drama, music lessons, STEM programming, Community Service Learning activities, field trips, special events and more.
Funding Needed: \$414,206
Children to be Served: 200
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: 25
Statement of Need: Studies show students who come from low income families have less access to higher education and this severely limits their chances of leaving poverty in their adult life. Data from the U.S. Department of Education shows, low-income and minority students face significant disparities in access to quality educational opportunities and resources- including access to services critical for college success. The U.S. Department of Education reports a high school graduation rate of 72%. In Brevard County, this number drops to 81.3% for Hispanic/Latino students and 74.8% for African- American students. Club Esteem is focused on addressing these disparities as we believe that all children deserve equal opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of their economic circumstances.
Match/Leverage: Club Esteem is confident that we will be able to match giving through its continuous fund development activities. With local match dollars from local government we plan to draw down an additional \$12,000 in support of our program. This will allow us to serve an additional 50 kids.

Agency Name: <b>Community Treatment Center, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Adult Substance abuse treatment
Program Description: Community Treatment Center, Inc. was established in 1969 and has been at the forefront of addiction treatment services in Brevard County. CTC is the only licensed Level III residential treatment provider in Brevard County. Our organization serves the indigent, uninsured, and unemployed individuals to obtain long-term recovery. We utilize a comprehensive treatment approach designed to motivate clients using evidence-based practice tools. We provide a total of twenty-five (25) male residential beds. Our program is considered long term; six months to one year in length of stay. Our program is designed to assist clients to obtain and maintain long-term recovery, employment, comply with the criminal justice system, and reunite healthy family relationships.
Funding Needed: \$50,000
Children to be Served: 95% of our clients have children
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: We always have a waiting list.
Statement of Need: In Brevard County we are observing an unfortunate surge in the opioid epidemic. At CTC we offer drug free, licensed substance abuse treatment opportunities for individuals entangled in the opioid crisis. CTC is a beacon of light that supplies quality recovery solutions in the midst of this emergency in our community. Children in Brevard County do not have a chance, without drug free parents.
Match/Leverage: Yes. All of our programs are self-pay.

Agency Name: <b>Computers Advancing Education, Inc</b>
Program Name: Computers Advancing Education Give away
Program Description: To supply educational equipment (i.e. Computers, etc) to disadvantage and economically challenge individuals (K-12, College students, Veterans and seniors to further educational endeavors. We also Teach basic computer operations.
Funding Needed: \$20,000
Children to be Served: Approximately 100 per month
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: We are now applying to be a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher Program This will allow us the purchase hardware to upgrade systems and allow us to apply the newest operational software on systems given away (i.e. Windows 10). We can also add the learning lab to teach computer operations, troubleshooting and repair.
Match/Leverage: We cannot match funds but everything we do at CAEI is to enhance the educational need's in Brevard County.

Agency Name: <b>Counselors for Change</b>
Program Name: The Ripple Effect
Program Description: Counselors for Change collaborates with mental health professionals who have a wealth of knowledge and expertise on issues facing today's schools and students. The organization actively recruits and offers mental health professionals, motivational speakers, and leaders in the field of mental health and wellness additional training to provide research-supported educational workshops and presentations on a classroom or school wide basis to educate and empower schools, staff, students, and their families with the resources and education to address the evolving and growing challenges students face daily. Example topics include suicide awareness, prevention, and effective interventions, brain health, stress management, understanding neurodiversity, substance abuse awareness, healthy media habits, and mindfulness.
Funding Needed: \$65,000
Children to be Served: For every mental health professional trained, hundreds of students can be served.
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: The challenges facing students today are numerous and growing. Schools have reported consistent increases in violence towards self and others, such as, suicide, bullying and cyber-bullying, addiction, overdoses, disordered eating, self-injurious behaviors, as well as, school shootings. According to the Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report (2016), there were 296 suicides in youth ages 10-24 making it the third leading cause of death for that population. Furthermore, the increase in violence, the related media coverage, coupled with the high levels of media exposure, have resulted in increased anxiety, depression, and stress-related disorders in students, schools, and communities. A snapshot of the areas' high school statistics show that the public schools typically have student populations ranging from 1,100 to over 2,000 students per high school. These extensive school populations are being served on average by 4 school counselors per school.
Match/Leverage: A community that focuses on mental health prevention, early intervention, and education not only reduces the multi-billion dollar sink holes of addiction, inadequate education, increased health risks, and the school to prison pipeline, but creates a community that people want to live in, work in, raise children in, and invest in. It is equally important to note that a wealthy community is not defined solely in monetary terms.
Agency Name: <b>Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Stop Now and Plan (SNAP)
Program Description: The SNAP program is an evidence based program that provides high-risk youth (6-11) and their families strategies to increase pro-social skills that will help the youth stay in school and out of trouble by making better choices. SNAP has been used for over 35 years and has many years of research to support the work. Youth and their families participate in engaging activities such as group discussions, role-playing, interactive games and self-reflection to address topics including dealing with anger, learning how to cope and practice self-control, engaging in problem solving and learning not to bully and how to prevent bullying.
Funding Needed: \$221,232
Children to be Served: 36
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids.
Waiting List: A waiting list is not kept. Only intake youth for the number slots we receive funding to serve.
Statement of Need: In Crosswinds' six months of providing SNAP programming, we had an additional 50 plus requests for services from schools and families. Many schools in Brevard County are requesting services. Additional funding would enable Crosswinds to serve families whose youth are acting out and need immediate intervention. SNAP services significantly reduce behavior problems in schools and homes and improve children's ability to receive their education.
Match/Leverage: Potential to leverage dollars through the state

Agency Name: <b>Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Community Counseling
Program Description: Community counseling supports youth and families helping them to improve emotional and mental health challenges. Young people who are runaways, habitually truant, ungovernable (do not obey their guardians) or homeless – and their families – can receive services to improve their behaviors, resolve conflicts effectively and start communicating again. Frequently, these issues are directly linked to emotional and mental health challenges.
Funding Needed: \$324,480
Children to be Served: 240
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health.
Waiting List: Crosswinds does not maintain a waiting list because we have the capacity for only 175 slots. Many families go without services due to the lack of capacity.
Statement of Need: Crosswinds' community counseling program services Brevard County with in-home assessment and counseling services. Brevard County is 72 miles long, with referrals coming from all parts of the county. 240 families could be served with funding for 4 additional counselors. In-home counseling allows children to receive services to address their mental health needs without the adults in the family having to provide transportation which is a barrier for services with many families.
Match/Leverage: Not applicable

Agency Name: <b>Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter
Program Description; The Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter can be accessed 24 /7; offers supervised temporary group shelter for youth ages 10 through 17. The shelter addresses the youth's immediate needs of shelter, food, clothing, and other basic necessities, including referral to health care. The program also offers other supportive services, including, but not limited to, individual, group and family counseling and recreational activities. Services are highly individualized based on assessment and the youth's service plan, which is developed with youth and family input. Services focus on engaging the family as much as possible to strengthen relationships and ultimately keep families intact.
Funding Needed: \$127,710
Children to be Served: 30
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health.
Waiting List: Crosswinds does not maintain a waiting list because we have the capacity for only 175 slots. Many families go without services due to the lack of capacity.
Statement of Need: Many of the youth are either sleeping on floors or couches at friends' homes, sleeping in cars with their parents, or are spending nights in the woods in various places around Brevard County. Crosswinds' shelter has seen a significant increase in admissions for homeless youth. These youth have longer term needs than many of the other youth we serve, which means a bed might not be available for another youth in need.
Match/Leverage: Potential to leverage dollars through the Federal government

Agency Name: <b>Early Learning Coalition</b>
Program Name: School Readiness
Program Description: School readiness programs have been designed to prepare children for school, particularly those from income-eligible families. These programs are intended to serve as a preventive measure for children at risk of future school failure. Priority for school readiness program participation is given to: children whose parents are economically disadvantaged, children who have been determined to be at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and children with special needs.
Funding Needed: \$215,000
Children to be Served: 884
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: 609
Statement of Need: Brevard has over 4,000 single working moms! Locally, there are 7,584 families struggling to earn enough money for a bare-minimum household budget. Most of this group according to the ELC, make just enough not to qualify for services. But they don't make enough to really make ends meet. Sometimes just ten cents an hour pushes a family out of subsidized childcare. Families are forced to make tough decisions like not accepting a raise because it disqualifies them from services. This is especially true when the raise won't cover the additional cost of childcare they would then incur.
Match/Leverage: With local match dollars, an additional \$3.58 million will be drawn down to serve an additional 834 children for a total local impact of \$3.8 million providing services for 884 children.

Agency Name: <b>Early Learning Coalition</b>
Program Name: Public-Private Partnership
Program Description: Providing access to early childhood education programs to income-eligible families through a public-private partnership that assists Brevard County working families; funding is matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis which effectively doubles the funding available for early childhood education assistance for eligible families.
Funding Needed: \$430,000
Children to be Served: 200
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Brevard has over 4,000 single working moms! Locally, there are 7,584 families struggling to earn enough money for a bare-minimum household budget. Most of this group according to the ELC, make just enough not to qualify for services. But they don't make enough to really make ends meet. Sometimes just ten cents an hour pushes a family out of subsidized childcare. Families are forced to make tough decisions like not accepting a raise because it disqualifies them from services. This is especially true when the raise won't cover the additional cost of childcare they would then incur.
Match/Leverage: 200 children (birth to 12) at \$2150 a year for child care services = \$430,000 (local impact and full cost of care with matching dollars = \$4300 a year and \$860,000).

<b>Agency Name: Early Learning Coalition</b>
Program Name: Infant and early childhood mental health services for children
Program Description: Addressing the need for enhanced infant and early childhood mental health services for children experiencing significant challenges in early childhood classrooms
Funding Needed: \$150,000
Children to be Served: 3,400
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Brevard has over 4,000 single working moms! Locally, there are 7,584 families struggling to earn enough money for a bare-minimum household budget. Most of this group according to the ELC, make just enough not to qualify for services. But they don't make enough to really make ends meet. Sometimes just ten cents an hour pushes a family out of subsidized childcare. Families are forced to make tough decisions like not accepting a raise because it disqualifies them from services. This is especially true when the raise won't cover the additional cost of childcare they would then incur.
Match/Leverage: NA

<b>Agency Name: Early Learning Coalition</b>
Program Name: Enhance quality of Brevard early learning programs
Program Description: Supporting pay for performance quality early learning programs that 1) evaluate the quality of Brevard early learning programs using a standardized measure, 2) provide supports/technical assistance to those programs that would benefit from increasing the quality of their programs and 3) educate parents of young children about the quality of local early learning programs so that they can make the best decisions for their children. Pay for performance payment differentials, technical assistance, parent education campaign = \$350,000
Funding Needed: \$350,000
Children to be Served: 3,400
Priority Area Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Brevard has over 4,000 single working moms! Locally, there are 7,584 families struggling to earn enough money for a bare-minimum household budget. Most of this group according to the ELC, make just enough not to qualify for services. But they don't make enough to really make ends meet. Sometimes just ten cents an hour pushes a family out of subsidized childcare. Families are forced to make tough decisions like not accepting a raise because it disqualifies them from services. This is especially true when the raise won't cover the additional cost of childcare they would then incur.
Match/Leverage: NA

<b>Agency Name: Early Learning Coalition</b>
Program Name: Professional Development
Program Description: Supporting professional development needs of early childhood education teachers through teacher stipends, high quality professional development opportunities, onsite coaching and mentoring program.
Funding Needed: \$250,000
Children to be Served: 3,400
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: 200 teacher stipends @\$500/each = \$100,000 Professional development for teachers= \$50,000 Onsite coaching and mentoring program to enhance the quality of services provided in early childhood classrooms as well as grow and develop the early childhood workforce = \$100,000
Match/Leverage: NA

<b>Agency Name: Eckerd Connects</b>
Program Name: Hi-Five School-Based Prevention
Program Description: Character education, violence prevention and substance abuse prevention services utilizing the Second Step and Too Good for Drugs & Violence evidenced-based curricula. Services are available to elementary and middle school students. Weekly classroom sessions combine instruction and role-playing, students build skills for controlling impulses, managing anger, coping with peer pressure, and gaining empathy for others. The classroom sessions are followed by family workshops that help students transfer the skills they learned in the classroom to their homes. Children in need of more intensive guidance receive a personalized prevention plan, mentoring, small group sessions and involvement in meaningful community service programs.
Funding Needed: \$300,000
Children to be Served: 900
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: According to the most recent county-level results from the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS): Brevard County students ages 10-14 report that, in their lifetime, 17% report using any illicit drug, 24.7% of them used alcohol and 8.1% used marijuana and hashish (FYSAS, 2016). A study published by National Institutes of Health (NIH) shows that use of alcohol and other drugs elevate the risk of student delinquency, potential criminal activity and other antisocial behaviors non-completion of schooling. Furthermore, opioid and drug overdoses are on the rise in youth populations. Increased early intervention and prevention education through school-based programs are critical.
Match/Leverage: Yes, potentially. The organization currently receives enough funding for only two elementary schools in the county to receive this effective prevention program. The added funding would increase the program's reach to 5 or 6 schools. The effective total including expected in-kind dollars would be \$486,000 and allow the organization to apply for larger grants from private organizations that could increase prevention programming for Brevard.

Agency Name: <b>Girl Scouts of Citrus</b>
Program Name: Every Girl Every Where
Program Description: The Every Girl Every Where program gives girls who come from low income/low resource families the opportunity to take part in a Girl Scout experience regardless of background or circumstances. Through experiential learning activities girls develop courage, confidence and character essential to the Girl Scout tradition. The program will continue to incorporate a reading component that encourages girls to realize their potential and challenge themselves in their daily lives. Girls learn to become leaders and take action to improve their community, supporting the overall mission of the Girl Scouts to make the world a better place. The generosity of United Way of Brevard has allowed the Girl Scouts of Citrus Council to develop courageous confident girls for the past 18 years.
Funding Needed: \$50,000
Children to be Served: 350
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: The Every Girl Every Where program contributes to United Way of Brevard's emphasis on education. Girls in the program participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Girls have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, participate in community service projects and take a variety of classes to build courage and confidence while strengthening their character. Because these girls are from low income/low resource families, the Girl Scouts added a reading component that supports literacy initiatives and is designed to improve literacy skills among these girls. This important component provides girls the potential for school readiness, reading proficiency and school attendance.
Match/Leverage: yes. We reach out to donors in the community, various girl campaigns, and source from our Council Operating budget.

Agency Name: <b>Grandparents Raising Grandchildren of Brevard County, FL Inc. (GRG)</b>
Program Name: The Child First
Program Description: in Florida, every 5 minutes a child is abused. What does it mean to a child who can't live with their parents to know he or she is safe, loved and has a place to belong? -they desperately crave stability, trust, compassion and love. GRG serves over 50 relative care families a month through The Child First Program which provides ACCESS to obtain food stability, health care and TANF for low-income families. While families work towards self-sufficiency, their children have access to tutoring, recreational activities and school supplies which prepares them for future success.
Funding Needed: \$75,000
Children to be Served: 600
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: In Brevard County 1 in 12 children are living in relative care families and are considered homeless under federal law. Relatives who are given the responsibility of caring for children quickly confront financial, health, and social challenges. Relative caregivers receive less support than the USDA estimates it cost to raise a child. Florida only provides 25% for one child or \$242 and 17% for a second child. caregivers are saving taxpayers \$6.5 billion every year – that equates to \$40 million in Brevard County; by keeping 8,700 children out of the foster care system, enough to fill 10 public schools.
Match/Leverage: With local match dollars, an additional \$40,000.

<b>Agency Name: Healthy Start Coalition of Brevard County</b>
Program Name: Newborn Home Visitation Program
Program Description: The Newborn Home Visitation Program offers an RN home visit within 3-5 days of the baby being discharged from the four birthing hospitals in Brevard and consists of an overall health check of mom & baby, a safe sleep assessment, breastfeeding assessment, etc. with an additional visit if any issues or concerns are determined (by the RN) at the initial visit. i.e. jaundice, hypertension, infection, weight loss, need for breastfeeding support, etc. If the RN feels that further services are needed, she/he will ask mom to consent to services and Community Connect will assist them get connected to the appropriate service.
Funding Needed: \$480,000
Children to be Served: 5,200
<b>Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3</b>
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: All women can be at risk of having poor birth outcomes and all infants can be at risk for developmental delays and the risk of dying in their first year of life. Addition funding will allow HS to serve all women seeking services. Data Source: Department of Health, Vital Statistics, CHARTS In 2017, 420 babies were born low birth weight. (> 2500 grams) In 2017, 27 infants died within the first 364 days of life. Therefore in 2017, approximately 8% of all births in Brevard County had a poor birth outcome. With additional funding, families have the opportunity to have a positive outcome.
Match/Leverage: NA

<b>Agency Name: Healthy Start Coalition of Brevard County</b>
Program Name: Community Connect
Program Description: Community Connect links families to home visiting and axillary services through a collaborative, simplified approach. A Community Connect Program Specialist helps connect pregnant women and their infants with resources in the community that benefit their family. Referrals to home visiting programs like Healthy Families, Healthy Start, Nurse Family Partnership, Early Head Start, and additional community resources, such as Early Learning Coalition, Early Steps, and Help Me Grow, are based on risk factors discovered on the prenatal and infant risk screens that are completed at their Obstetrician office and birthing hospital. The goal of Community Connect is to get families the support they need and to lessen duplication of services.
Funding Needed: \$350,000
Children to be Served: 10,400
<b>Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3</b>
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: All women can be at risk of having poor birth outcomes and all infants can be at risk for developmental delays and the risk of dying in their first year of life. Funding is necessary so Community Connect can reach the entire community and not just those that are at highest risk. Data Source: Department of Health, Vital Statistics, CHARTS In 2017, 420 babies were born low birth weight. (> 2500 grams) In 2017, 27 infants died within the first 364 days of life. Therefore in 2017, approximately 8% of all births in Brevard County had a poor birth outcome. With the implementation of Community Connect, for all births, families have the opportunity to have a positive outcome.
Match/Leverage: Future grants

Agency Name: <b>Healthy Start Coalition of Brevard County</b>
Program Name: Healthy Start Program Services
Program Description: Healthy Start (HS) is a voluntary home visiting program designated to reduce low birth weight and reduce infant mortality. The program promotes access to health, positive parenting, and healthy child development thereby preventing poor birth outcomes. HS offers home visiting services to families most at-risk based on the universal risk screen.
Funding Needed: \$200,000
Children to be Served: 8400
Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: All women can be at risk of having poor birth outcomes and all infants can be at risk for developmental delays and the risk of dying in their first year of life. Funding is necessary so Community Connect can reach the entire community and not just those that are at highest risk. Data Source: Department of Health, Vital Statistics, CHARTS In 2017, 420 babies were born low birth weight. (> 2500 grams) In 2017, 27 infants died within the first 364 days of life. Therefore in 2017, approximately 8% of all births in Brevard County had a poor birth outcome. With the implementation of Community Connect, for all births, families have the opportunity to have a positive outcome.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>IMPOWER</b>
Program Name: Telehealth Services
Program Description: As the state's leading provider of telehealth services, IMPOWER offers mental health care through a HIPAA compliant and secure, web-based platform wherein individuals in even the most remote and provider impoverished areas can receive timely specialized treatment through a computer, smartphone or tablet. Services can include counseling, psychiatric care and/or medication management and are available by appointment and/or in crisis situations. Through Telehealth children benefit from immediate access to services and emergency care allowing them to experience shorter wait times for appointments, decrease in the stigma attached to mental health care, increase in accessibility and engagement in services. The increased participation and access to care ultimately reduces baker acts, unnecessary emergency room visits and arrests.
Funding Needed: \$117,650
Children to be Served: 65
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: 100+
Statement of Need: An estimated 1 in every 5 children experience a mental health issues each year, yet more than half go untreated due to barriers to care which can include shortage of providers, lack of access, transportation, cost, distance to travel, etc. Telehealth services overcomes all of these barriers providing quality, fast and convenient treatment available for children and their families to address their mental health needs.
Match/Leverage: Providing mental health services to children via Telehealth (ages 6-18). 65 children at \$1,810/year for mental health services = \$117,650 With local match dollars, and additional \$500,000 will be drawn down to serve an additional 276 children for a total impact of 341 children in Brevard County.

Agency Name: <b>Junior Achievement of the Space Coast</b>
Program Name: JA Afterschool - JA More Than Money
Program Description: JA More than Money introduces third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students to financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to learning objectives that include money-management skills, goods and services, and global markets. Following participation in the program, students are able to: Identify the role of money in everyday life; Think like entrepreneurs and identify a small business they can start; Learn the basic steps of starting a business; Consider the advantages and disadvantages of borrowing money; Explore the opportunities of global markets.
Funding Needed: \$36,000
Children to be Served: 1500
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: A study by America's Promise stated high school dropouts are 8x more likely to wind up in prison. Another study, The Silent Epidemic, said the primary reason that students dropout is they don't see the relevance of what they were learning in classrooms to the real world or their future. Meanwhile, 91% of teachers and JA volunteers state that JA programs connect students to the outside world, and 75% state that JA programs help students' realize the importance of staying in school. Funding would allow JASC to expand services to after school students for the purpose of early delinquency prevention.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>Junior Achievement of the Space Coast</b>
Program Name: JA Afterschool - JA It's My Business
Program Description: JA It's My Business! encourages 6, 7, and 8th grade students to use entrepreneurial thinking as they explore higher education and career choices. Students participate in fun, challenging activities such as an entrepreneurial quiz game, completing a blueprint for a teen club, participating in an auction of businesses, and creating entrepreneur profile cards.
Funding Needed: \$36,000
Children to be Served: 1500
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: None
Statement of Need: A study by America's Promise stated high school dropouts are 8x more likely to wind up in prison. Another study, The Silent Epidemic, said the primary reason that students dropout is they don't see the relevance of what they were learning in classrooms to the real world or their future. Meanwhile, 91% of teachers and JA volunteers state that JA programs connect students to the outside world, and 75% state that JA programs help students' realize the importance of staying in school. Funding would allow JASC to expand services to after school students for the purpose of early delinquency prevention.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>Lifetime Counseling Center</b>
Program Name: Outpatient Behavioral Health Services
Program Description: LCC will provide much needed summer programming for at-risk students. We provide mental health counseling on-site in schools throughout the school year. Over the summer, many families do not have adequate transportation to bring their children to our offices for services. As a result, they often lose ground and fall back into emotional/behavioral problems that become barriers to learning the following school year. By providing ongoing services throughout the summer, including transportation support, we would be able to help youth maintain treatment progress and improve their ability to succeed in school the following school year.
Funding Needed: \$40,000
Children to be Served: 60
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Many of our clients do not have the opportunity to participate in summer programming partly due to financial constraints and limited transportation, but also due to emotional/behavioral difficulties that cannot be accommodated within a typical summer program. By offering a summer program that provides structure, a mid-day meal, and enjoyable activities, as well as social skills/life skills training, and emotional regulation, we have an opportunity to help at-risk youth maintain the gains they have made in treatment throughout the year. Funding is necessary as the wrap-around services provided in such a program are not billable to a third party.
Match/Leverage: Possibly - we may be able to obtain matching funds for these services.
Agency Name: <b>My Community Cares, Inc.</b>
Program Name: The PLUG
Program Description: The PLUG is a year around after school program and a Summer Reading Camp. The P.L.U.G. after-school program addresses the physical, social, emotional and educational needs of our children. The program includes homework assistance, tutoring, specialized intervention, mentoring and recreational activities. In addition to services, children are provided with dinner before leaving the program. The P.L.U.G. Summer Camp is an 8 week camp which focuses on reading and comprehension, but also arts and crafts, recreation & sports, various projects, weekly field trips and weekly bible verses coupled with a Christian character building curriculum.
Funding Needed: \$35,000
Children to be Served: 100
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: Research studies have shown that latchkey kids are at a higher risk of committing crimes leading to delinquency. According to Snyder and Sickmund, adult violent crimes are committed from 6 a.m. to 12 pm. With peaks at 11 p.m., and then drops to a low point at 6 a.m. "In stark contrast, violent crimes by juveniles peak in the afternoon between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., the time in which most schools have dismissed all students. This delinquent behavior can be attributed to little or no adult supervision. Statistics state that approximately, 35 percent of 12-year-old adolescents are left to supervise themselves and younger siblings on a daily basis. Parents/Guardians are usually at work. In fact, the gap between parent work schedules and child school schedules can total 20 to 25 hours per week (U.S. Department of Justice, 2000). This unsupervised time is a risk factor for serious and violent behavior among youths. Supporting evidence relay the proposition that children "who are unsupervised during the hours after school are more likely to use alcohol, drugs, tobacco, receive poor grades, and drop out of school than those children who have the opportunity to benefit from consistent constructive activities supervised by responsible adults" (U.S. Department of Justice, 2000).
Match/Leverage: Yes. We have private donors (individuals and corporations) along with partnerships with various Public Organizations.

<b>Agency Name: Niños Health</b>
Program Name: Neuropsychology Screening Clinic
Program Description: Niños health is a network of specialized multilingual experts and partners that delivers innovative, culturally responsive care for children and families who are struggling with conditions that affect cognitive, behavioral, emotional, physical and social development. We are committed to instilling hope for a sustainable future for children and families by providing the highest standard of care, advancing high impact science of the developing brain and empowering parents, teachers, professionals, legislators and communities to support their needs. The diagnostic Telehealth and Screening Clinic will provide accurate diagnosis and evidence based interventions to the community.
Funding Needed: \$60,000
Children to be Served: 980
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: Medicaid population has NO access to neuropsychology services. Medicaid represents 40% of the calls to Space Coast Neuropsychology Center. Closest CMS provider is at Florida Hospital for Children; only accept Medicaid for brain tumor and epilepsy.
Statement of Need: To create a socially responsive and sustainable community that facilitates the full potential of all children and families who struggle with conditions that affect neurodevelopment through innovative and diverse collaboration. Brevard has a large Medicaid population that does not have access to pediatric neuropsychology. Dr. Salinas is the only pediatric neuropsychologist in Brevard but Medicaid/CMS does not reimburse for these services. This program would increase access to excellent care, build a pipeline of providers through postdoctoral fellowship training, provide free online resources for children and families, and reduce stigma and increase social integration.
Match/Leverage: Dr. Christine Salinas, Director of Space Coast Neuropsychology Center, will match \$20,000 to implement this clinic. Ninos Health is a not for profit (waiting on 501 c3 status) and will start a "Matching" Campaign to raise donations

<b>Agency Name: Space Coast Early Intervention Center</b>
Program Name: Inclusion Program
Program Description: SCEIC offers an inclusion program to address the needs of ALL students. We try to maintain a 50/50 ratio of typically developing children to developmentally delayed while offering a low teacher-to-student ration - 1 to 5. We have limited students in each class. We offer this to provide researched best practices to our very youngest community members. We are currently working on adding an infant room to benefit our parents and to provide a feeder program into our other classrooms.
Funding Needed: \$100,000
Children to be Served: 100-120 students will benefit from the funds directly or indirectly/
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: No waiting list, but many caregivers cannot afford the tuition.
Statement of Need: The funding will assist us in keeping our low student to teacher ratio without increasing our tuition. It will assist us in building capacity especially for our typically developing program. These students are necessary to keep balance in our classroom.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>The Brevard Health Alliance, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Pediatric Patient-Centered Medical Home
Program Description: Brevard Health Alliance (BHA) has provided care to the underserved community of Brevard since March 2005. Consistent with the Health Center Program's mission, our target population includes the uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid and Medicare populations, homeless, children, working poor, residents of public housing, and vulnerable populations. BHA will provide services to any patient regardless of the patient's ability to pay. BHA offers primary medical care, dental care, and behavioral health services to our pediatric patients. The integration of our behavioral health program and dental clinic within our patient-centered medical home allows for seamless transitions and care coordination for our target population.
Funding Needed: \$800,000
Children to be Served: 5,232 children annually/15,696 children over the LIP funding period.**
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: In 2017, 98.5% of patients seen at Brevard Health Alliance (BHA) had an income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline. BHA cared for 14,946 patients 0-17 years old that were uninsured or are insured with Medicaid, 1,212 were homeless and 1,822 were living in public housing. Brevard's Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score is 18, the Mental Health HPSA score is 15, and the Dental Health HPSA score is 23. These indicate substantial need in our county for these services. Additional funding will allow BHA to continue providing services to the children in our community.
Match/Leverage: With this as local match dollars, an additional \$1.9 million will be available through the Low Income Pool (LIP). This LIP funding is available through the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). It was established to ensure continued government support for the provision of health care services to Medicaid, underinsured and uninsured populations. In order to qualify for the LIP funding, a local match contribution must be secured. With our current patient mix of 34.63% pediatric patients to adult patients served per year, and total cost per medical visit equal to \$126.88, the \$1.9 million secured funding could serve 5,232 children annually.**
**LIP Funding was authorized by CMS until 2022. The remaining recurring 1.9 million, over 3 years, will allow 45,327 total patients and 15,696 children from the community to be served.

<b>Agency Name: The Children's Center</b>
Program Name: Behavioral Support Services
Program Description: Early Childhood teachers and programs are limited in resources to support children who are demonstrating difficulties with social/emotional regulation. Teachers are not able to adequately meet the needs of these students without training and hands-on support in the classroom. Often, these children will end up receiving a formal evaluation and diagnosis by the time they complete Pre-K; however, support services are needed to fill the gap prior to authorization and implementation of formal behavioral services for the child. Behavior specialists and early childhood mental health consultants will provide training for teaching staff and support to identified children in their classrooms.
Funding Needed: \$150,000
Children to be Served: 150
Priority Area: Building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: One in 68 children are diagnosed with autism. It often takes many months or years for a child to be diagnosed for various reasons including but not limited to: parents not ready to accept that their child is developmentally delayed; lack of access to diagnostic testing; lack of insurance/funding or other resources. Furthermore, early childhood teachers are not adequately trained in working with children with severe emotional/behavioral issues. These teachers require training and support to keep these children in school during the process from identification of need for evaluation to securing ABA services for the child and family.
Match/Leverage: Leverage – Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services are billable to insurance. Once children are diagnosed with Autism or related disorder, Medicaid and other insurances will pay for these services.

<b>Agency Name: The Children's Center</b>
Program Name: Building Resiliency in our Children
Program Description: The "Incredible Years" Attentive Parenting program is a 6-8 week session group program. It is designed to promote positive parenting strategies which lead to children's social and emotional competence. Parents will understand how to respond to negative emotions and enhance the child's empathy skills. They will learn how to help their children to make friendships, practice calm-down strategies, promote sibling and peer cooperation and know how to link social actions to emotions. This program will provide parents with the tools to increase positive social, emotional behaviors in their children; thereby leading to improved life-skills as adults.
Funding Needed: \$75,000
Children to be Served: 150
Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3
Waiting List: Could be offered to those at risk and families with newborns.
Statement of Need: Parents, children, youth and young adults are crying out for help in the area of behavioral, social, and emotional health. This evidence-based program is a prevention program which will assist in our work to build resilient children and strong families for life.
Match/Leverage: This is a prevention program - building resiliency in our children will save dollars in the future.

Agency Name: <b>The Children's Hunger Project</b>
Program Name: Backpack Program
Program Description: For students whose families suffer from food insecurity, the only consistent food source may well be the one provided at school through the National Free Lunch Program. That lunch on Friday is often times the last nutritious meal these elementary school children receive until they return to school on Monday. That is 68 hours without proper nutrition. The Backpack Program provides child-friendly, nutritious food to these children over the weekends so that they return to school on Monday ready to learn and ready to be successful.
Funding Needed: \$250,000
Children to be Served: 1666
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: 1800
Statement of Need: We estimate the need in Brevard County at over 3000 hungry elementary school children. This certainly could increase in the future as the number of children who are eligible for the National Free Lunch Program continues to increase in our county. Some of these children come from families who are just struggling to make ends meet. Rent is at an all-time high in our county and this puts strain on budgets. Some families are forced to choose between buying food and paying the electric bill or rent. Some of the children we serve come from families where addiction takes priority over other basic needs.
Match/Leverage: By receiving support from an organization such as CSC, The Children's Hunger Project will receive more funding from our local community because the partnership with CSC will lend credibility to our mission. All of our food is packed by volunteers and delivered by volunteers. We also work out of a donated warehouse so all of the money we receive will be used to purchase food so we can serve more local children.

Agency Name: <b>The Dorcas Outreach Center for Kids (DOCK)</b>
Program Name: Foundations for the Future
Program Description: The DOCK is a safe and nurturing gathering place for neighborhood youth after school and during the summer – the hours when they are most likely to get in trouble. Staff and volunteers emphasize academic achievement and model and encourage healthy life choices and coping skills with a goal of encouraging youth to see themselves as productive citizens. DOCK parents are assured that their children are being well looked after. This contributes to family stability and the economic vitality of the community. Our goal is to enable youth to compete more effectively with their peers today and in the future.
Funding Needed: \$60,000
Children to be Served: 200
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: we are at capacity due to limited staff
Statement of Need: The majority of youth served by the DOCK live in households where parents/guardians work long hours for poverty wages. The average household income is less than \$24,000 a year (the lowest income community in Melbourne). 87% come from single female-headed households, and some live with grandparents or other family members. These factors have negative implications for their daily lives. Many DOCK children arrive at school developmentally behind and would continue to struggle without intervention. Without a safe place to go after school and during summer, many of these youth would be left alone, susceptible to negative influences on the streets.
Match/Leverage: Yes, the DOCK is regularly awarded funding through bank's Community Reinvestment budgets as well as limited dollars from the federal government through the city. Their applications require that we list other sources of funding. We currently serve 120 youth per year. With the addition of a full-time staff person, we could increase capacity to 200.

Agency Name: <b>The Haven for Children, Inc.</b>
Program Name: Residential Program
Program Description: We are licensed by DCF of the State of Florida to provide therapeutic care in a homelike environment for children from birth to 18 years at admittance who have been removed from their homes because of neglect, abuse or abandonment.
Funding Needed: \$1,100,000
Children to be Served: At any given time we serve 33 children 24 hours a day 365 days a year and our beds are always full.
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: Daily we deny approximately 4-6 children.
Statement of Need: The Haven serves a very valuable service in our community in that we serve children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect and cannot maintain in the traditional foster care setting because of significant behavioral issues, psychiatric issues, emotional issues, or are a part of a large sibling group and cannot be served together in one foster home. We are able to serve these children and keep them in their community and provide the trauma informed care that they need in order to grow and thrive.
Match/Leverage: The Haven has an active Board of Directors as well as a very active Guild that fundraises and additional 200k per year to be used to help support the children of The Haven.

Agency Name: <b>The Salvation Army of Melbourne, Florida</b>
Program Name: Sue M. Pridmore Center
Program Description: The Sue Pridmore Center is a transitional shelter program which provides comprehensive care and shelter to homeless women and children. The Center serves the homeless from Brevard County and provides basic needs which include the following; safe shelter, three meals daily plus snacks, case management, transportation, life skills and parenting classes, referrals to other service providers, and spiritual guidance throughout their stay. The Center is a safe and stable environment in which there is a consistent routine for meals, activities, playtime, and family time. The Center's planned goals and objectives are to empower women to end the cycle of homelessness.
Funding Needed: \$40,000
Children to be Served: 50
Priority Area: Increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard
Waiting List: 40
Statement of Need: 75% of the mothers who enter the shelter are unemployed and their first goal is to look for employment. Looking for employment with young children along, puts them at a great disadvantage. Child care would give them a chance to look for employment without toting their children along. These women need employment to become self-sufficient and to pay for childcare, BUT they can't afford childcare until they find employment. Assisting the unemployed mothers with childcare would give them a better chance at finding a job. 50 children at \$100 per week for 8 weeks = 40,000.00
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>United Way of Brevard</b>
Program Name: Summer Feed & Read
Program Description: Feed and Read is a multi-pronged approach to improving existing summer camp programs. In 2012 United Way was informed that less than five percent of the students eligible for free and reduced lunch were utilizing the county's summer feeding program. Wanting to address this issue United Way staff began reaching out to summer camps, church camps and summer schools in high poverty areas in Brevard County to insure children were not going home hungry. Knowing that children from low income backgrounds were not only dealing with hunger but also experiencing the effects of summer slide United Way introduced books and volunteer reading mentors to the program.
Funding Needed: \$120,000
Children to be Served: 7,000
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: More children can be reached with more locations available
Statement of Need: Studies show access to books at home can have an impact on youth's development. Often children from low income families have smaller personal libraries and also hear fewer words than their more affluent peers. Feed and Read's goal is to increase access to books. United Way measures how many kids participated and how many books are distributed. United Way chose to focus on peer reviewed, research supported ideas to construct the Feed and Read program.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>United Way of Brevard</b>
Program Name: Volunteers in Service to America (VITA)
Program Description: AmeriCorps VISTA members build capacity in nonprofit organizations and public agencies to help them more effectively generate the commitment of private sector resources, encourage volunteer service at the local level, and empower individuals and communities. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve full time for one-year terms. United Way of Brevard receives five VISTA's for the price of one; two for education initiatives, two for health initiatives, and one for our volunteer program management.
Funding Needed: \$24,000
Children to be Served: 7,600
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members bring their passion and perseverance where the need is greatest: to organizations that help eradicate poverty. The most pressing challenges we face as a nation require the most courageous and creative people to address them. An AmeriCorps VISTA member serves as a catalyst for change, living and working alongside community members to advance local solutions.
Match/Leverage: 1:5 match For each VISTA we pay for we receive four more.

Agency Name: <b>United Way of Brevard</b>
Program Name: myON Program
Program Description: The myON digital book library, containing thousands of enhanced and age-appropriate titles for PreK-12, is dynamically matched to each individual learner's interests, grade and Lexile® reading level. Available 24/7 year-round. When it comes to digital content for learners in PreK through Grade 12, there's no match for myON. Our personalized literacy environment includes enhanced digital texts from respected publishers in a mix of fiction and non-fiction – with optional reading supports and a suite of reading and writing tools that foster deep connections to the text — all on the same digital platform.
Funding Needed: \$250,000
Children to be Served: 41,125
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: We currently serve 25 elementary schools
Statement of Need: We will work with BPS leaders to expand myON into all elementary schools. Funding is critical for expansion to additional schools. Our United Way will continue to have a role in training and coordination. Additionally, myON is a critical component of our mentoring and summer slide prevention strategies.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>United Way of Brevard</b>
Program Name: Healthy Families Brevard
Program Description: Healthy Families Brevard (HFB) is a community-based, voluntary home visiting program designed to enable children to grow up healthy, safe and nurtured. The program promotes positive parenting and healthy child development, thereby preventing child abuse and other poor childhood outcomes. HFB offers home visiting services to families who live in geographically targeted areas and who are experiencing stressful life situations. It is through in-home visitation by a trained Family Support Worker that parents learn to build the positive relationships with their children that last a lifetime.
Funding Needed: \$539,810
Children to be Served: 136
Priority Area: Enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: HFB home visitation is effective in reducing child abuse and neglect. In 2017 99% of the children in the HFB program had no verified abuse or neglect while their family was enrolled in services. HFB currently serves targeted zip codes, even with those limitations, there were 36 families we were not able to offer services to because of capacity. With additional funding we could increase the number of families we serve, increase on-site support and quality of service which would create a positive impact in our community by reducing the incidents of child abuse and neglect.
Match/Leverage: NA

Agency Name: <b>Victory Kid Sports Foundation</b>
Program Name: Rookies
Program Description: Victory has partnered with six elementary schools across Brevard County to provide six weeks of after school programming for two hours each week for 12 weeks of programming, for 60 children at each school. Victory uses sports as a tool to encourage and model prosocial skill sets and socioemotional support for children who are often underrepresented, exposed to substance abuse and addiction, homeless and in transition, and poverty. Victory's Prosocial Support Model destigmatizes mental health issues through programming that intentionally meets the child where they are, through the vehicle of sports and recreational programming.
Funding Needed: \$198,000
Children to be Served: 1,260
Priority Area: Providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids
Waiting List: NA
Statement of Need: According to the Department of Juvenile Justice, Brevard County had 147 arrests of school aged children in FY 16, and 209 arrests in FY 17. There is a clear need for prevention programs for our youth. The Rookies after school program teaches teamwork, discipline, and fun. Mentorship and socioemotional support aid our efforts to empower the whole child, with a long-term goal of providing children with the tools to effectively manage conflict, peer pressure, and avoid at-risk behavior and situations.
Match/Leverage: Provide additional after school programming in more schools across Brevard County. 60 elementary children per school at \$550/6 week program = \$33,000 \$510,000 in additional grant funding could potentially be drawn down as match to serve an additional 60 children each at 15 other schools, totaling 900 elementary children. That, combined with the 360 children that would be covered by this funding, would combine to serve a total of 1,260 children.

## SUMMARY

Potential expanded services totaled \$10,387,230 from 33 agencies for 48 programs for children in Brevard. The total number of children served by these programs, if funded, would be 109,789 (duplicated). The largest number unduplicated is 41,125 children.

There were six programs that identified as serving priority (1) enhancing and better integrating services for Brevard Children – prenatal through age 3. Eight programs identified for priority (2) increasing access to and improving quality child care in Brevard. Seventeen programs identified as serving priority (3) providing early delinquency prevention by expanding out-of-school time initiatives for Elementary and Middle School kids. Seventeen programs identified as serving priority (4) building capacity and expanding services to children with physical, intellectual, and/or emotional challenges including mental health.

The question regarding match/leveraged funding, stated - Will you be able to use these funds as match to bring additional dollars to Brevard? If so, please describe. There were many responses and many organizations could not definitely reply about match to new programs. However, several programs were specific regarding match because they are requesting expansion of current services with clear matching opportunities. **If all of the programs eligible for matching dollars were funded an additional \$6,055,000 would come to Brevard for our children leveraging CSC funding.**

## 5. LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

### SERVICES

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)** Each council on children's services shall have all of the following powers and functions:

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)1.** To provide and maintain in the county such preventive, developmental, treatment, and rehabilitative services for children as the council determines are needed for the general welfare of the county.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)2.** To provide such other services for all children as the council determines are needed for the general welfare of the county.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)3.** To allocate and provide funds for other agencies in the county which are operated for the benefit of children, provided they are not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the public school system.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)4.** To collect information and statistical data and to conduct research which will be helpful to the council and the county in deciding the needs of children in the county.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)5.** To consult and coordinate with other agencies dedicated to the welfare of children to the end that the overlapping of services will be prevented.

**F.S. 125.901 (8)** It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds collected pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be used to support improvements in children's services and that such funds shall not be used as a substitute for existing resources or for resources that would otherwise be available for children's services.

### LEADERSHIP

**F.S. 125.901 (1)(a)** The governing body of the district shall be a council on children's services, which may also be known as a juvenile welfare board or similar name as established in the ordinance by the county governing body.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(b)1.** Immediately after the members are appointed, elect a chair and a vice chair from among its members, and elect other officers as deemed necessary by the council.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(b)4.** Make and adopt bylaws and rules and regulations for the council's guidance, operation, governance, and maintenance, provided such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with federal or state laws or county ordinances.

**F.S. 125.901 (1)(a) (continued)** Such council shall consist of 10 members, including: the superintendent of schools; a local school board member; the district administrator from the appropriate district of the Department of Children and Families, or his or her designee who is a member of the Senior Management Service or of the Selected Exempt Service; one member of the county governing body; and the judge assigned to juvenile cases who shall sit as a voting member of the board, except that said judge shall not vote or participate in the setting of ad valorem taxes under this section. If there is more than one judge assigned to juvenile cases in a county, the chief judge shall designate one of said juvenile judges to serve on the board.

**F.S. 125.901 (1)(a) (continued)** The remaining five members shall be appointed by the Governor, and shall, to the extent possible, represent the demographic diversity of the population of the county. After soliciting recommendations from the public, the county governing body shall submit to the Governor the names of at least three persons for each vacancy occurring among the five members appointed by the Governor, and the Governor shall appoint members to the council from the candidates nominated by the

county governing body. The Governor shall make a selection within a 45-day period or request a new list of candidates. All members appointed by the Governor shall have been residents of the county for the previous 24-month period. Such members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, except that the length of the terms of the initial appointees shall be adjusted to stagger the terms. The Governor may remove a member for cause or upon the written petition of the county governing body. If any of the members of the council required to be appointed by the Governor under the provisions of this subsection shall resign, die, or be removed from office, the vacancy thereby created shall, as soon as practicable, be filled by appointment by the Governor, using the same method as the original appointment, and such appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of the person who resigns, dies, or is removed from office.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(d)** Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses consistent with the provisions of s. 112.061.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(b)3.** Provide training and orientation to all new members sufficient to allow them to perform their duties.

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **F.S. 189.015 Meetings; notice; required reports.—**

**F.S. 189.015 (1)** The governing body of each special district shall file quarterly, semiannually, or annually a schedule of its regular meetings with the local governing authority or authorities. The schedule shall include the date, time, and location of each scheduled meeting. The schedule shall be published quarterly, semiannually, or annually in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the manner required in this subsection. The governing body of an independent special district shall advertise the day, time, place, and purpose of any meeting other than a regular meeting or any recessed and reconvened meeting of the governing body, at least 7 days before such meeting, in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county or counties in which the special district is located, unless a bona fide emergency situation exists, in which case a meeting to deal with the emergency may be held as necessary, with reasonable notice, so long as it is subsequently ratified by the governing body. No approval of the annual budget shall be granted at an emergency meeting. The advertisement shall be placed in that portion of the newspaper where legal notices and classified advertisements appear. The advertisement shall appear in a newspaper that is published at least 5 days a week, unless the only newspaper in the county is published fewer than 5 days a week. The newspaper selected must be one of general interest and readership in the community and not one of limited subject matter, pursuant to chapter 50. Any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, and except in the case of emergency meetings, water management districts may provide reasonable notice of public meetings held to evaluate responses to solicitations issued by the water management district, by publication in a newspaper of general paid circulation in the county where the principal office of the water management district is located, or in the county or counties where the public work will be performed, no less than 7 days before such meeting.

**F.S. 189.015 (2)** All meetings of the governing body of the special district shall be open to the public and governed by the provisions of chapter 286.

**F.S. 189.015 (3)** Meetings of the governing body of the special district shall be held in a public building when available within the district, in a county courthouse of a county in which the district is located, or in a building in the county accessible to the public.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(c)** The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting, including a record of all votes cast, and shall make such minutes available to any interested person.

**F.S. 125.901 (6)** Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this section shall comply with all other statutory requirements of general application which relate to the filing of any financial reports or compliance

reports required under part III of chapter 218, or any other report or documentation required by law, including the requirements of ss. 189.015, 189.016, and 189.08.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(c)** The council shall maintain minutes of each meeting, including a record of all votes cast, and shall make such minutes available to any interested person.

**F.S. 125.901 (11)** Personal identifying information of a child or the parent or guardian of the child, held by a council on children's services, juvenile welfare board, or other similar entity created under this section or by special law, or held by a service provider or researcher under contract with such entity, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to such information held before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

**F.S. 189.016 (1)** When a new special district is created, the district must forward to the department, within 30 days after the adoption of the special act, rule, ordinance, resolution, or other document that provides for the creation of the district, a copy of the document and a written statement that includes a reference to the status of the special district as dependent or independent and the basis for such classification. In addition to the document or documents that create the district, the district must also submit a map of the district, showing any municipal boundaries that cross the district's boundaries, and any county lines if the district is located in more than one county. The department must notify the local government or other entity and the district within 30 days after receipt of the document or documents that create the district as to whether the district has been determined to be dependent or independent.

**F.S. 189.016 (2)** Any amendment, modification, or update of the document by which the district was created, including changes in boundaries, must be filed with the department within 30 days after adoption. The department may initiate proceedings against special districts as provided in s. 189.067 for failure to file the information required by this subsection. However, for the purposes of this section and s. 175.101(1), the boundaries of a district shall be deemed to include an area that has been annexed until the completion of the 4-year period specified in s. 171.093(4) or other mutually agreed upon extension, or when a district is providing services pursuant to an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to s. 171.093(3).

**F.S. 189.016 (3)** The governing body of each special district shall adopt a budget by resolution each fiscal year. The total amount available from taxation and other sources, including balances brought forward from prior fiscal years, must equal the total of appropriations for expenditures and reserves. At a minimum, the adopted budget must show for each fund, as required by law and sound financial practices, budgeted revenues and expenditures by organizational unit which are at least at the level of detail required for the annual financial report under s. 218.32(1). The adopted budget must regulate expenditures of the special district, and an officer of a special district may not expend or contract for expenditures in any fiscal year except pursuant to the adopted budget.

**F.S. 189.016 (4)** The tentative budget must be posted on the special district's official website at least 2 days before the budget hearing, held pursuant to s. 200.065 or other law, to consider such budget and must remain on the website for at least 45 days. The final adopted budget must be posted on the special district's official website within 30 days after adoption and must remain on the website for at least 2 years. This subsection and subsection (3) do not apply to water management districts as defined in s. 373.019.

**F.S. 189.016 (6)** The governing body of each special district at any time within a fiscal year or within 60 days following the end of the fiscal year may amend a budget for that year as follows:

(a) Appropriations for expenditures within a fund may be decreased or increased by motion recorded in the minutes if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.

(b) The governing body may establish procedures by which the designated budget officer may authorize certain amendments if the total appropriations of the fund do not increase.

(c) If a budget amendment is required for a purpose not specifically authorized in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), the budget amendment must be adopted by resolution.

**F.S. 189.016 (7)** If the governing body of a special district amends the budget pursuant to paragraph (6)(c), the adopted amendment must be posted on the official website of the special district within 5 days after adoption and must remain on the website for at least 2 years.

**F.S. 189.016 (8)** A local general-purpose government may review the budget or tax levy of any special district located solely within its boundaries.

**F.S. 189.016 (9)** All special districts must comply with the financial reporting requirements of ss. 218.32 and 218.39. A local general-purpose government or governing authority may request, from any special district located solely within its boundaries, financial information in order to comply with its reporting requirements under ss. 218.32 and 218.39. The special district must cooperate with such request and provide the financial information at the time and place designated by the local general-purpose government or governing authority.

**F.S. 189.016 (10)** All reports or information required to be filed with a local general-purpose government or governing authority under ss. 189.014, 189.015, and 189.08 and subsection (8) must:

(a) If the local general-purpose government or governing authority is a county, be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(b)5.** Provide an annual written report, to be presented no later than January 1, to the governing body of the county. The annual report shall contain, but not be limited to, the following information:

a. Information on the effectiveness of activities, services, and programs offered by the council, including cost-effectiveness.

b. A detailed anticipated budget for continuation of activities, services, and programs offered by the council, and a list of all sources of requested funding, both public and private.

c. Procedures used for early identification of at-risk children who need additional or continued services and methods for ensuring that the additional or continued services are received.

d. A description of the degree to which the council's objectives and activities are consistent with the goals of this section.

e. Detailed information on the various programs, services, and activities available to participants and the degree to which the programs, services, and activities have been successfully used by children.

f. Information on programs, services, and activities that should be eliminated; programs, services, and activities that should be continued; and programs, services, and activities that should be added to the basic format of the children's services council.

## OPERATIONS

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)** Each council on children's services shall have all of the following powers and functions:

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)6.** To lease or buy such real estate, equipment, and personal property and to construct such buildings as are needed to execute the foregoing powers and functions, provided that no such purchases shall be made or building done unless paid for with cash on hand or secured by funds deposited in financial institutions. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to authorize a district to issue bonds of

any nature, nor shall a district have the power to require the imposition of any bond by the governing body of the county.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(a)7.** To employ, pay, and provide benefits for any part-time or full-time personnel needed to execute the foregoing powers and functions.

**F.S. 125.901 (2)(b)2.** Immediately after the members are appointed and officers are elected, identify and assess the needs of the children in the county served by the council and submit to the governing body of each county a written description of:

- a. The activities, services, and opportunities that will be provided to children.
- b. The anticipated schedule for providing those activities, services, and opportunities.
- c. The manner in which children will be served, including a description of arrangements and agreements which will be made with community organizations, state and local educational agencies, federal agencies, public assistance agencies, the juvenile courts, foster care agencies, and other applicable public and private agencies and organizations.
- d. The special outreach efforts that will be undertaken to provide services to at-risk, abused, or neglected children.
- e. The manner in which the council will seek and provide funding for unmet needs.
- f. The strategy which will be used for interagency coordination to maximize existing human and fiscal resources.

#### **AUTHORITY**

**F.S. 125.901 (1)** Each county may by ordinance create an independent special district, as defined in ss. 189.012 and 200.001(8)(e), to provide funding for children's services throughout the county in accordance with this section. The boundaries of such district shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the county.

**F.S. 189.012 (3)** "Independent special district" means a special district that is not a dependent special district as defined in subsection (2). A district that includes more than one county is an independent special district unless the district lies wholly within the boundaries of a single municipality.

**F.S. 189.012 (4)** "Local governing authority" means the governing body of a unit of local general-purpose government. However, if the special district is a political subdivision of a municipality, "local governing authority" means the municipality.

**F.S. 189.012 (5)** "Public facilities" means major capital improvements, including, but not limited to, transportation facilities, sanitary sewer facilities, solid waste facilities, water management and control facilities, potable water facilities, alternative water systems, educational facilities, parks and recreational facilities, health systems and facilities, and, except for spoil disposal by those ports listed in s. 311.09(1), spoil disposal sites for maintenance dredging in waters of the state.

**F.S. 189.012 (6)** "Special district" means a unit of local government created for a special purpose, as opposed to a general purpose, which has jurisdiction to operate within a limited geographic boundary and is created by general law, special act, local ordinance, or by rule of the Governor and Cabinet.

## FINANCE

**F.S. 125.901 (1)** The county governing body shall obtain approval, by a majority vote of those electors voting on the question, to annually levy ad valorem taxes which shall not exceed the maximum millage rate authorized by this section. Any district created pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be required to levy and fix millage subject to the provisions of s. 200.065. Once such millage is approved by the electorate, the district shall not be required to seek approval of the electorate in future years to levy the previously approved millage.

**F.S. 125.901 (4)(a)** Any district created pursuant to this section may be dissolved by a special act of the Legislature, or the county governing body may by ordinance dissolve the district subject to the approval of the electorate.

**F.S. 125.901 (4)(b)1.b.** A referendum by the electorate on or after July 1, 2010, creating a new district with taxing authority may specify that the district is not subject to reauthorization or may specify the number of years for which the initial authorization shall remain effective. If the referendum does not prescribe terms of reauthorization, the governing body of the county shall submit the question of retention or dissolution of the district to the electorate in the general election 12 years after the initial authorization.

2. The governing body of the district may specify, and submit to the governing body of the county no later than 9 months before the scheduled election, that the district is not subsequently subject to reauthorization or may specify the number of years for which a reauthorization under this paragraph shall remain effective. If the governing body of the district makes such specification and submission, the governing body of the county shall include that information in the question submitted to the electorate. If the governing body of the district does not specify and submit such information, the governing body of the county shall resubmit the question of reauthorization to the electorate every 12 years after the year prescribed in subparagraph 1. The governing body of the district may recommend to the governing body of the county language for the question submitted to the electorate.

**F.S. 125.901 (5)** After or during the first year of operation of the council on children's services, the governing body of the county, at its option, may fund in whole or in part the budget of the council on children's services from its own funds.

**F.S. 125.901 (3)(a)** The fiscal year of the district shall be the same as that of the county.

(b) On or before July 1 of each year, the council on children's services shall prepare a tentative annual written budget of the district's expected income and expenditures, including a contingency fund. The council shall, in addition, compute a proposed millage rate within the voter-approved cap necessary to fund the tentative budget and, prior to adopting a final budget, comply with the provisions of s. 200.065, relating to the method of fixing millage, and shall fix the final millage rate by resolution of the council. The adopted budget and final millage rate shall be certified and delivered to the governing body of the county as soon as possible following the council's adoption of the final budget and millage rate pursuant to chapter 200. Included in each certified budget shall be the millage rate, adopted by resolution of the council, necessary to be applied to raise the funds budgeted for district operations and expenditures. In no circumstances, however, shall any district levy millage to exceed a maximum of 0.5 mills of assessed valuation of all properties within the county which are subject to ad valorem county taxes.

(c) The budget of the district so certified and delivered to the governing body of the county shall not be subject to change or modification by the governing body of the county or any other authority.

(d) All tax money collected under this section, as soon after the collection thereof as is reasonably practicable, shall be paid directly to the council on children's services by the tax collector of the county, or the clerk of the circuit court if the clerk collects delinquent taxes.

(e)1. All moneys received by the council on children's services shall be deposited in qualified public depositories, as defined in s. 280.02, with separate and distinguishable accounts established specifically for the council and shall be withdrawn only by checks signed by the chair of the council and countersigned by either one other member of the council on children's services or by a chief executive officer who shall be so authorized by the council.

2. Upon entering the duties of office, the chair and the other member of the council or chief executive officer who signs its checks shall each give a surety bond in the sum of at least \$1,000 for each \$1 million or portion thereof of the council's annual budget, which bond shall be conditioned that each shall faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office. The premium on such bond may be paid by the district as part of the expense of the council. No other member of the council shall be required to give bond or other security.

3. No funds of the district shall be expended except by check as aforesaid, except expenditures from a petty cash account which shall not at any time exceed \$100. All expenditures from petty cash shall be recorded on the books and records of the council on children's services. No funds of the council on children's services, excepting expenditures from petty cash, shall be expended without prior approval of the council, in addition to the budgeting thereof.

(f) Within 10 days, exclusive of weekends and legal holidays, after the expiration of each quarter annual period, the council on children's services shall cause to be prepared and filed with the governing body of the county a financial report which shall include the following:

1. The total expenditures of the council for the quarter annual period.
2. The total receipts of the council during the quarter annual period.
3. A statement of the funds the council has on hand, has invested, or has deposited with qualified public depositories at the end of the quarter annual period.
4. The total administrative costs of the council for the quarter annual period.