

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director 
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Requested Action

The Juvenile Welfare Board is requested to allocate \$24,852.00 to Family Resources Inc for an On Campus Intervention Program (OCIP) at St. Petersburg High School.

Options

1. Approve the request.
2. Approve at a different funding level.
3. Deny the request.
4. Take any action the Board deems appropriate.

Recommended Action

1. Allocate \$24,852.00 in one-time-only funding to Family Resources Inc.

Source of JWB Funds

FY 1999-2000 Transitional Unallocated Funds.

Fiscal Impact

The Transitional-Unallocated Fund would be reduced from \$294,910.00 to \$270,058.00.

Narrative

- The On-Campus Intervention Program (OCIP) is designed to provide an alternative to out-of-school suspensions. Participants are selected using a criteria developed by Family Resources, Inc and the participating school. Students are evaluated and receive supports and opportunities based on their individual needs.
- Program goals are to reduce out of school suspensions by 30% and modify inappropriate and disruptive behavior.
- The first program designed in 1994-1995 was a joint venture between Clearwater High School-School Advisory Council and Family Resources. By 1998-1999, out-of-school suspension decreased by 66%.
- In April 1998, JWB funded OCIP middle school programs at Tyrone, John Hopkins, and Morgan Fitzgerald as a reallocation of dollars formally allocated for

Family Resources Inc.'s Group Homes. These schools had a suspension rate of 27%, the highest in the county. Since participating in the program these three schools averaged a 39% reduction rate. JWB also funds Largo High School through a shifting of existing funds. This school completed its first full year in 1999 with a reduction of 36% in suspension.

- Another benefit of the On-Campus Intervention Program is the opportunity for students to stay current with their studies in a safe school environment that is conducive to learning. This benefit exemplifies both the Pinellas County School's Blueprint 2000 and the Juvenile Welfare Board's Strategic Plan.
- The program will be located on campus. It will operate from 7:20 a.m. – 1:50 p.m. Program content provides students the opportunity to acquire techniques for life skills education. This includes anger management and conflict resolution. Family Resources also works with families to provide supports and opportunities through counseling and referrals. These supports are offered at the St. Petersburg office from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

| Minimum Service Levels for OCIP at St. Petersburg High School | |
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| Service Component | # of students to receive services |
| Individual Counseling | 200 |
| Group Counseling | 200 |
| Life Education Skills | 200 |

- The Federal Government has allocated \$180,000.00 through Safe Schools for On-Campus Intervention Programs in high schools. These dollars will be released in the near future. JWB will be apprised of developments by Family Resource staff.
- Other fiscal collaborators include the St. Petersburg City Council and the St. Petersburg High School Advisory Council. Each approved an expenditure of \$10,000.00. These funds will provide a teaching position. The requested \$24,852.00 will provide a full time counselor position and partial salaries for the VP/Pinellas Programs, Program Supervisor, and a secretary. Other expenses to be funded by the request include administrative cost and operating expenses.

Staff Resource Person: Gary Cernan

Location of OCIP Programs in Pinellas County

1. Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School
2. John Hopkins Middle School
3. Tyrone Middle School
4. Largo High School
5. St. Petersburg High School

