

Youth and Family Services

Human Trafficking Program Proposal

November 1, 2016



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Background on Human Trafficking

- **Human Trafficking is a form of slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion**
- **This is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world**
- **Florida is one of the leading states in the United States for trafficked victims**



Background on Human Trafficking

- Trafficked victims are influenced through the use of illegal substances as well as physical and emotional abuse
- More than 172 human trafficking investigations and approximately 161 arrests in Orange County last year
- 322 youth in Orange County have been rescued from trafficking in the past 3 years





County Ordinance

- **Commissioner Clarke discussed recent legislation on October 6, 2015**
- **An ordinance was passed by Orange County Board of County Commissioners on December 1, 2015 that states that the public awareness signs need to be posted at specific establishments**
- **Letters were sent to various businesses in February 2016**
- **Currently missing for this population is a residential component that can provide a safe environment**



Program Structure

- **The target population for this program is female adult human trafficking victims**
- **The intent is to provide a therapeutic and safe living environment free of influence from traffickers**
- **Currently, these victims receive services through Harbor House, Victim Service Center, and Florida Abolitionist**



Program Structure

- **The average length of stay is anticipated to be 90 – 120 days**
- **The proposed capacity is 10 beds**
- **Staffing will include a combination of management, counselors, and direct care staff**
- **Proposed location is an existing County owned property**



Service Components

- **Coordination with service providers in the community (law enforcement, State Attorney, medical, and court)**
- **Collaboration with substance abuse/detoxification facilities**
- **On going case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling**
- **Aftercare planning and transition to independence**





Proposed Budget

- **A partial budget allocation of \$250,000 has been established**
- **The Mayor proposed this allocation and the BCC confirmed it for FY 16/17**
- **The program is expected to begin in April 2017 and a total of \$425,000 would be necessary for the first 6 months of operations this fiscal year**
- **Program effectiveness and utilization will be evaluated to determine the long term need for these services**



Summary

- **Human Trafficking is becoming more prevalent in our community**
- **Cost savings can be realized by utilizing a County owned property**
- **The programming should be provided by an agency that has expertise in serving this population**



Next Steps

- **Develop a scope of work to define the program expectations**
- **Solicit area providers to identify an outside agency with the necessary expertise to serve this population**

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