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Good evening, Council Members—

As we will have an emergency funding request coming before you at tomorrow's meeting, I feel it prudent to provide additional information to ensure you have what you need to make an informed decision. While I do have history with our local CAC, the following bullets are provided free from passion or prejudice.

- There are two other CSCs that have or are providing funding to their area Child Advocacy Center (CAC) – Broward County provides continuous funding and a robust reporting structure, and St. Lucie has provided funding for the creation of their local CAC.
- In the case of St. Lucie, the CAC was just established about 2.5 years ago; for the last two years, St. Lucie CSC provided \$50,000 for two years to help with start-up funds until they could get VOCA funding. As a sidenote, their Council did not ask for outcome or demographic data as the funds were provided for the CAC to become operational. The CAC did apply for a program funding under St. Lucie's Priority Funding competitive process but were not awarded. Now, with the reduction in VOCA statewide, the CAC will be meeting with CSC to discuss their current shortfall.
- Keep in mind that our local CAC serves several counties (Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty, Wakulla, Madison, and Taylor; per our statute, ordinance and bylaws, CSC Leon funds must be restricted to serve Leon County residents.
- There are studies regarding the impact of sexual abuse on outcomes for children; studies show that providing early and appropriate interventions and therapy has been shown to dramatically improve the psychological and social lives of children who are victimized by sexual abuse.

Again, let me be clear that I am not offering an opinion either way. However, I believe it would be derelict for me not to give you as much information as possible to help you make an informed decision.

See you tomorrow (except for those who have notified us of your absence) .

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