FY27 DOJ CJCC CHINS
Hall County, Georgia Application

Project Description

Hall County's proposed CHINS 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 are 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:

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- *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.

<u>Group & Workshop Services:</u>

- *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.

<u>Specialty Programs:</u>

- *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.

<u>Family & Academic Support:</u>

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.

Need 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 young people, 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 Goals

By utilizing the services outlined in this application: Triple P Parenting Instruction, individual counseling, individual substance use counseling, individualized tutoring, and supportive group sessions, Hall County Juvenile Court seeks to reduce the juvenile recidivism rate, reduce overall commitments to DJJ, reduce the annual secure detention rate in Hall County, and reduce the annual secure confinement rate of Hall County. The services will also aim to reduce truancy and overall, CHINS referrals.

Project Activities & Services

1. **Describe the project's service delivery plan. In other words, explain how the agency will achieve project goals:**

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2. **State how services will be implemented or enhanced. Outline proposed programming, a timeline for implementing services, as well as an explanation of how youth will be identified and referred into services. Applicants must attach a process**

map for how referrals and services will be determined for the target population, where decisions are made for services and administration of the grant.

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.

3. **Explain how the plan for project activities will meet the target population's needs as described in the needs statement.**

The project activities outlined in this application will help to address familial instability through Triple P parenting with Wellroot Services. Truancy will be addressed through individual counseling, support groups, and tutoring services. Affected youth will also have wider access to mental health counseling and individualized substance abuse counseling. These evidence-based services will address the main drivers that create CHINS referrals.

4. How will the program overcome barriers of engaging the entire family?

Hall County Juvenile Court hopes to address the barrier of a lack of transportation to and from tutoring services by providing transportation services to families. Additionally, the services offered through Triple P parenting will allow families the opportunity to engage in a holistic and evidence-based manner.

5. Describe the primary roles and responsibilities for each grant-funded position *(ensure you to attach a job description for each position on the "Personnel" budget page)*.

NA- all funding requested for Consultants/Contractors.

6. Explain how these cases (type of CHINS) are handled within your program.

The CHINS process begins based on the type of charge being considered—such as truancy, ungovernable behavior, or running away. The initial steps vary slightly depending on the nature of the charge.

Pre-Staffing:

- *Truancy Cases: A pre-staffing meeting is held with the school social worker who initiated the charge.*
- *Ungovernable or Runaway Cases: A pre-staffing meeting is conducted with the child and their family.*

Intake Decision:

Following the pre-staffing, an intake decision is made. This decision considers several factors including the specific charge, the child's age, behavioral history, and current circumstances.

Case Routing:

The case can proceed in one or two ways:

- *CHINS Panel Review:*
  - *If the case is routed to the CHINS Panel, the child and family participate in up to three review sessions. If the child successfully completes all conditions outlined in the CHINS Agreement, the case is dismissed. However, if the agreement is not fulfilled, the case is forwarded for formal court intervention.*
- *Formal Processing:*
  - *In some instances, the case is sent directly to formal court proceedings without panel review, depending on the intake assessment.*

CHINS Panel Composition:

The CHINS Panel includes representatives from a variety of agencies and organizations, such as:

- *Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)*
- *Community service providers*
- *Public Defender's Office*
- *Office of the District Attorney*
- *School Social Workers*
- *Probation Officers*
- *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD)*
- *Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) Chairperson*

Target Population

1. **Provide a detailed description of the target population to be served during the grant period.**

The target population will be juveniles aged 6-16 in Hall County who are low-risk offenders. Typically, with a zero on the Delinquency Assessment Instrument (DAI). There are approximately 36,000 youths in that age range for Hall County, and at least 22% are affected by CHINS-related issues.

Sustainability Plan

1. **Describe the specific activities that will take place during this upcoming grant period to ensure sustainability, including any barriers for the program and how the organization intends to address said issues.**

The Hall County Juvenile Court has a multitude of community partners that support this program and other programs that are implemented to reduce youth recidivism in Hall County. The following community partners have provided support on various levels: Department of Juvenile Justice, Avita Community Partners, Hall County Public Defender's Office, Hall County District Attorney's Office, Hall County Family Connection, Hall County School System, Centerpoint Counseling, Impact Counseling, Gainesville City School System, Center for Hope and Healing, Grace Harbour, Inc., and Evidence Based Associates (EBA).

2. **List the current juvenile related funding sources (state, federal, and/or private) and amount of funding for your organization.**

Hall County Juvenile Court was awarded $450,000 for MST and FFT counseling services through CJCC's JJIG program. This funding only applies to high-risk youth.

3. **Identify potential state, federal, and/or private funding streams for program support.**

The Hall County Juvenile Court continues to research all funding opportunities. Support from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will be utilized when such funds become available. For FY2026, Hall County is requesting a total of $100,000 for its CHINS program. Federal grant opportunities will be diligently monitored by court direction.
There are multiple other potential funding streams that will continue to be explored by Hall County staff. Notably, many of the youth and families to serve in this program are also likely to be 'cross-over youth' involved with other public systems such as child welfare (Department of Families and Children) as well as the Juvenile Court.

4. **List the community partners and their description and contribution, if any, to the proposed program.**

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Budget Narrative

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- Substance Abuse Assessments = $200.00 per assessment*27units = $5,400.00.
    - These assessments will guide individualized service planning and ensure that youth are matched with the most appropriate interventions based on clinical need.
- Parenting Instruction = $75.00 per session * 110 units = $8,250.00.
    - Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Level 5: One-on-one parent coaching and family stabilization.
- Individual Counseling = $90.00 per session * 330 sessions = $29,700.
    - These supportive peer-based circles provide safe spaces for addressing past trauma, resilience-building, and emotional wellness.
- Life Skills Guidance = $60.00 per session * 83 sessions = $4,980.
    - These structured group interventions are designed to reduce risk behaviors, enhance self-regulation, and promote healthy decision-making.
- WEGO Transportation = $5.00 per ride * 440 rides = $2,200.00.
    - This line item will provide transportation for participants at no cost to the family.

Total Federal Request: $74,730.00
Total Cost Share/Match Amount: $0.00
Total Project Cost: $74,730.00

CJCC Budget Detail Worksheet

Agency Name:	Hall County Juvenile Court
Subgrant Number:	
Project Name:	Hall County CHINS Grant Application
Select grant type:	

Purpose: **This Budget Detail Worksheet is used to verify all Subgrant Expenditure Requests (SERs) and to determine whether costs are allowable, reasonable and justified. Please fill it out completely with the Subgrant Adjustment Request (SAR) #1 in your award packet and for each subsequent SAR that requires a budget change. All required information must be present in the budget narrative, regardless of format.**

NOTE - If you need extra lines in the spreadsheet under one of the categories: 1) Highlight an entire row or block of lines within the same category 2) Keeping your mouse over the highlighted row or block, right click and select the copy option by left clicking 3) Next, right click with your mouse again on the highlighted row or block and chose the option "insert copied cells" by left clicking If you selected only a block and not the entire row, a new tile will open up and select the option "Shift cells down" and click OK. Use of this technique will ensure that you don't change the formulas inserted in the spreadsheet.

A (1). Personnel-- List each position by title and name of employee, if available. In order to calculate the budget enter the annual salary and the percentage of time to be devoted to the program. Compensation of employees engaged in program activities must be consistent with that for similar work within the applicant agency.

Title	First and Last name	Salary Rate	% Time to Project	Select Pay Period Frequency	Cost	Match?
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A

Title	First and Last name	Hourly wage	Hours per week on project	Weeks worked annually	Select Pay Period Frequency	Cost	Match?
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
				PERSONNEL TOTAL		**$0**	

A (2). Volunteers -- If applicable, simply enter the number of hours of service volunteers will perform. Volunteers must be valued at $15/hour unless approved by CJCC staff for a higher rate. Do not change the drop-down selection box from "In-kind" or your match will not calculate correctly.

	Hours	Rate	Total value	Match
Volunteers			$ -	In-Kind
	VOLUNTEERS TOTAL		**$0.00**	

A (3). Fringe-- Amounts should be based on actual costs or a formula for personnel listed above, utilizing the percentage of time devoted to the program. Fringe benefits on overtime hours are limited to FICA, Worker's Compensation and State Unemployment Compensation. Costs included within this category are: FICA (employer's portion of Social Security and Medicare taxes), employer's portion of retirement, employer's portion of insurance (health, life, dental, etc.), employer's portion of Worker's Compensation and State Unemployment Compensation.

Title	First and Last name	Total annual salary or wages	Select fringe type	Enter rate of each fringe benefit as a pecentage of salary or wages	% Time to Project	Cost	Match?
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
						$0.00	N/A
					FRINGE TOTAL	**$0.00**	

PERSONNEL GRAND TOTAL	**$0**

B. Travel-- Funds must be budgeted in compliance with State of Georgia Statewide Travel Regulations. Itemize travel expenses of program personnel by category (e.g. mileage, meals, lodging, incidentals, and airfare) and purpose (e.g. training, field interviews, and advisory group meetings) and identify the location, if known. For training programs, list travel and meals for participants separately. Show the budget calculation (e.g. six people attending three-day training at $X airfare, $X lodging, $X meals/ incidentals). **If selecting "airfare" enter 1 in the nights/days field and use the round-trip costs.** Please note that the maximum reimbursement rate is $0.565 per mile, but if your agency's reimbursement rate is lower you must use that

Trainings and Conferences ***All trainings and conferences must be pre-approved by submitting an agenda to your Specialist or Auditor.*

Purpose of Travel	Staff member	Item	Cost	# Individuals	# Nights/Days	# Trips	Cost	Match?

							$0.00	**N/A**
							$0.00	**N/A**
							$0.00	**N/A**
							$0.00	**N/A**
							$0.00	**N/A**

Mileage

Purpose of Travel	Staff member	Location or Coverage Area	Cost per mile	Miles per grant year	Total Cost	Match?
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
			TRAVEL TOTAL		**$0.00**	

C. Equipment-- List non-expendable items to be purchased. Applicants should analyze the benefit of purchased versus leased equipment, especially high cost and electronic or digital items. Explain how the equipment is necessary for the success of the program. Show the budget calculation. Attach a narrative describing the procurement method to be used. Please note that all items must be greate than or equal to $10,000 per unit to be classified as equipment. Otherwise please list items in "Supplies."

Equipment Item	Cost per Unit	# Items	Vendor	Cost	Match?
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
			EQUIPMENT TOTAL	**$0.00**	

D. Supplies-- List items by type (e.g. office supplies, postage, copier usage, training supplies, publications, audio/video (batteries, film, CD/DVD's, etc.), office furniture, computer software, educational/therapeutic supplies, uniforms, weapons (law enforcement and prosecution units only). Show budget calculation. For example, where an item is office supplies, enter $100 for cost per unit; "month" for define unit; 12 for # units, and Office Palooza for Vendor. Leave "define unit" blank if not applicable.

Item	Cost per unit	# Units	Vendor	Cost	Match?
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
			SUPPLY TOTAL	**$0.00**	

E. Printing-- List items by type (e.g. letterhead/envelopes, business cards, training materials). Show budget calculation. For example, where an item is business cards, enter $15 for cost per unit; "box" for define unit; 2 for # units, and Print Mania for Vendor. Leave "define unit" blank if it is not applicable.

Item	Cost per unit	# Units	Vendor	Cost	Match?
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
				$0.00	N/A
			PRINTING TOTAL	**$0.00**	

F. (1) Other Costs-- List items by type (e.g. real property lease, repairs/maintenance, utilities, copier rental/lease, postage meter, insurance & bonding, dues & subscriptions, advertising, registration fees, film processing, notary services, public relations, communication services - indicate if DOAS is provider). Show budget calculation. For example, provide the office space square footage and the lease rate or provide the monthly lease amount and the number of months leased. For unit enter time period as applicable (i.e., "month" for utility costs) or leave blank for items such as registration that require a one-time fee.

Item	Cost per unit	# of Units	% Charged to Grant	Vendor	Cost	Match?
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
					$0.00	N/A
				F. (1) Subtotal	**$0.00**	

F. (2) Consultant Fee: Enter the name, if known, and service to be provided. Show the budget calculation; for example, the hourly or daily rate (8 hours) multiplied by the estimated number of units (eg., 1 hour of therapy).

Name of Consultant	Service Provided	Cost per unit	Define Unit of Service	# Units	Cost	Match?
TBD	Tutoring Services	$55.00	Youth	440.00	$24,200.00	N/A
WeGo	Transportation Services	$5.00	Ride	440.00	$2,200.00	N/A
TBD	Parenting Instruction	$75.00	Session	110.00	$8,250.00	N/A
TBD	Counseling	$90.00	Session	330.00	$29,700.00	N/A
TBD	Substance Abuse Assessments	$200.00	Assessment	27.00	$5,400.00	N/A
TBD	Life Skills Education	$60.00	Session	83.00	$4,980.00	N/A
			F. (2)Subtotal		**$74,730.00**	

F. (3) Contracts: Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and a cost estimate. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use a competitive procurement process in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source contracts in excess of $100,000.

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			F. (2)Subtotal		**$0.00**	

F. (4) Indirect Cost: If your agency has a negotiated rate, a copy of the Indirect Cost Rate Agreement must be submitted with your contract budget. Applicants may elect to use an amount up to the ten percent (15%) de Minimis rate of their Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) base. MTDC includes the cost of salaries, wages and fringe benefits of personnel that work directly on the project, and other operational costs such as supplies, printing, and travel that are directly related to the project. To use the de Minimus indirect cost rate complete the MTDC Calculator in the next tab. When you have completed this calculator, the total indirect cost will transfer to the space below.

Indirect Cost	**$0**

F. OTHER TOTAL	**$74,730**

G. Match Waiver: If your agency would like to request a match waiver, you should submit a letter, on your agency's letterhead, to the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). The letter should outline the reasons why your agency will have trouble meeting the full match requirement and should indicate the amount of match you are able to provide for the

G. Match Waiver Amount:	

Budget Summary--When you have completed this budget worksheet, the totals for each category will transfer to the spaces below. The total costs and total project costs will be computed via Excel formula. Indicate the amount of grant funds requested and the amount of non-grant funds that will support the project.

Budget Category		**Amount**	
A. Personnel and Fringe		$0	
B. Travel		$0	
C. Equipment		$0	
D. Supplies		$0	
E. Printing		$0	
F. Other		$74,730	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		$74,730	
Award		FALSE	
Match Amount		FALSE	
Match Breakdown	**Cash**	$0	#DIV/0!
	In-Kind	$0	#DIV/0!

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NOTE: If a Non-Grant expense amount is entered, make sure those items for which they will be used must be incorporated into your overall budget. Indicate clearly throughout you budget narrative and detail worksheet for which items these funds will be used.

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Hall County Juvenile Court's application for 2027 Children in Need of Services Grants Program Request for Proposals, CHINS-2027-078 has been successfully submitted to CJCC for review.