

Contract

This Contract is entered into this 20th of July, effective **August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011** between **CHILDREN FIRST, INC (CF)** and **The School Board of Sarasota County (The Board)**. This contract indicates a partnership to provide Early Head Start services for children and families in the areas of early childhood education, family partnerships, health, mental health, nutrition, and parent involvement. Both Agencies will use specified resources to provide a comprehensive program for all children and families enrolled in program.

Services will be provided at the North County Cyesis Program and the Cyesis Program at North Port High School. (64 total Early Head Start slots)

1. **Children First** is responsible for the following:

- **To provide Early Head Start Services for 64 Early Head Start slots.** To work with **The Board** to ensure the completion of enrollment, contract, and program plan.
- To review Children First Policies and Procedures, and incorporate existing policies to meet standards of both programs.
- To pay to **The Board \$178,000 in ten equal monthly payments** to be paid August 2010 through May 2011. Each monthly payment of \$17,800 will be paid to **The Board** by the 15th of each month.
- Additionally, to pay for \$15,000 worth of diapers and formula for families enrolled in Head Start. Children First and Cyesis staff will coordinate to schedule the expenditure of these funds over the term of this Contract to ensure proper inventory is maintained at Cyesis.
- To provide management support for the Early Childhood Center. This includes working with **The Board**'s staff to ensure Head Start Performance Standards, monitoring supplies, enrollment, services for extended/summer child care, required paperwork, developing a high quality system of delivery, parent education, teacher training, mental health services, and family case management (**All enrolled children will be counted in the Children First Early Head Start funded slots**)
- To provide supervision/support of the Family Service and Community Partnership content area of Early Head Start, while working within the School Board systems. The staff member will be responsible for social services and referrals, monthly parent meetings, development of family partnerships, and monitoring health and/or disability services for children. The assigned Family Advocate will complete all data in the Children First COPA system as well as any required paperwork for **The Board**.
- To offer special focus courses for families enrolled in Cyesis, including *Nurturing Dads Class, Just for Moms*, training/support groups, and other parent support groups through Children First Families First Initiative. These courses will be scheduled to meet the group needs of the clients.

- To ensure referral for children with suspected disabilities 0-3 years of age to Early Steps for evaluations and services in order to ensure the 10% disabilities enrollment requirement is met for **Children First**.
- To work with **The Board** to find summer services for high risk families. Services will include a summer program for the safety and development of high risk children at a **Children First** location. Sixteen to twenty slots will be made available for Cyesis families.
- To have a Curriculum Coach at both sites (North Port and Riverview) to work with teachers and Program Director of Cyesis Programs to ensure the Early Head Start Performance Standards, Child Outcomes of Early Head Start children using a research based curriculum. Early Head Start program will use *Ages and Stages* along with Individual Goals and Objectives to determine child progress.
- To provide cc.net on line service for curriculum planning.
- To provide **The Board** with four (4) computer lap tops for teachers to use in the classrooms for curriculum, planning, and attendance data input. These laptops will remain the property of **Children First** inventory.
- To coordinate dental services for all Early Head Start children.
- To provide mental health services, where indicated, for children and parents enrolled in the program, and to ensure that **The Board** staff is involved in the development of the mental health plan and needs.
- To maintain two positions on the Head Start Policy Council for families enrolled in EHS at Cyesis. These representative positions will be elected by all parents enrolled in Cyesis.
- To provide staff training in the areas of child development, teen parenting, mental health, curriculum, and any other topics recommended by **The Board**.
- To Provide 2.5 Family Advocates to work directly with families of Early Head Start, while ensuring **The Board's** staff is involved in the development of the plan and on-going development of the program.
- To schedule monthly partnership meetings to ensure all aspects of the program are running smoothly. The meetings will include the Children First Vice President of Programs, Regional Manger, Family Advocate and other appropriate staff. Program direct staff will meet to ensure monitoring, policies and procedures, and compliance of program operations to meet Federal regulations.
- To provide a comprehensive liability insurance policy in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence.
- It assures that each of its employees assigned hereunder has been fingerprinted by an authorized law enforcement agency and processed by the State Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background checks. Any employee assigned hereunder must meet all screening requirements as described in Section 1012.32, Florida Statutes. The results of all such background investigation and fingerprinting, and any updated information disclosing subsequent criminal activity, shall be immediately reported in writing to the Superintendent of Schools.

- **Children First** shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend **The Board**, its agents, servants, employees, in their official and individual capacity, from any demand, claim, suit, loss, cost, expense or damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from **The Board**, its agents or employees, in their official or individual capacity, by reason of any damage to property or injury or death of any person which arises out of, is incident to, or in any manner connected with this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity on the part of **The Board** or to affect, limit, or reduce the protection from suit afforded to **The Board** under Florida law. This provision shall survive termination of this Contract and shall be binding on the parties, successors, representatives and assigns and cannot be waived or varied.

2. **The School Board of Sarasota County** is responsible for the following:

- To work with **CF** in implementing the Early Head Start Federal Mandates.
- To work with **CF** to ensure that all enrolled families receive required educational home visits by Early Childhood Teachers or other appropriate staff.
- To submit reports to **CF** Program Administrator to assist with monitoring of Early Head Start Performance Standards and PIR report information.
- To submit child outcomes of Early Head Start children using an Early Childhood research based curriculum. Early Head Start program will use *Ages and Stages* along with Individual Goals and Objectives.
- To allow **CF** staff to monitor *attendance* records for ADA (Average Daily Attendance) and enrollment of enrolled children; this will be maintained in a CF family/child database system.
- To provide **CF** with documentation of in-kind services to include space, materials, activities, staff salaries, utilities, and training not provided by **Children First** Early Head Start funds. In-kind will be verified and documented by **The Board** annually and submitted to **Children First**.
- To provide work space for **CF** staff for 2 Family Advocates at North County Cysis (Riverview High School) and for 1 Family Advocate at the South County Cysis (North Port High School).
- To provide assistance with the enrollment process of **EHS** children, and to work as a team for parents and staff to understand all aspects of both programs.
- To monitor the program to ensure Early Head Start Regulations are followed.
- To attend partnership meetings to ensure all aspects of the program are running smoothly. The meetings will include all necessary staff to ensure the ongoing operation of these programs.
- To recruit enrolled families for special focus groups offered by Families First Initiative.
- To maintain an appropriate self insurance fund as permitted by Florida law.

