

**2008/2009 Community Human Services Partnership  
Recommended Leon County Funded Programs by Team  
(9/3/08)**

**TEAM 1 – Children’s Services, Total County Allocation of \$70,555**

**Agency: Early Learning Coalition**  
**Program: Childcare Tuition Assistance**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$33,555**

The childcare tuition assistance program provides funding for childcare for young children throughout Leon County. Additionally, the program provides a variety of services designed to strengthen families, promote continuity of care and prepare children for success in school. All families receiving childcare tuition assistance are required to pay a portion of their childcare costs as determined by a sliding scale; the remaining child care costs are paid by the program. Currently, childcare tuition assistance is provided to 2,599 children in Leon County.

**Agency: Lutheran Social Services**  
**Program: Project Day Care**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$20,000**

Project Day Care provides next day, emergency assistance with the childcare needs of low-income families in crisis. Qualifying emergencies are those that either lead to employment, prevent loss of employment, or those that place a child at risk of neglect due to lack of an appropriate caregiver. The program receives referrals from area agencies, verifies both low-income status and the presence of a qualifying emergency, and then arranges for the preferred child day care provider to receive payment.

**Agency: Watch Me Grow Enrichment Center**  
**Program: Subsidized Childcare**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$17,000**

This program serves children age birth to five from low income families in the community. It provides age appropriate learning experiences designed to promote their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development and works closely with the families of the children through Parent Workshop Series to ensure that the development needs of the children are met.

**TEAM 2 – Community Support, Total County Allocation of \$33,500**

**Agency: 2-1-1 Big Bend**  
**Program: Helpline 2-1-1**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$15,000**

Helpline 2-1-1, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, provides crisis intervention, suicide prevention, counseling, and information and referral to human services in the eight-county Big Bend area. Callers to Helpline 2-1-1 can remain anonymous and a strict confidentiality policy is in place. There are no fees and no eligibility limitations. In addition to receiving counseling from the trained hotline staff and volunteers, callers can be linked to any services they may need in the community through an up-to-date comprehensive resource database of human services programs in the Big Bend area. On average, counselors answer 1,654 calls each month.

**Agency: Good News**  
**Program: Mercy House**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$18,500**

Mercy House is a faith-based rehabilitation/re-entry program that allows homeless men, especially those recently released from prison, a hand-up toward successfully transitioning back into society. Mercy House provides all living expenses for up to two months, as well as training and services to help ensure a successful transition back into society, including career services, addiction rehabilitation, a mentoring program and one-on-one living skills training. Mercy House also coordinates volunteers that offer transitional advice, skills training, and mentoring to those currently in prison.

**TEAM 3 – Persons with Disabilities, Total County Allocation of \$21,000**

**Agency: Florida Institute of Rehabilitation Education (F.I.R.E.)**  
**Program: Vision**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$15,000**

FIRE serves individuals who are visually impaired or blind. Trained staff members teach clients a variety of techniques that will help them adjust to blindness and enable them to re-establish their independence. Orientation and Mobility teaches clients how to move safely and confidently both in their home and in the community. Independent Living Techniques teaches clients new methods for conducting day-to-day activities such as cleaning, cooking, and hygiene. With the Communication program, clients learn new methods of reading and writing, including how to read and write in Braille. Computers and Adaptive Technology teaches clients how to access Internet, email, word processing, and other computer programs. Finally, Early Intervention is aimed at instructing children and their families to help the child accommodate for their lack of vision by using other abilities. All services are free of charge to any resident who is legally blind or has an eye disease that will lead to blindness.

**Agency: Workshop for Adult Vocational Enrichment (W.A.V.E.)**  
**Program: Social Activities**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$5,000**

Developmentally disabled consumers (severe, chronic disability attributable to mental or physical impairment or a combination of the two) meet on a monthly basis at various locations in the community to socialize and participate in activities such as bowling, swimming, movies, eating in restaurants, picnics, dancing, and pot luck dinners. Board members and the Administrator organize the events, and consumers defray the cost for certain events, such as the cost of movie tickets. Specific responsibilities include identifying the social activity, determining the date and location for the activity, determining if any fees are applicable, and communicating all this to consumers and their families. During the past year WAVE served 51 unduplicated consumers.

**Agency: Workshop for Adult Vocational Enrichment (W.A.V.E.)**  
**Program: Vocational Training**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$1,000**

This program meets one day per week for two hours per day and provides approximately ten clients with the opportunity to work together to accomplish basic laundry functions. Clients

enhance their communication skills, learn to work as a team, and also have the opportunity for socialization and the development of friendships. WAVE anticipates expanding this program to include arts and crafts, providing an additional two hours of activity one day per week for our clients. Expansion of our Life Skills program is the initial step in developing a comprehensive day program that will provide our clients with meaningful and challenging activities for four hours per day at least several days per week.

**TEAM 4 – Emergency Services, Total County Allocation of \$47,000**

**Agency: ECHO**

**Program: Weekend Meals**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$12,000**

ECHO's Weekend Meals Program provides hot lunches to anyone who is hungry or homeless, every Saturday and Sunday of the year. On Saturdays, bulk food is provided to Bethel Baptist Missionary Church, where it is cooked and served at the Shelter, providing an estimated 6,800 meals last year. On Sunday, frozen meals are delivered to the First Presbyterian Church, where the meals are heated and served. On holiday weekends, ready-to-eat meals are purchased, reducing the number of volunteers needed on those hard-to-staff dates.

**Agency: The Shelter**

**Program: Bill Hanson Community Day Center**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$35,000**

The Bill Hanson Community Day Center provides daytime services to the homeless between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Prior to the day center, idle clients of The Shelter were strained to occupy their time elsewhere during the day while The Shelter prepared for their daily intake. With the Bill Hanson Community Day Center, clients now have an indoor space with a plethora of programs such as art therapy, basic living and employability skill, Alcoholics Anonymous and health awareness, free of charge. Case managers, counselors, management and staff now have less of a time constraint and are able to assist their clients on an individual basis before the main shelter opens in the evening. The center also diverts the homeless from any "criminal" acts such as trespassing and loitering and decreases the amount of panhandling.

**TEAM 5 – Family Support, Total County Allocation of \$115,304**

**Agency: Capital City Youth Services**

**Program: Someplace Else**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$30,000**

Someplace Else, the residential/shelter component of Capital City Youth Services, serves at-risk youth between the ages of 10 and 17, providing food, shelter, clothing, educational services, and therapeutic activities. Individual and family counseling, case management, youth development and community service opportunities are available. Youth Care Specialists provide 24-hour awake supervision and guidance for youth in the program. Youth entering the program complete a comprehensive intake assessment and orientation to the program. The youth meet with an Advocate to complete a bio-psychological assessment, develop a plan of services and identify any additional needs. The family is contacted and encouraged to participate in services, with the

goal of family reunification in the majority of cases. All services are free of charge regardless of race, ethnic background, gender, or economic status.

**Agency: ECHO**

**Program: Family Services**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$30,000**

ECHO, Inc.'s Family Services Program provides emergency shelter for a period of four months for homeless families who have minor children in their custody. All families must agree to actively participate in case management, life skills classes, and employment assistance through ECHO's Employment Assistance Program, unless they are currently employed, retired, or disabled. Case management includes goal setting, assisting residents with finding stable living arrangements and employment, transportation assistance, childcare, budgeting, overcoming obstacles, and referrals and resources for other needed services. After-school tutoring and family enrichment activities are also provided. The goal of the Family Services Program is to empower homeless families to move towards greater stability, and follow-ups continue for nine months after leaving the program.

**Agency: Mothers in Crisis**

**Program: Kids in Partnership Project**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$30,304**

Kids in Partnership Project (KIPP) serves youth ages five-11. The program educates these kids on the dangers of substance abuse such as drugs and alcohol, as well as violence prevention through field trips, pre/post tests and assessments. Most of KIPP's clients are children in single-parent homes, impoverished homes or households susceptible to substance abuse as a result of a parent's addiction. The program provides weekly after-school training, free of charge. Professional and volunteer services are provided to reduce risk factors in drug and violence related incidents.

**Agency: Visions of Manhood**

**Program: Fatherhood Initiative/Project Child Support**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$10,000**

The Fatherhood Initiative/Project Child Support serves non-custodial fathers in the Florida Second Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties. Through the project, educational sessions are held once a week for two to three hours. Each session is thirteen weeks in duration and covers topics such as fathering without violence or fear, overcoming barriers, nurturing, and teaching values. The project also includes a minimum of two father-child bonding activities. Six-week sessions are also held at the Leon County Jail for incarcerated fathers with child support issues. These sessions meet twice a week and cover the same topics as the regular sessions, but they do not include bonding activities.

**Agency: Refuge House**

**Program: Outreach Counseling & Courthouse Services**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$15,000**

This program provides counseling services and injunction assistance to any person that has been a direct victim of domestic or sexual violence and to any friend or family member of a victim of

violence who is experiencing difficulty as a secondary victim. Counseling services consist of group and individual counseling, therapy, and assistance in scheduling medical follow-ups. Injunction assistance is provided by trained staff members who explain the process to the petitioners and assist them with completing and filing the necessary paperwork.

<b>TEAM 6 – Physical Health, Total County Allocation of \$45,000</b>
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**Agency: Sickle Cell Foundation**

**Program: Community Awareness**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$35,000**

The goal of the Sickle Cell Foundation Community Awareness program is to make everyone aware of sickle cell disease/trait, its cause, and its impact on clients, families, and the entire community. So much of what the public hears and reads about the sickle cell trait and sickle cell anemia is inaccurate, misleading, and unduly alarming. This program purchases educational materials about the sickle cell conditions and makes them available to the public by placing them in schools, health fairs, libraries, community centers, doctors' offices, and churches. It uses local newspapers and radio and television programs, as well as opportunities to speak at social clubs and community service agencies, to dispel myths about sickle cell disease and to inform the public about the available programs and services for those affected.

**Agency: The Shelter**

**Program: Clinic**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$10,000**

The Shelter Clinic responds to the immediate medical needs of homeless persons in its location at The Shelter in downtown Tallahassee. The Clinic is open three hours per evening and is staffed by a Licensed Practical Nurse, who sees between seventy-five and one hundred patients per shift. She monitors the prescription medication schedules of clients and provides them access to their medications, which are kept in locked cabinets within the locked Clinic. The nurse also regularly takes vital signs of clients with chronic or acute health problems, as well as treating minor illnesses. Clients can be evaluated based on the need for further follow-up care, whether this means making an immediate emergency room visit or waiting to address the issue at a doctor's office or clinic. There are no fees for The Shelter Clinic, and the only requirement is the need for medical care.

<b>TEAM 7 – Senior Services, Total County Allocation of \$78,583</b>
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**Agency: Eldercare Services**

**Program: Nutrition (Meals On Wheels)**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$30,000**

The Meals On Wheels Program provides a hot noon meal and a cold supper, delivered around noontime, Monday through Friday, 252 days a year. The clients are frail, homebound elderly, age 60 or older and must be homebound and unable to prepare a nutritious meal.

**Agency: Alzheimer's Project****Program: Program Support****Proposed County Allocation: \$44,583**

This program provides support to both the caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia disorders and to the victims of these diseases. The support is provided by offering information and referrals, counseling, education and training for professionals, the community and caregivers. Services are provided free of charge and client eligibility is based upon a probable diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, a related dementia disorder, or cognitive problems relating to a disease or head trauma.

**Agency: Good News****Program: Elder Services****Proposed County Allocation: \$4,000**

Good News Outreach Elder Services provides companionship and material assistance to elders both living in their own homes or in nursing homes. One full-time Program Director and 19 volunteers provide companionship, transportation, house cleaning and repairs, yard work, assistance with making appointments, paying bills and medical inquiries, phone pals, food delivery, clothing and other goods, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and other holiday gifts, and comfort to family members. The Program Director organizes all volunteers and coordinates all of the services provided. There are no fees or eligibility requirements for clients.

**TEAM 8 -- Substance Abuse, Total County Allocation of \$51,000****Agency: A Life Recovery Center****Program: A Life Recovery****Proposed County Allocation: \$30,000**

This program focuses on clients suffering from chemical dependency. Based upon the client's eligibility, they participate in either outpatient treatment or the full program component. The outpatient treatment provides at least three hours of clinical programming per day for no less than four days per week. The length of treatment duration is guided by the client's individual treatment plan, and ranges from two to four months. In cases where the client has a failed record with outpatient treatment, they can participate in the full program component which allows them to reside in the agency's transitional safe house. To qualify, the client must commit to a period of no less than six months in this treatment modality.

**Agency: Frenchtown Outreach Center****Program: Walk Out of Darkness****Proposed County Allocation: \$21,000**

Frenchtown Outreach Center, Inc.'s chemical dependency group intervention program is a replica of the Best Practice Self-Help model. The group meets seven nights a week for one hour. Recovering and non-recovering persons with at least ten years of uninterrupted sobriety and group facilitation experience facilitate self-help groups. Facilitators agree to act as sponsors and are available for 24-hour crisis intervention. Group participants can also receive individual counseling or case management by request or referral. If individual counseling services are used, fees are assessed on a sliding scale according to income and family size; there are no fees for

participating in group sessions. Anyone can participate in the group sessions as long as they are sober, comply with group norms, and agree to random urinalysis screenings.

**TEAM 9 – Youth Recreation and Character Building, Total County Allocation of \$172,090**

**Agency: Boys and Girls Club**

**Program: Tallahassee and Leon County Clubs**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$78,590**

Program activities are offered to children and youth ages five-17 that reside in Tallahassee and Leon County. Activities are grouped into five core areas consisting of character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts and sports, fitness and recreation.

**Agency: Bethel by the Lake**

**Program: Girls Choir**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$36,000**

The Tallahassee Girls' Choir of CHOICE is a character-building organization for adolescent and teenage girls. The program uses music as a unifying, skill-building and confidence-building medium, and workshops, seminars, group sessions and cultural events to provide informational and experiential support to further personal and skill development. Music sessions occur twice weekly, group sessions are conducted on Saturdays, and the after-school program is provided Monday through Friday. The staff consists of three part-time employees and several volunteers from local universities. There is no fee for participation.

**Agency: C.H. Mason Bible Institute**

**Program: Youth Boxing**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$2,500**

The goal of the Youth Boxing Program is to close the gap of academic disparity through one-on-one mentorship. Its main premise is to improve educational outcomes in regards to academic disciplines and FCAT. Through successful outcomes, students build self esteem, self motivation and become responsible citizens in the community as they deter away from crime and focus on academic success. Volunteers range from professional educators to college and middle school students with a variety of backgrounds and skills. Funds will go towards FCAT booklets, weekly meals, and supervised field trips designed to promote awareness and attitude change. The program is structured to build the student's skills in areas such as practical mathematics, vocabulary, measurements, and guest shops. Target population has increased from 25 to 35 students who live around the Southwest area of Tallahassee, grades pre-K to tenth grade. Resources included Community-Outreach Involvement such as churches, teachers, librarians, students, and newspapers.

**Agency: Walker-Ford Teen Council**

**Program: Teen Council**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$55,000**

The Walker-Ford Teen Council is a youth organization consisting of teens ranging from 13 to 18 years in age; a pre-teen council also exists for those between ages six and 12. Most of these teens and pre-teens reside in economically depressed neighborhoods, and on this point alone, can be

considered at-risk. Through serving in responsible positions on the council and/or participating in council activities, these teens and pre-teens learn valuable life skills and values leading to becoming outstanding citizens in the community. The areas that the Teen Council focuses on include exposure to people and environments from outside the immediate community, job information, training and opportunities, improving communication and social skills, educational assistance, physical and mental wellness, and civic responsibility. Whenever possible, these programs are provided to the target population free of charge.

<b>TEAM 10 – Youth Education, Total County Allocation of \$35,419</b>
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**Agency: John Riley Center**

**Program: Youth Culture & Literacy Academic Program**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$13,000**

The Youth Culture & Literacy Academic Program (YCLAP) consists of four educational programs: Riley's Kids After-School Program, Riley In-School Heritage Lessons, Blended Lives and Power-up Summer Program. The goal of YCLAP is to provide an array of educational and culturally diverse activities and programs in collaboration with creative thinking, knowledge of heritage while improving literacy. Their purpose is to develop and monitor programs and services that foster intellectual, social and emotional development of students through museums and other cultural facilities and programs. The program primarily serves low-income households. The program also assists its students in reading, writing, and language skills.

**Agency: Miccosukee Youth Education**

**Program: Academic Achievement Program**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$5,200**

The Academic Achievement Program (AAP) aids students who are academically challenged, in enhancing academic areas such as reading comprehension, language arts, math, writing and FCAT. The majority of these students have failed one or more grade level as well as a portion of the FCAT and have a GPA lower than 2.0. AAP provides 31 weeks of tutorial help, twice a week within a span of two hours. The program's three main factors are the year-long tutoring program, FCAT prep and the summer camp. The year-long tutoring provides assistance with school homework and intense instruction in each specified academic area. The FCAT prep provides a practice test with feedback on what areas the student needs help with most. After the student receives additional help, they are retested to see improvements. The summer camp program provides students with a jumpstart in their academic preparation for the next grade level, and meals are provided during the camp. Students are awarded for their participation and accomplishments through a recognition program involving parents, teachers, members of the Board and the community.

**Agency: Visions of Manhood**

**Program: Youth Education through Service**

**Proposed County Allocation: \$17,219**

The Youth Education through Service (YES) project is a collaboration with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Leon County Schools. YES is a youth restorative justice program which diverts first-time juvenile offenders and provides alternative settings to out-of-school suspensions. A written contract is signed by the juvenile and their custodians requiring

the juvenile to complete an average of 50 hours of community service. The program is meant to deter first-time offenders from being re-arrested, and promote abiding citizens in the community. Intervention with first-time offenders and teens with serious disciplinary infractions in school prevents a downward spiral into future and more serious offenses. Funding is provided for 25 first-time juvenile offenders between the ages of 12 and 18 based on a selection criteria, including but not limited to: presence of family support, academic failure or suspension, pre-delinquent behaviors and substance abuse. There is a restorative justice committee, comprised of representatives from Visions of Manhood, the State Attorney's Office, local law enforcement, and other organizations, in recommending a suitable outcome/punishment for delinquent behavior.

**Team 11 – Basic Needs, Total County Allocation of \$20,500**

**Agency: Good News**  
**Program: Food Outreach**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$7,000**

The Food Outreach provides food to families and individuals living at or below the poverty level. Food boxes, as well as clothing, blankets and household goods are distributed to families in need. Items are sorted out by volunteers on a weekly basis and some volunteers deliver food to clients once a month. During Christmas and Thanksgiving, holiday meals are distributed, and during Easter and Christmas, baskets and gifts are given to the children and elderly. Food drives are conducted each month in collaboration with other organizations. All services are provided free of charge.

**Agency: Good News**  
**Program: Maryland Oaks Crossing**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$6,000**

Maryland Oaks Crossing provides 38 low-income housing to single women with children. The community provides a safe, clean and drug-free environment for its residents. Rent is established at \$500 for two bedrooms and \$600 for three bedrooms. The majority of the inhabitants do not receive Section 8 public assistance. Good News Outreach has a donor pledging to match the funds provided by CHSP up to \$15,000.

**Agency: Good News**  
**Program: Soup Kitchen**  
**Proposed County Allocation: \$7,500**

The Soup Kitchen provides a noon meal (Monday-Friday) to the homeless and needy in the Tallahassee area. The kitchen provides approximately 140 individuals with meals, five days per week. Also, basic needs such as clothing and hygiene products, and room and board are provided for qualified staff. Volunteers help in picking up the food from vendors, preparing and serving the food. Food donations are supplied by Publix and church food drives.

**TEAM 12 – Employment and Training, Total County Allocation of \$0**

No programs within this program area were funded by the County.