

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
PINELLAS COUNTY AND THE
PINELLAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR
READY FOR LIFE THERAPIST**

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement), effective upon the date last entered below, by and between PINELLAS COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Florida (hereinafter called the "COUNTY"), and Bob Dillinger, Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, an independent constitutional officer for Pinellas County (hereinafter called "PD").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the PD participates in a Juvenile Crossover Court program that serves Foster Children aging out of the Foster Care System that are residents of the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to supplement the funding received by the PD to assist Foster Children in COUNTY,

WHEREAS, Ready for Life, Inc., is a not-for-profit who serves youth in Pinellas County that have transitioned or preparing to transition from the Foster Care System,

WHEREAS, the best interests of the COUNTY and the PD are served by making efficient use of existing expertise and resources; and

WHEREAS, both the COUNTY and the PD have the authority to enter into an Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. Scope of Services

The PD shall:

- a) Provide one (1) Masters Level Therapist to serve Foster Children aging out of the Foster Care System and are being served by Ready for Life. (Exhibit 1 Attached)
- b) Provide services in a manner consistent with expenditures required for maintenance of this program (Exhibit 1 attached).
- c) Inform the COUNTY in a timely manner of any circumstances or events which may reasonably jeopardize the ability to meet PD's obligations under this Agreement.

2. Term of Agreement

The services of the PD shall commence October 1, 2020, and shall be completed no later than September 30, 2021.

3. Compensation

- a) The COUNTY shall deposit into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund of the Public Defender, Sixth Judicial Circuit's state budget, the sum of **\$81,070.00** to be used to fund one (1) position listed in the budget narrative for this program (as provided in Exhibit 1 attached hereto.)
- b) The COUNTY and PD shall retain all records relating to this Interlocal Agreement for three (3) years after final payment is made. All records shall be subject to audit by the COUNTY.

4. Cancellation

- a) If the PD fails to fulfill or abide by any of the provisions of this Agreement, PD shall be considered in material breach of the Agreement. Where the COUNTY determines that a material breach can be corrected, PD shall be given thirty (30) days to cure said breach. If PD fails to cure, or if the breach is of the nature that the COUNTY has determined cannot be corrected, or that the harm caused cannot be undone, COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement, with cause, upon notice in writing to the PD.
- b) In the event the PD uses any funds provided by this Agreement for any purpose or program other than authorized under this Agreement, the PD shall repay such amount and, at the option of the COUNTY, be deemed to have waived the privilege of receiving additional funds under this Agreement.
- c) In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period or are otherwise encumbered, the COUNTY shall notify the PD of such occurrence and the Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the then current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the COUNTY.

5. Indemnification

The COUNTY and PD are public bodies of the State of Florida, the parties agree to be fully responsible for their own acts of negligence, and their respective agents/employees' acts of negligence when acting within the scope of their employment, and agree to be liable for any damages proximately caused thereby; provided however, that the parties' liability is subject to the limitations imposed by 768.28, Fla. Stat. Nothing herein is intended to act as a waiver of sovereign immunity by either the COUNTY or PD. Nothing herein shall be construed as consent by the COUNTY or PD to be sued by any third parties for any cause or matter arising out of or related to this Agreement.

6. Assignments

The PD shall not assign the responsibility of this Agreement to another party without prior written approval of the COUNTY. Any such approval by the COUNTY shall not be deemed to provide for the incurrence of any additional obligation by the COUNTY not stated in this AGREEMENT. All such assignments shall be subject to the conditions of this Agreement and to any subsequent conditions of approval that the COUNTY may require.

7. Renewal

The PD and the COUNTY reserve the right to renew this Interlocal Agreement for up to three additional one-year terms as mutually agreed upon in writing by both parties.

8. Waiver

The waiver of either party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as or be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach hereof.

9. Amendments

No amendments to this Agreement may be made without prior written approval of the PD and the COUNTY.

10. Governing law and Venue

The laws of the State of Florida shall govern this Agreement and venue shall be in Pinellas County, Florida.

<< Signatures on following page>>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed the day and year written below.

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA by and through its Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Pat Gerard, Chair

Date: _____

Bob Dillinger, Public Defender for the Sixth Judicial Circuit

By: Bob Dillinger
Bob Dillinger, Public Defender

Date: 8/28/2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Michael A. Zas
Office of the County Attorney

Exhibit 1

Ready For Life Therapist
Personnel Budget Request FY 2020-2021

<u>Personnel</u>		
Therapist (Master Level) (1 FTE)	\$44,561.28/year \$3713.44 mo. x 12	\$44,561.28
(Salary)		\$44,561.28
<u>Fringe</u>		
FICA 7.65%	\$284.08 mo. x 12	\$3,408.96
Worker's Compensation 2.5%	\$0	\$0
Unemployment		
Insurance-Health	\$1539.32 x 12	\$18,471.84
Life Insurance	\$3.58/mo. x 12	\$42.96
Retirement	10% of Eligible Salaries \$314.53 x 12	\$4,456.08
<u>Fringe</u>		\$26,379.84
Salary and Fringe		\$70,941.12

ITEM	RATE	COST	GRAND TOTAL
General Office Supply	\$50/mo. x 12 mo.	\$600	
Postage	\$37/mo. x 12 mo.	\$444	
Laptop Computer	\$1,100	\$1,100	
Printer	\$450	\$450	
Copies	9,000 x .15/copy	\$1350	
Cell Phone	\$59.12/mo. x 12 mo.	\$709.44	
Mileage	\$456.56 x 12 mo.	\$5,478.72	
	Total	\$10,132.16	\$81,073. per FTE

\$81,073 for 1 FTE

Budget Round-down - \$80,070

3% COLA

The Therapist will work with the participants at Ready for Life through individual therapy. For every \$1 invested in mental health the return is \$2 to \$10 savings in health costs, criminal and juvenile justice costs, educational costs, and lost productivity¹. Unfortunately, a majority of children in the foster care system have experienced some form of trauma and are at risk for emotional and behavioral problems².

¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2016, August 8). Retrieved March 2018, from SAMHSA: <http://www.samhsa.gov/prevention>

² Beyerlein, Brittany A. and Ellin Bloch. "Need for Trauma-Informed Care within the Foster Care System: A Policy Issue." *Child Welfare*, vol. 93, no. 3, May 2014, pp. 7-21.