



Interoffice Memorandum

December 14, 2023

To: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approval of Contract Y24-2011, Provision of Community Services and
Facility Use

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Contract Y24-2011, Provision of Community Services and Facility Use, with Easter Seals Florida, Inc., in the total contract award amount of \$1,500,000 for a three-year term.

PURPOSE:

This contract will provide programming for behavioral therapy for children, youth, and young adults, vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities - sectors 1 and 3, and vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities - sectors 2, 4, and 5. The performance period is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Behavioral therapy programming will be provided to youth age birth to 22 with varying degrees of difficulty with behavior as a result of diagnosed developmental, emotional, or behavior disorders, particularly autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injuries, etc.

Vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities programming will have an emphasis on increasing the independence, knowledge, and safety for persons with disabilities (i.e., developmental, intellectual, physical, etc.) by providing employability skills, training, and vocational opportunities.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 0001-062-2556-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Citizens' Review Panel for Human Services (CRP) recommended Easter Seals Florida, Inc. to receive CRP funding to provide these services. The Citizens' Commission for Children Division concurs with the funding recommendation. Easter Seals Florida, Inc. has previously received funding from the Citizens' Commission for Children Division.

REMARKS:

In accordance with the Code of Ordinances, Part 1, Chapter 17, Article III, Section 17-286 – Application and Exclusions, agreements between the Board and nonprofit organizations are excluded from competitive procurement requirements.

Behavioral Therapy programming will utilize applied behavior analysis therapy that can improve social, communication, and learning skills through reinforcement strategies. Services will also include utilizing a parent-training concept that serves the family for many years and helps them continue to help their child as they develop and grow. The agency anticipates serving an average of 44 unduplicated participants per year. Services will be provided countywide in clients' homes.

The vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities programming will be delivered as part of the able trust high school high tech initiative, providing career development and transition services to students with disabilities. In addition to the locations listed below, services will be provided at 12301 Warrior Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787 in Commission District 1 and 3305 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806, in Commission District 3.

For vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities - sectors 1 and 3, the agency anticipates serving 34 unduplicated participants per year. Services will be provided at Edgewater High School located at 3100 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32804, in Commission District 5.

For vocational opportunities for persons with disabilities - sectors 2, 4, and 5, the agency anticipates serving 34 unduplicated participants per year. Services will be provided at Oak Ridge High School located at 700 W. Oak Ridge Rd., Orlando, FL 32809, in Commission District 3.

While a service may be provided in a specific location, it is not limited to residents in the district/area of the service location. All Orange County youth with disabilities may have access to funded programs/services.