



AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Selection of projects to increase the recruitment and retention of licensed Specialized Therapeutic Foster Care (STFC) homes serving Florida children

Sep. 9, 2021 – On behalf of partners in the Child Welfare Specialty Plan Reinvestment Fund – **Sunshine Health** and **Community Based Care Integrated Health** – Embrace Families Foundation is pleased to announce our intent to negotiate agreements with the following organizations in response to RFP #FY21/22-STFC, which sought proposals for innovative and evidence based practices with potential to increase and retain the number of licensed and available Specialized Therapeutic Foster Homes to serve children with complex behavioral health needs.

1. Children’s Home Network
Geographic Area: Suncoast Region - Hillsborough
2. Daniel Memorial
Geographic Area: Northeast Region – Clay, Duval
3. Devereux Florida
Geographic Area: Central Region – Brevard, Flagler, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, Volusia

The Sunshine Health CWSP Review Panel and Leadership Team are grateful to all respondents who submitted projects for review.

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About the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan Reinvestment Fund:

The CWSP Reinvestment Fund was created in 2017 by the partners of the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan, a Florida Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance Program designed to provide services to Florida Medicaid-eligible children under the age of 21 years who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) and Florida Medicaid-eligible children who have been adopted through the state’s child welfare system and are receiving a state adoption subsidy. The Child Welfare Specialty Plan is administered by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), which contracts with Sunshine Health to serve this specialty population. Sunshine Health sub-contracts with Community Based Care Integrated Health (CBCIH) to perform critical functions of the Child Welfare Specialty Plan. The fund was created with the mutual intent of improving the quality of the state’s child welfare system and health outcomes for the children served.

While tremendous strides have been made in providing comprehensive healthcare coverage to youth in foster care under Sunshine Health’s Child Welfare Specialty Plan, service needs still exist. In addition to working alongside colleagues at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to expand coverage, this partner-funded reinvestment plan is designed to proactively address the following priorities:

- Fund programs designed to improve system quality and health outcomes
- Fund programs designed to increase system capacity and to make the provider network more robust
- Fund programs designed to address gaps in care for youth in the child welfare system

The CWSP Reinvestment Fund is managed on behalf of the partners by Embrace Families Foundation, Inc.

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