

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY

Tera O'Connor
DRAFTED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY

August 27, 2020
DATE DRAFTED



**Amending the 2020 Human Services Department Budget to
Accept Parents Supporting Parents Grant Funds and Creating 2.0 FTE
Family Well-Being Coordinator Positions**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families has awarded the Human Services
2 Department \$1,021,590 over three years; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Rock County will be awarded \$78,540 in the planning year (2020), \$370,100 in year one
5 (2021) and \$572,950 in year two (2022); and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, this evidence-based model is aimed at empowering parents with lived-experience as
8 clients of Child Protective Services experience to serve as mentors to parents currently within the child
9 welfare system; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, HSD will utilize the funding to hire two Family Well-Being Coordinator positions and,
12 in the future, multiple part-time and full-time Family Well-Being Specialists not to exceed a total FTE
13 of 10; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, HSD will utilize funding to contract with a clinical support provider(s), attendance at
16 trainings, and for other overhead expenses including the development of a local advisory council; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the funding period for the grants is July 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2022.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
21 assembled this 8th day of October, 2020 does hereby authorize the acceptance of the Parents
22 Supporting Parents Grant and the creation of two Family Well-Being Coordinator Positions.
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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Human Services Department budget for 2020 be amended as
25 follows:
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Amended</u>
<u>Account/Description</u>	<u>10/1/20</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
36-3643-0000-42200			
State Aid	\$0	\$1,021,590	\$1,021,590
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
36-3643-0000-61100			
Regular Wages	\$0	\$756,338	\$756,338
36-3643-0000-61400			
FICA	\$0	\$57,860	\$57,860
36-3643-0000-61510			
Retirement – Employers	\$0	\$23,937	\$23,937
36-3643-61610			
Health Insurance	\$0	\$135,845	\$135,845
36-3643-0000-61620			
Dental Insurance	\$0	\$3,902	\$3,902
36-3643-0000-61630			
Life Insurance	\$0	\$89	\$89
36-3643-0000-63300			
Travel	\$0	\$15,471	\$15,471

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48	36-3643-0000-62103			
49	Computer Services Fee	\$0	\$14,702	\$14,702
50	36-3643-0000-62119			
51	Other Contracted Services	\$0	\$13,446	\$13,446

Respectfully submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice Chair

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 4-0-1.

/s/ Mary Mawhinney 10-8-2020
Mary Mawhinney, Chair Date

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.52(19) and 59.22(2), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2020 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

/s/ Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$1,021,590 in state aid over 3 years. Part of the grant will be used to fund two new Family Well-Being Coordinators. No County funds are required.

/s/ Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/ Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

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Rock County Human Services Department was recently awarded a three-year grant from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to be one of three Innovation Zones in Wisconsin to implement a Parents Supporting Parents Program. (Implementation is occurring later in 2020 than planned due to delayed notification from DCF about the ability to award these funds to Rock County). The Parents Supporting Parents Program is an evidence-based model that is aimed at empowering parents with lived-experience as clients of Child Protective Services. Experience to serve as mentors to parents currently within the child welfare system. The program simultaneously aims to integrate the voice of lived experience into the Wisconsin child welfare system at large. Experience with similar programs reported both tangible and intangible benefits including a higher percentage of family reunifications and a lower percentage of subsequent child removals; parents experiencing greater belief in themselves; improved knowledge of how to advocate for themselves; organizational skills; and improved access to resources.

The grant funding will be utilized to implement the Parents Supporting Parents program here in Rock County. Staffing to support this effort will include the creation of one full-time Family Well-Being Coordinator in the planning year and an additional Family Well-Being Coordinator position in year 2021. We will also create an equivalent of 10 FTE of full and part-time Family Well-Being Specialist positions in 2021 and 2022. In addition, funding will be used to contract with a clinical support provider(s), to attend trainings, and for other overhead expenses. The Family Well-Being Coordinator will require a Bachelor's Degree and ideally have professional experience with the child welfare system and will provide training to their team of Family Well-Being Specialists, arrange for Clinical Support, provide oversight of day-to-day tasks of the program, and coordinate case management and provide individual supervision on cases.

The total award of the grant is for \$1,021,590 over three years. The payment schedule for this grant is \$78,540 in the planning year (2020), \$370,100 in year one (2021) and \$572,950 in year two (2022). After this contract period, Innovation Zones may be eligible for up to four annual contract renewals for full implementation of the program at reduced funding levels (2023 and beyond). Thereafter, these positions will be sustained through cost savings of returning children to their home, utilizing child welfare allocation, combining efforts with another county or counties, and/or Medicaid funding through the Comprehensive Community Services program.