

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PINELLAS COUNTY AND
READY FOR LIFE, INC. FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MENTAL HEALTH,
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE REINVESTMENT GRANT
ROAD TO SUCCESS CROSSOVER YOUTH PROJECT**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is made and entered into by and between Pinellas County, a political subdivision of the state of Florida (COUNTY), and Ready for Life, Inc. (RFL).

WHEREAS, there is an increased emphasis on providing diversion alternatives for youth and young adults with substance use, mental health, or co-occurring disorders, and who have been charged with a crime;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY in collaboration with the Public Defender and RFL submitted an application to the Department of Children and Families for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant (hereinafter CJMHSA Grant); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has been awarded the CJMHSA Grant in response to the collaborative application with the Public Defender and RFL and has entered into a Client Services Agreement with Florida's Department of Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, the CJMHSA Grant will fund the Pinellas Road to Success Project (hereinafter "Project") that is an expansion of the existing crossover youth program; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender has coordinated the development of programs of this nature in collaboration with RFL and the best interests of the COUNTY are served by making efficient use of existing expertise and resources;

WHEREAS, the COUNTY desires to ensure that the Public Defender has the ability to properly perform such activities.

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

- a) RFL shall perform services as specified and consistent with the grant application submitted to the Florida Department of Children and Families (hereinafter "DCF") incorporated by reference herein and attached as Exhibit 1.
- b) RFL shall serve as Subcontractor for the Project as specified in Section C-2.3 of the DCF Client Services Agreement for the CJMHSA Grant, incorporated by reference herein and attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- c) RFL shall contribute to the required match component through cash and/or in-kind services as described and incorporated herein by the Project Budget, attached hereto as Exhibit 3.

- d) RFL shall assist, as needed, in compiling information regarding Project performance measures for reporting as required by Exhibit 2 in Sections C-2.6 and E-1; and any other sections pertaining to CJMHSA Grant and Project reporting.
- e) This MOU is effective beginning July 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until midnight on June 30, 2023, unless mutually extended or modified by the parties.
- f) Except as expressly provided in the MOU, neither party may subcontract, assign, or transfer its rights or obligations under this MOU without prior written consent of the other party.
- g) Either party may cancel this MOU by providing the other party ninety (90) calendar days written notice of cancellation.
- h) All rights and responsibilities provided for in this MOU shall be read to be subject to the availability and receipt of Grant funds by the COUNTY.
- i) This MOU and any and all documents related hereto are public records subject to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.
- j) This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the CJMHSA Grant received by the COUNTY for the purposes of the Road to Success Project. It may be amended only in writing and signed by all parties to this MOU.

ACCORDINGLY, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement as of the day and year written below.

PINELLAS COUNTY, acting by and through its Board of County Commissioners.

READY FOR LIFE, INC., acting by and through its Chief Executive Officer.

By: _____
Pat Gerard, Chairman

By: Kathy Mize
Kathy Mize

Date: _____

Date: 5/29/2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Michael A. Zas
Office of the County Attorney