

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**2019-2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC), an advisory committee to the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, is now accepting applications for the new grant period beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This Request for Proposal (RFP) allows not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, government agencies and individuals, to apply for funding of programs for Indian River County children. Organizations submitting proposals will be required to demonstrate how their proposed program's focus and impact are aligned with at least one of the Focus Areas of Need outlined below.

The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, May 7, 2019 by 2:00 PM.**

**FOCUS AREAS OF NEED**

Mental health affects every Focus Area. We have decided not to make mental health a separate Focus Area, but to evaluate mental health interventions relevant to each Focus Area.

1. Early Childhood Development

This encompasses birth to age 5. For the younger children this would mean improving the interactions they have beginning at birth with their caregivers and with focus on physical, social emotional and cognitive development. It would include improving the quality at childcare, PreK and Voluntary PreK providers as well as improving financial accessibility by leveraging available federal and state funds.

2. Build Parent Capacity

This encompasses improving parenting skills at every age of a child's life and providing support mechanisms for parents, including the pre-natal period. A priority would be new parents in particular first time and single parents and those in the poverty pockets.

3. After school and summer recreational activities and academic enrichment programs

They need to be free/affordable and accessible (transportation) to parents and children. They should include a literacy/tutoring component. We hold agencies to a high standard of what constitutes academic enrichment. Mentoring programs are included. There is a large gap of programs for children 12+.

4. Middle and High School programs that address risky behavior

Programs that help adolescents and teens develop the tools to become productive, healthy and law-abiding citizens and address risky behavior (alcohol, tobacco, vaping, drugs, delinquency, teen pregnancy, STDs, bullying, etc.)

The complete RFP and instructions are attached. Please review before completing the funding application.

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