



Children's Services Council
of Leon County

CSC Leon Preliminary Analysis of the Proposed Reduction of CHSP Categories

- I. 31 agencies (40 programs) currently funded by CHSP will be immediately impacted by the proposed reduction of categories. This represents approximately \$1.8M of investments (\$1.2M from City funds; \$568k from County Funds) that would be redirected to other areas identified by the City and/or County.
 - a. Seven agencies are currently funded by CSC Leon:
 - i. Big Brothers, Big Sisters (Youth Mentoring)
 - ii. Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend (Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Youth Mentoring)
 - iii. Dream Builders (Summer 2022, SIPS)
 - iv. Lincoln Center (SIPS)
 - v. Oasis Center for Women & Girls (Summer 2022, Youth Mentoring, Family Supports)
 - vi. Omega Lamplighters (Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Youth Mentoring)
 - vii. Pace Center for Girls (Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Family Supports)
 - b. Four agencies were previously funded; one of which is not eligible for subsequent funding.
 - i. Pivotal Point Enterprises (Summer 2022)
 - ii. Second Harvest (Summer 2022, Summer 2023)
 - iii. Big Bend Homeless Coalition (Summer 2022, Summer 2023)
 - iv. Turn About (Summer 2022; not eligible for future funding)
- II. At this time, CSC Leon does not have any plans to use the current CHSP model to determine funding allocations. CSC Leon is committed to using multiple funding strategies targeted to specific participant outcomes and to deploy the necessary supports to build the capacity of recipient organizations. **At this time, it is not the Council's intent to *absorb nor transition* any programs historically funded by the CHSP process to CSC Leon funding.** However, overlap and synergy does currently exist between CHSP and CSC Leon, and we are committed to working in collaboration with CHSP partners to reduce duplication, where possible. The Council will begin discussions on this at its December 21 meeting, at which Mr. Shington Lamy, Assistant City Manager, will be present.

- III. CSC Leon provides **priority investments** that are robust in amount and long-term in duration. Currently, CSC Leon has investments in Family Supports and the establishment of Family Resource Centers. These investments are most closely aligned with the “Family Support Services” category within CHSP.
 - a. Two programs currently funded through CHSP “Family Support Services” are also receiving priority funding from CSC Leon through September 2025 with opportunities to renew based on performance. *(One additional program receives other CSC Leon funding for a similar program, described in item VII.)*
 - i. Oasis Center for Women & Girls
 - ii. Pace Center for Girls

- IV. CSC Leon also provides **priority investments** that are robust in amount but shorter in duration to test interventions for immediate community needs. Currently, CSC Leon has investments in Youth Mentoring. These investments are most closely aligned with the “Youth Recreation, Character Building & Mentorship” category within CHSP.
 - a. Four programs currently funded through CHSP “Youth Recreation, Character Building & Mentorship” are also receiving priority funding from CSC Leon through September 2024 with opportunities to renew based on performance. *(One additional program receives other CSC Leon funding for a similar program, described in item VII.)*
 - i. Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - ii. Boys & Girls Club (CSC Leon funds Fort Braden, only)
 - iii. Oasis Center for Women & Girls
 - iv. Omega Lamplighters

- V. Upcoming CSC Leon priority investments for this year will likely center around Kindergarten Readiness and the root causes associated with children NOT being ready. This includes positive birth outcomes, early intervention and prevention services, and high-quality early learning (childcare). These investments are most closely aligned with the “Children’s Services” category within CHSP.
 - a. The following programs currently funded through CHSP will likely be eligible to apply. CSC Leon is not currently funding any of these programs.
 - i. Capital Area Community Action Agency, Head Start
 - ii. Children's Home Society of Florida, Early Steps
 - iii. Dick Howser Center for Childhood Services, The Learning Pavilion
 - iv. Kids Inc. of the Big Bend, Early Head Start
 - v. Project Annie, Nursery School

VI. CSC Leon is committed to reprising its Summer Learning program. However, funding will only be provided to programs that meet specific criteria, including dosage and duration. Also, CSC staff is contemplating possible discussions with the Council toward extending high-quality summer programs to year-round programs to ensure adequate supports are in place afterschool and during holiday breaks. These investments are most closely aligned with the “Youth Education, Employment and Training” and “Youth Recreation, Character Building & Mentorship” categories within CHSP.

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Yellow highlights are applied to programs currently funded by CSC Leon.

- i. **Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mentoring**
- ii. Big Bend Homeless Coalition, HOPE Community Summer Youth
- iii. **Boys & Girls Club, Great Futures (CSC Leon funds Fort Braden only)**
- iv. Delta Kappa Omega Foundation, Empowering Youth for the Future
- v. FAMU Foundation, FAMU DRS Freedom School
- vi. FSU, Care CDF Freedom School & College Reach Out
- vii. Girls on the Run
- viii. Ladies Learning to Lead, L3 Mentoring
- ix. **Oasis Center, Girls Circle**
- x. **Omega Lamplighters,**
- xi. **Pace Center, Spirited Girls (CSC Leon funds the REACH program)**
- xii. Pivotal Point Enterprises, The Character Center & Character Kids
- xiii. Riley Center, YCCLAP

VII. CSC Leon is also committed to continuing its Small Investments in Program Success (SIPS) Funding. These are small amounts (maximum of \$15,000) for short-term projects (maximum six months) intended to help small organizations build capacity for data collection and service reporting. Funding is only provided to programs that meet specific criteria, including maximum operational budgets. Currently, that threshold is set at \$100,000.

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- i. Lutheran Social Services of North Florida, KidSafe
- ii. **Dream Builders, Family Affairs**
- iii. **Lincoln Center, Boxing Club**

VIII. While CSC Leon currently identifies Housing and Food Stability in its Theory of Change, there are no plans in the immediate future to invest additional dollars in these areas beyond collaborative efforts already established in the community.

IX. There are three organizations listed under the CHSP Promise Zone funding category that would have little to no opportunity under the current CSC Leon Theory of Change to access funding. They are the American Red Cross, Big Bend Cares, and Elder Care Services.