

Children's Services Council of Broward County Program Planning Committee Meeting

April 9, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Loc: Children's Services Council of Broward County & Zoom Access

6600 West Commercial Blvd., Lauderdale, FL 33319 -- Training Room 1

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Agenda

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| I. | Call Meeting to Order | | Christine Thompson
<i>Committee Chair</i> |
| II. | Roll Call | | Amy Jacques,
<i>Special Assistant to the
President/CEO</i> |
| III. | Approve PPC Minutes from March 6, 2025 | (Tab 1) | Christine Thompson,
<i>Committee Chair</i> |
| IV. | Recommend to the Full Council Approval
of the Junior Achievement Leverage Request
for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program | (Tab 2) | Maria Juarez, <i>CPO</i> |
| V. | Recommend to the Full Council Approval of
the Museum of Discovery & Science Leverage
Request for the EcoExplorers Program | (Tab 3) | Maria Juarez, <i>CPO</i> |
| VI. | Public Comment/Council General Comments | | Christine Thompson,
<i>Committee Chair</i> |
| VII. | Adjourn | | |

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY
Program Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting**

Location: Children's Services Council of Broward County (with Zoom access)
6600 W. Commercial Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33319

**March 6, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.
Minutes**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Governor Appointee Christine Thompson (*Committee Chair*), Governor Appointee Jeffrey Wood

Committee Members Attending Virtually:

Governor Appointee Julia Musella, Governor Appointee Alyssa Foganholi, Broward County Commissioner Nan Rich

Staff in Attendance:

Cindy Arenberg Seltzer (*President/CEO*), David Kenton, Maria Juarez, Sue Gallagher, Sharetta Remikie, Ken King, Lisa Bayne, Dion Smith, Amy Jacques, Radoika Pilarte, Erin Byrne, Shaquoia Wilson

Guests in Attendance:

Jackie Borenstein (*Sunrise Day Camp – David Posnack JCC*), Howard Fleischer (*Sunrise Day Camp – David Posnack JCC*), Traci Schweitzer (*Florida Department of Children & Families*), Francisco Isaza (*2-1-1 Broward*)

Agenda:

I. Call to Order

PPC Committee Chair Christine Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

II. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted and a quorum was established with the physical presence of Committee Members Christine Thompson and Jeffrey S. Wood.

III. Program Planning Committee (PPC) Minutes from September 16, 2024

ACTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to approve the CSC PPC meeting minutes from September 16, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Foganholi and passed with no opposing votes.

IV. David Posnack JCC Leverage Funding Request for Summer Camp for Children with Cancer and Their Siblings

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the leverage funding request, as presented in the meeting information packet.

Ms. Jackie Borenstein, Sunrise Day Camp – David Posnack JCC, thanked the Council for its support and expressed appreciation on behalf of the children. She played a short audio clip message she had received from a child who is excited and eagerly awaiting their visit.

ACTION: Ms. Wood made a motion to recommend to the full Council approval of leverage funding for David Posnack JCC to provide a summer camp for children with cancer and their siblings, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Musella and passed with no opposing votes.

V. 2-1-1 Broward Contract Adjustment and System Goal Objective Update Related to the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Helpline

Ms. Juarez briefly highlighted the adjustments to the 2-1-1 Broward Contract and the updated language to System Goal 1.1, Objective 912, as presented in the meeting information packet.

Ms. Arenberg Seltzer explained that this is not a leverage request but a community collaborative with an ongoing contract, benchmarks, and performance measures.

Senator Rich expressed support and noted the importance of having calls from Broward residents to the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Helpline answered in Broward County, where trained counselors could not only provide immediate intervention and de-escalation, but also connect callers to local resources and systems of care resources, such as the Broward Behavioral Health Coalition.

Mr. Wood also expressed his support and noted that this is an important focus he had requested in his State of the CSC remarks at the January Council meeting.

Mr. Francisco Isaza, 2-1-1 Broward, expressed his appreciation, noting that CSC has been a flagship of support for 2-1-1 Broward and mental health issues. He stated that with a significant increase in calls this past year, the support is greatly needed and appreciated.

ACTION: Senator Rich made a motion to recommend to the full Council approval of a contract adjustment for 2-1-1 Broward to allow for the hiring of five 9-8-8 Crisis Helpline counselors, and approval to update System Goal 1.1, Objective 912 in Goals with Words to add the language, “and the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline,” as it is becoming a fundamental element of this goal, as

presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wood and passed with no opposing votes.

VI. Public & Members' Comments

There were no additional comments.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

For Program Planning Committee April 9, 2025

Service Goal	3.1 Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school dropout, and other risky behaviors.
Objective:	034 Provide youth employment opportunities and job readiness training to economically disadvantaged youth ages 16-18 to promote employability skills and economic stability.
Issue:	The Junior Achievement Pre-Apprenticeship Program Leverage Funding Request.
Action:	Recommend to the Full Council Approval of the Junior Achievement Leverage Request for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program to provide paid pre-apprenticeship or industry-specific work experience opportunities to economically disadvantaged youth.
Budget Impact:	Amount not to exceed \$594,336 of \$4,157,568 Available in Unallocated for FY 24/25.

Background: Since 2006, CSC has funded employment programs for economically disadvantaged high school-aged youth and youth transitioning out of the child welfare system. The Council funds Career Source and Junior Achievement to provide summer employment opportunities to underserved youth and funds youth internship programs through contracts with HOMES, Inc. and the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS). Furthermore, the Council also funds supported youth employment programs for youth with special needs ages 16-21 under the Supported Training and Employment Program (STEP) section of the Positive Youth Employment RFP.

Current Status: Junior Achievement (JA) submitted a leverage request to CSC to support the Pre-Apprenticeship Program, which is delivered during the school day and summer. This program provides a 150-hour structured curriculum composed of 50 hours of soft-skill instruction and 100 hours of technical training; youth participate in career exploration, industry-specific job shadowing, soft-skills training, and certification programs. The program currently offers the following industry tracks: Maritime Industry, Construction Industry, Wastewater Industry, and Broadband/Telecommunications Industry. Through this training students gain the skills to enter a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) or participate in an industry-specific work experience.

The Pre-Apprenticeship Program currently serves students from approximately 11 schools across Broward County. To meet eligibility for the program, the youth must be 17-18 years old at the time of enrollment, Broward County residents, economically disadvantaged,

demonstrate an interest in technical trades or middle-skill pathways, and commit to completing the 150-hour structured curriculum program. Once they complete the 150-hour portion of the program, they are placed in a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) or an industry-specific work experience. JA's Pre-Apprenticeship RAP partners are the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Florida East Coast Chapter, Florida Rural Water Association, and the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program. JA is seeking funding to offer subsidized wages for 50 students during their initial 90 days of employment.

In FY 23/24, JA reports that 129 out of 234 youth completed required training and certifications; 27 youth participated in job opportunities. A key challenge in placing JA Pre-Apprenticeship graduates into employment is the financial burden on employers. Many small and mid-sized businesses struggle with the upfront costs of hiring and training. This constraint directly impacts job placement outcomes. Additionally, providing initial wage payment during the 1st 90 days of employment encourages businesses to transition these hires into both full apprenticeship programs and internal training programs, fostering long-term workforce development. With this funding, JA will place 50 youth in apprenticeship or industry-specific work experience opportunities by the end of FY 2025.

JA has secured \$442,600 from FLDOE and has requested \$594,336 from CSC to support the pre-apprenticeship program. The FLDOE funding supports the school year training program for 280 youth and runs through June 30, 2025. The funding requested from CSC will support youth wages for a pre-apprenticeship of up to 90 days for 50 youth, a portion of 4 JA staff, and costs associated with youth obtaining various certifications such as Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)-10, CPR First Aid/AED, Forklift/Scissor/Reach, USCG Boating Safety, Water/Waste Class C and D. Industry certifications equip JA Pre-Apprenticeship youth with essential skills that align with employer needs, reducing training costs, and accelerating workforce integration.

If awarded CSC funding, the contract would be from May 1 through September 30, 2025. As discussed during the February Council meeting roundtable, there is an uncertain outlook for local, state, and federal funding. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements, which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization, and ongoing leverage, at this time, staff is recommending a one-term commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

JA is awaiting a funding award determination from the Broward County Board of Commissions and has submitted an appropriations request to the legislature for consideration for FY 25/26 to support this program.

Recommended Action: Recommend to the Full Council Approval of the Junior Achievement Leverage Request for the Pre-Apprenticeship Program to provide paid pre-apprenticeship or industry-specific work experience opportunities to economically disadvantaged youth.

TAB 3

For Program Planning Committee Meeting April 9, 2025

Service Goal	3.1 Reduce risk factors associated with delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, school dropout, and other risky behaviors.
Objective:	033 Provide innovative youth development programs that engage high school students attending high-need schools or students disengaged from school, and/or living in high poverty conditions to promote educational/career success and community attachment.
Issue:	The Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), Everglades EcoExplorers Program Leverage Funding Request.
Action:	Recommend to the Full Council Approve of the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), Everglades EcoExplorers Program Leverage Request
Budget Impact:	\$275,715 to be appropriated in FY 25/26.

Background: The Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) has a 29-year history of hiring disadvantaged youth in their youth employment programs. In 2021, the Council approved a leverage agreement for the MODS Everglades EcoExplorer program, a workforce development internship program for Broward County Public High School youth. The youth who participate in the EcoExplorer's program must attend a high school on the list of Positive Youth Development (PYD) eligible schools. The schools made the list by meeting the eligibility threshold in two or more of these data sets from School Year or Fiscal Year 2022: (1) School FLDOE economically disadvantaged percentage; (2) School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) incidents; (3) School zip code percentages of county-wide youth arrests from FLDJJ; and/or (4) School zip code Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) score.

Since 2021, the EcoExplorer's program has since tripled its capacity from 25 students to 80 students. This program's leverage contract sunsets on 9/30/2025. The program has traditionally met or exceeded all outcomes.

Current Status: MODS submitted a new leverage funding request to support the Everglades EcoExplorers workforce development program to serve 80 high school youth beginning in FY 25/26. The proposed program will continue to provide youth with

summer, after school and weekend environmental education and workforce development training, combined with project-based field studies in the Everglades and policy discussions with environmentalists from the Everglades Foundation. Youth will acquire workplace skills and infuse the knowledge they gained from their training into their after school and weekend positions as MODS environmental educators. The youth will deliver public programs at MODS through its STEM Center for Education and Career Development and in the Broward community through the MODS STEMobile.

In the spring, youth will also assume a leading role during the Youth Climate Summit when school is not in session. The Youth Climate Summit is a platform for 1,000 Broward school students to advocate for policy change, share their climate action plans and network with peers, elected officials and scientists working on sustainability issues. The Summit is held annually in collaboration with the Broward County Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division and Broward County Public Schools.

MODS was awarded \$200,000 from Jerry Taylor and Nancy Bryant Foundation and is requesting \$275,715 in leverage from CSC. This new leverage request is approximately \$62,000 higher than their previous award, to support pay adjustments for the program manager and administrator to make their salaries commensurate with the Museum's managerial and administrative pay structure; youth will be paid for up to 275 hours annually, and youth meals will be covered 50% by CSC.

As discussed during the February Council meeting roundtable, the outlook for local, state, and federal funding is uncertain. Thus, while this leverage request meets the CSC leverage policy requirements, which would make it eligible for five years of CSC funding subject to performance, utilization, and ongoing leverage, at this time, staff is recommending a one-year commitment. This can be extended if conditions change.

Recommended Action: Recommend to the Full Council Approval of the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), Everglades EcoExplorers Program Leverage Request.