

Request for Appropriation (2020 General Session)

(See instructions on reverse side and JR4-3-101 through 201)

SECTION I - To be completed by requesting legislator

Name: Senator/Representative Rep Spendlove Date 2-5-20

Funding Request Name The Childrens Center

Description of Funding Item The Childrens Center provides comprehensive mental healthcare for children ages 0-6.

Agency through which funds would be administered IHHS

What is the statewide public purpose?* see attached - to improve mental health care through clinician-based + measured treatments for children.

What type of organization(s) will receive this funding? (check all that apply)

Government Gov't Not for Profit Private for Profit Private Not for Profit

Amount Requested: \$ 200,000

General Fund Educ. Fund Transp. Fund Other:

FY20 (One-time) FY21 (One-time) FY21 (Ongoing) Nonlapsing

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Attach Supporting Documentation (Required)

- Itemized Budget
- Deliverables and/or Performance Measures
- Does this organization receive other State financing? Yes No If yes, attach explanation.
- Please attach any other supporting documentation

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*All appropriations must be made to state agencies. State agencies must follow state procurement laws which require competitive bids, requests for proposal, or sole source determination. (Over)

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Therapeutic Preschool Program - Performance Measures

an intensive group therapy model serving children

The Children's Center provides comprehensive mental health care to enhance the emotional well-being of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families.

The Children's Center is the recognized regional expert in treating trauma and attachment challenges for children ages 0 through 6 and has over five decades of experience serving specialized population of children and families in need. Our highly-skilled team is committed to providing essential mental health treatment to Utah children. In addition to individual therapy for children and their families, children who will benefit also participate in intensive group therapy through our Therapeutic Preschool Program.

In our 2018-19 program year, we treated 289 youth in our Therapeutic Preschool Program (TPP) and anticipate similar service levels in 2019-20. We operate two locations of our TPP, one in Salt Lake City, and one in Kearns, on the west side of unincorporated Salt Lake County. We provide transportation for children both to and from school, at both of our locations, and for our morning and afternoon sessions, which run Monday – Friday all year. Our TPP provides a necessary service for preschool-aged children who are struggling to succeed in a childcare or preschool, and who need intensive group therapy to gain resilience and learn essential skills that will allow them to succeed in a traditional preschool setting and in kindergarten, such as listening to adults, managing their emotions, and playing appropriately with peers. The services we provide in our TPP are unique and unduplicated, and include push-in speech/language therapy, psychiatry services, clinical consultation, and concurrent family/caregiver therapy.

The Children's Center is pleased to report that the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) remains our standard evaluation measure. Clinicians evaluate children in the TPP using the DECA every ninety days and use a child's progress to gauge if s/he is ready to move out of the program. The DECA gives clinicians the most accurate evaluation of a child's progress in treatment and evaluates a child in the following categories: Initiative, Attachment/Relationships, Self-Regulation, and Total Protective Factors.

Within these skills, children are determined to have made clinically significant progress, progress, or maintained progress/no progress. Our most recent teacher-reported DECA data in changes in children is as follows:

1. **Initiative:**
 - 63% of children had made clinically significant progress, and 29% of children had made progress, for a combined progress total of 92%.
2. **Self-Regulation:**
 - 36% of children had made clinically significant progress, and 40% of children had made progress, for a combined progress total of 76%.
3. **Attachment/Relationships:**
 - 63% had made clinically significant progress, and 34% had made progress, for a combined progress total of 92%.
4. **Total Protective Factors:**
 - 63% had made clinically significant progress, and 26% had made progress, for a combined progress total of 89%.

**The Children's Center
Therapeutic Preschool Program
2019-20 Budget**

Expenses

Employee Compensation	1,549,119
Contracted Specialists	72,000
Professional Insurance	16,589
Office Supplies	11,545
Program Supplies	24,395
Food	12,167
Postage	2,343
Printing	1,449
Utilities	52,985
Space Costs	92,501
Repairs & Maintenance	59,614
Professional Fees	34,725
Transportation- children	90,530
Training	11,679
Miscellaneous	14,234
Bad Debt Expense	20,000
Depreciation	231,000
Supporting Services	251,538
Total Expenses	2,548,411