

Request for Appropriation (2020 General Session)

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SECTION I - To be completed by requesting legislator

Name: Senator/Representative

*[Signature]*

Date 2/4/2020

Funding Request Name Children's Service Society of Utah / Grandfamilies

Description of Funding Item Children's Service Society of Utah is requesting funding for the Grandfamilies Program to provide kinship navigator services including guardianship applications, resource and referral information along with support services for families raising a relative's child

Agency through which funds would be administered Department of Human Services

What is the statewide public purpose? Request sole source determination to provide kinship navigation and support services to kinship families

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

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

Amount Requested: \$ 750,000.00

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

Appropriations Committee Recommendation Soc. Serv.

\*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)

# Evaluation Strategy

## Overview

### Stakeholder Needs

The intended audience for this evaluation is those involved with child welfare who hold legislative, research, clinical, federal, and/or state agency positions as well as Kinship Navigation clientele and community advocacy groups.

### Process Evaluation

Fidelity and adherence to the Grandfamilies program model will be evaluated in a utilization-focused framework, drawing from a variety of quantitative and qualitative measures. The primary purpose of measuring fidelity is to evaluate the following:

- Is Grandfamilies implemented and provided as intended?
- Are providers adequately trained and managing kinship cases with fidelity?

Evaluators will provide ongoing feedback to Grandfamilies staff, reporting on the progress of fidelity and areas where additional training or coaching is warranted.

### Outcome Evaluation

The primary outcomes of Grandfamilies are focused on effectiveness of the program and will be evaluated using both quantitative and qualitative measures. These measures include safety, kin-permanency, increased access to resources, increased capacity of kin caregivers, and increased family bonds. This primary purpose of measuring outcomes is to evaluate the following:

- Does Grandfamilies increase safety and kin-permanency of children?
- Does attendance of Friend to Friend events increase family bonding and peer connections?
- Does Grandfamilies increase the access to and utilization of resources?
- Does attendance of Group sessions increase caregiver resilience and knowledge of the social and emotional development of the kin-children in their care?

## Measures

### Kinship Navigation

A fidelity checklist tool will be created for service providers and/or supervisors to use during an in-person evaluation of providers and staff in session, or during the review of an audio recorded session. In-person observations and/or audio recordings of sessions will occur for at least one of the ten group sessions for all staff. Staff that are still receiving training (e.g., new hires) will be observed and guided throughout every group session until the appropriate level adherence is demonstrated and maintained. In-person observations and audio recordings of group sessions will be used for both ensuring fidelity as well as an opportunity for ongoing coaching and feedback. Self-report assessments of sessions will also be reported to service providers and/or supervisors of the Grandfamilies program. The following program components will be addressed during fidelity and measures of adherence:

- Case Management
  - Number of referrals

- Outcomes of referrals (e.g., utilization)
- Number of guardianships
- Number of Medicaid/Specified Relative Grant completion
- Surveys (e.g., protective factors, satisfaction, resiliency)
- Formal Support Groups & Facilitation
  - Level of engagement
  - Facilitator management skills
  - Curriculum objectives met (e.g., coping skills taught)
  - Checklists
    - Topics discussed in session
    - Child behavior
  - Assignment of homework
  - Child session information provided to caregivers
- Friend 2 Friend
  - Increase in family bonds
  - Increase in peer connections and sustained social connections
  - Increase in pro-social activities
  - Protective Factors Survey
  - Permanency and duration of care

### **Instruments**

Instruments used for measurement will be comprised of various surveys, assessments, and questionnaires. These will be conducted to measure relevant service provider and client perspectives as well as experiences and outcomes related to the services provided by Grandfamilies. Descriptive examples are provided below.

#### *Protective Factors Survey*

The Protective Factors Survey (PFS) will be used to measure protective factors in family resiliency, social and concrete support, nurturing, and knowledge of parenting and child development.

#### *Global Assessment*

The Global Assessment was created to assess caregiver access to services such as Guardianships, Medicaid, Specified Relative Grant, and referral to child behavioral health services.

#### *Traumatic Experiences Questionnaire*

The Traumatic Experiences Questionnaire (TEQ) was developed to measure the level of trauma that the child has experienced in addition to current behavioral problems they are exhibiting. The child's score is used to inform the level of criticality and whether behavioral health services or therapy are needed.

### **Data Collection & Security**

An electronic, online database will be used to collect and manage data. Data may be collected in the form of electronic forms (such as surveys, notes, and assessments) as well as manual data entry from hard copy forms.

To ensure subject privacy is protected, the collection of information regarding clients and providers is limited to the amount necessary to achieve the aims of program evaluation, so that no unneeded information is being collected. All information collected during evaluation

will be encrypted during transfer (if transferred) and stored on a secure, password-protected server.