



2008 – 2009 LAKE COUNTY CSC FUNDED PROGRAMS NARRATIVES



Advocating for Kids	100 Served	\$11,510.00
<i>To assist the Guardian ad Litem Program increase the number of volunteer advocates representing children who have been abused and neglected in Lake County. Increasing demands for volunteer advocates is evidenced by the number of children being assigned by the court due to maltreatment from a caretaker and removed from his/her home. Without volunteer guardians, a child may go to court alone with no individual speaking on their behalf. The recruiter is tasked with increasing the number of certified volunteers while raising awareness of child abuse issues through a variety of media outlets.</i>		
Boy & Girls Club of Lake-Sumter	300 Served	\$25,000.00
<i>Project Learn has been a crucial and significantly effective project of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Lake & Sumter Counties (BGCLSC) for more than eight years. This after school program seeks to provide comprehensive educational and support services to increase the academic skills and performance of disadvantaged learners. The project provides a compendium of wraparound educational and support services to enable disadvantaged learners to learn easier, to learn more, to feel better about themselves, and to perform better in academic testing. The goal is both to increase the capacity of project participants to perform better in school and on academic tests, and to install a self-directed interest in the joy of learning.</i>		
Early Learning Coalition	1,500 Served	\$17,395.00
<i>The primary mission of ELC is to ensure that every child is ready to learn by kindergarten. The Big Blue Bus is a mobile resource bus, which provides resources training and services to providers, family and children that are at-risk to participate in early education training. Two of the objectives of early learning programs are to serve as preventative measures for children at risk of future school failure and to enhance children's changes of academic success as they enter and progress through school. An Early Childhood Specialist/Bus Driver, employed by the ELC, provides the services.</i>		
Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties	250 Served	\$25,000.00
<i>Safe Alternatives for Violence Exposed Kids (SAVE Kids) provides a safe environment and effective interventions for children exposed to Domestic Violence (DV). Problem areas caused by exposure to family violence are identified through professional interviewing and assessment, as they enter emergency shelter with their mothers, and continues on an outreach basis as part of their post shelter transition.</i>		
Lake-Sumter Children's Advocacy Center	275 Serve	\$25,000.00
<i>For the expansion of the Forensic Interviewing Program, the purpose of which is to gather facts about the abuse incident, in order to meet the current demands for this service. This would include the training of two counselors at the National Children's Advocacy Center. Following this training, the counselors would be able to conduct Forensic Interviews according to the National Children's Advocacy's standards. This would enhance their interviewing skills, as well as provide credibility when they are called to testify in court on behalf of their client.</i>		
LifeStream Behavioral Center	3,000 Served	\$25,000.00
<i>Child Care Choice Services is a program that subsidizes child care for families in need. The program assists families in determining their eligibility for services, and provides resource and referral information so a parent can choose services most appropriate for their child. The program also provides behavior services to parents and providers to make the day care experience successful for all parties involved. CCCS provides monthly trainings for parents, providers, and child care workers in the areas of behavior issues and inclusion issues. Inclusion services are offered through a statewide Warm Line referral service. Warm Line number can be accessed by calling toll free 866-357-3239 or 866-463-3905.</i>		