

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2008

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Funding Request

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Maintenance of Effort Funding Application
2. Foster Care: Total Number in Care & Number of Children Entering and Exiting During 12-Month Period
3. Mental Health State Plan and Social Services
4. Collaborative Funding and Key Outcome Highlights

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Families Together, Inc. and Henderson County Department of Social Services request seed money to fund a collaborative service for abused and neglected children (Attachment 1).

Timely access to and use of mental health services for abused and neglected children removed from the home, or at high risk of removal, is difficult to achieve. The number of children removed from the home has increased (Attachment 2). County Social Services is mandated to provide or arrange services to prevent removal or return the removed child. The mission of Families Together, Inc. is to keep families intact. Mental health services to abused and neglected children/parents are a **priority target group** in the NC Mental Health Plan (Attachment 3). Collaborative funding and key outcome highlights are included as Attachment 4.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of 6-month MOE funding application in the amount of \$70,000.

Suggested Motion:

Based on the availability of MOE funds, I move the Board approve the seed money funding for the collaborative to serve abused and neglected children.



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HENDERSON COUNTY

Maintenance of Effort Funding Application

November 1, 2007 - October 31, 2008

SECTION I	
ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION	
Organization Name Families Together, Inc.	Executive Director Dan Zorn
Contact Person for Grant	Phone Number 828-258-0031
Mailing Address 68 Grove Street	E-Mail
City State Zip Asheville NC 28801	Fax Number 828-258-0038
Website address (if applicable) www.familiestogether.net	Received County funding in last three years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of Application <input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion	Amount of Funding requested \$70,000.00

SECTION II
SERVICE SUMMARY
Mission Statement
Please provide the organization's Mission Statement and/or general organizational information. To provide in-home and community-oriented family support to families with high management children, with services aimed at preventing disruption and re-entry into placement. To seek permanence for children who are unable to re-enter their home of origin with services aimed at preventing multiple placements. To support adults toward their desire to stay and/or become independent.

Performance Goals and Objectives
Identify your organization's goals/objectives. Additional goals may be added.
1 Permanent planning and connectivity to children placed out of their home of origin
2 Assist the family in navigating potential multi-agency barriers
3 Partner with other service agencies
4 Strengthen the family system
5 Improve mental health well-being through education and identifying appropriate services

Service Outcomes			
Please identify measures to assess the effectiveness of your strategies, achievement of goals, efficiency of service delivery or improvement of service delivery			
Outcomes	11.1.2006 - 10.31.2007 Year To Date		11.1.2007 - 10.31.2008
	Target	Actual	Target
1. Accept all referrals for MH assessment			100%
2. Conduct MH assessments within 7 days of referral			80%
3. Assist with timely authorization/pending insurance			100%
4. Timely crisis intervention services to families/children removed by court within 12 months			80%
5. Timely crisis intervention services to families/children at risk of removal within 6 months			80%
6. Assist with all Medicaid appeals to Value Options			100%
7. Timely intensive in-home services to families/children at risk of removal within 6 months			80%
8. Conjoint service plans and quarterly performance management reports			100%
9. Quarterly training			75%

Problem Statement
Identify the problem or need your Organization will address.
Untimely access to and use of mental health services for abused and neglected children removed from the home or at high risk of removal from the home. This problem increases the number of children who enter foster care, increases the time children remain in foster care, and increases placement disruptions.

Target Population
Describe the target population that will be served with the requested funds.
Parents and children for whom the court has appointed legal/physical guardianship (or are at high risk of appointment) based on mental health problems causing a child to be abused and neglected and in need of protection for safety.

Service Goals
How will this service address the problem or need identified?
Location of mental health worker on-site at DSS responsible for mental health services to target group will enable immediate and prioritized access to mental health intake, assessments, and provision of appropriate mental health services. Mental Health and DSS staff will conjointly plan services and share responsibility for measuring achievement of goals and outcomes.

Citizens Impacted
How many citizens will be directly impacted by the program funds?
The potential target population pool is 125 children and their parents. Mental health (includes substance abuse) issues are a primary service need for approximately 50% of families with a child in foster care.

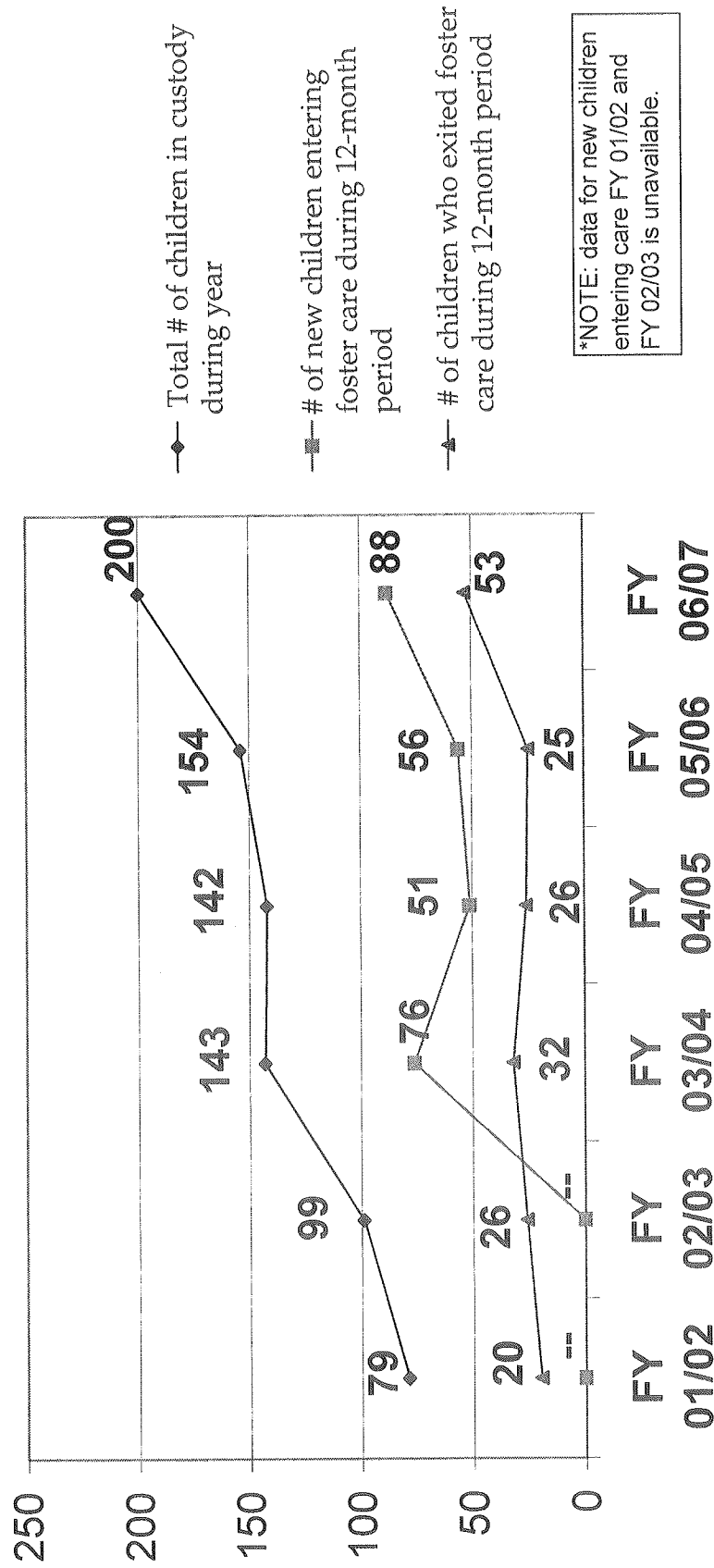
Funding Implications
Describe the impact on your organization, clients and/or services if the requested program funds are not approved.
Children will continue to enter and/or remain in foster care for longer periods of time while awaiting MH services. For one child, the social services' public cost is conservatively \$18,000.00 yr/\$1,500.00 month (this does not include court official, attorney and other public costs).

Partnerships
Describe the organization's relationship to County Departments, if any. How does the organization coordinate those services with the County services?
Families Together, Inc. and Social Services have maintained a working relationship throughout the mental health crisis of recent years. This coordination and mutual respect has laid the foundation for the proposed collaboration/sharing of mission to protect children and preserve families.

Fiscal Officer (Business Manager)	Date
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Executive Director (Program Manager)	Date
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Foster Care: Total Number in Care and Number of Children Entering & Exiting During 12-Month Period



**MENTAL HEALTH STATE PLAN, AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH/DHHS**

<p>Who is covered?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚡ Legislatively mandated "target populations" ⚡ All Medicaid with "medical necessity" entitled to services ⚡ If Medicaid and target population...entitled to more comprehensive, intensive, and of longer duration ⚡ If target population and non-Medicaid...not entitled ⚡ Priority within priority: children and adolescents who are involved in the social services system (or juvenile justice) who are having problems in school or whose parents are receiving substance abuse treatment services
<p>Target Populations and Social Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⚡ Seriously emotionally disturbed child with out-of-home (CMSED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meets diagnostic criteria, and ○ In need of special services from more than one child- serving agency (LME, Social Services, Court, school, health, child development), and ○ Placed out of home or at risk of out-of-home placement (ex: having had a substantiated abuse, neglect or dependency within the last year) ⚡ Adult substance abuse DSS-involved parents (AFDSS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adult with primary alcohol or drug disorder ○ Parent a child, and ○ Abuse, neglect being assessed and/or determined in need of services following assessment, or ○ Receiving Work First ○ Convicted of Class H or I felony for controlled substance and receiving Food Stamps ⚡ Child substance abuse selective prevention (CSSP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child at elevated risk of substance abuse, and ○ Parent with one or more documented abuse and neglect reports, assessments or services, or ○ Law enforcement prior 6 months, or ○ School problems (failure, truancy, supervision) prior 6 months, or ○ Parent has documented substance related disorder ⚡ Child substance abuse indicated prevention (CSIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child using but not diagnosed with disorder, and ○ Parent with one or more documented abuse and neglect reports, assessments, or services, or ○ Law enforcement prior 6 months, or ○ School problems prior 6 months, or ○ Parent with documented substance-related disorder

COLLABORATIVE FUNDING & KEY OUTCOME HIGHLIGHTS

Mental Health Service	# of Staff	6-Month Funding: May – October 2008	Year 1 Funding: Nov. 08 – Oct. 09 (full Year 1)	Year 2 Funding: Nov. 09 – Oct. 2010 (full Year 2)	Comments:
Crisis Intervention Intake/Assessment	1	\$27,500	\$35,000	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 82% replacement of county MOE funding with Federal/State funding • On-site program at DSS
Intensive In-Home	2	\$42,500	\$42,500	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% replacement of county MOE funding with Federal/State funding • Assumed reimbursement rate adjustment
TOTAL	3	\$70,000	\$77,500	\$10,000	

Target Outcomes May – October 2008	
Outcome	Target
All referrals for assessment accepted	100%
Assessments started within 7 days	80%
Assist with timely authorizations/pending insurance/Value Options Appeals	100%
Timely crisis intervention to children removed by Court within 12 months	80%
Timely intensive in-home services to children at high risk of removal from home	80%
Collaborative service plans and performance management reports for each child and aggregate	100%

