

## **Human Services Department**

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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Mayor Steve Geller and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Geller and Members of the Broward County Commission:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to the Broward County Advisory Board Policies, I would like to recommend the Broward County Board of County Commissioners' approval of the CSB's funding reallocation recommendation for the Human Services Department, Community Partnerships Division, Children's Services Administration Section contract for Fiscal Year 2021. The CSB voted to support the recommendation at its meeting on February 19, 2021.

The funding reallocation will help address critical needs in our community for Behavioral Health treatment services for children and provide support services to their families. Because the action can be accomplished through the reallocation of existing dollars, it does not require additional County funds. Approving this action will ensure the most effective and efficient use of currently budgeted resources to serve the greatest number of children by providers that have a proven record of accomplishments.

The CSB strongly supports this recommendation and hope it will meet with the Commission's approval.

Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to improve quality of life for children in our community. We greatly appreciate the Commission's steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes for children.

Sincerely,

## Karen Swartzbaugh

Karen Swartzbaugh, Chair Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Bertha Henry, County Administrator Keith D. Bostick, MSW, Department Deputy Director Darrell Cunningham, MPPA, Division Director

