

### **Needs statement:**

Children in Need of Services (CHINS) youth represent a highly vulnerable population, often facing complex challenges including family instability, truancy, mental health concerns, and exposure to unsafe environments. Despite the growing needs of these youth, our program's ability to offer meaningful, comprehensive support is significantly hindered by limited funding. At present, our only consistent source of revenue comes from supervision fees collected from families. This creates an inherent equity issue, as families with fewer financial resources may struggle to contribute, and the funds we do receive are insufficient to support the breadth of services CHINS youth require to succeed.

Due to these constraints, we are currently unable to provide critical wraparound services such as intensive case management, mental health counseling, educational support, or family-based interventions. These are proven strategies that help stabilize youth and reduce the likelihood of future system involvement. Without access to these supports, many CHINS youth remain underserved, at risk of escalating behaviors, and without the tools they need to build successful futures.

To better serve this population and prevent deeper penetration into the juvenile justice system, there is a clear and urgent need for expanded funding. Grant support would allow us to enhance service offerings, ensure equitable access regardless of a family's financial situation, and ultimately promote better outcomes for CHINS youth and our community.

### **Project Description:**

Our proposed project seeks to expand access to comprehensive, evidence-based services for Children in Need of Services (CHINS) youth by leveraging and extending successful programming currently offered to delinquency-involved youth. With grant funding, we will bridge a critical service gap for CHINS youth, who often present with similar behavioral health, substance use, family conflict, and social-emotional needs but lack access to adequate interventions due to funding limitations.

The project will support the delivery of a robust continuum of care that includes clinical assessments, group-based interventions, specialty support circles, and family-focused programs. Services will include:

#### **Clinical Assessments:**

- **American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Substance Use Assessments:**  
\$150–\$200 per youth

These assessments will guide individualized service planning and ensure that youth are matched with the most appropriate interventions based on clinical need.

### **Group & Workshop Services:**

- **Life Skills, Peer Pressure, and Decision-Making Workshops:** \$50–\$60 per session per youth

These structured group interventions are designed to reduce risk behaviors, enhance self-regulation, and promote healthy decision-making.

### **Specialty Programs:**

- **Individual therapy:** \$100/session
- **Substance Use Counseling:** \$90/session

These supportive peer-based circles provide safe spaces for addressing past trauma, resilience-building, and emotional wellness.

### **Family & Academic Support:**

We will also expand two high-impact support services to CHINS youth and their families:

- **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Level 5:** One-on-one parent coaching and family stabilization
- **Tutoring Services:** Academic support to improve school engagement and performance

These services are essential for addressing the systemic and familial contributors to CHINS involvement, and are especially critical for youth at risk of deeper justice system involvement.

### **Implementation Plan:**

Services will be delivered in collaboration with existing providers. Youth will be referred based on risk and needs identified through initial assessments. Services will be offered at no cost to families to remove financial barriers to participation.

Proposed Apportionment of Funds

<b>Name of consultant</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Cost per unit</b>	<b>Define unit of</b>	<b># units</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Britt Williams Tutoring Services	Tutoring Services	\$55	Hour	910.01	\$50,050.50
Wellroot Triple P Parenting Level 5	One-on-One Parenting Instruction and support	\$75	Hour	100	\$7,500.00
Hannah Croft	Individual Counseling	\$100	Hour	250	\$25,000.00
FICSS	ASAM Substance Use Assessment	\$200	Assessment	15	\$3,000.00
FICSS	Individual Substance Use Counseling	\$90	Session	120	\$10,800.00
FICSS	Life Skills, Peer Pressure & Decision Making Group	\$60	Session	60.825	\$3,649.50
				Total	\$100,000.00