

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Approval of Staff Recommendation for Lease of Children's Village Property and authorization for Chairman to execute lease.

DEPARTMENT: Community Services **DIVISION:** Community Assistance
Phillip C. Stalvey, Director David Medley, Manager

AUTHORIZED BY: *[Signature]* **CONTACT:** David Medley *[Signature]* **EXT.** 3363

Agenda Date 2/28/06 Regular Consent Work Session Briefing
Public Hearing - 1:30 Public Hearing - 7:00

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval by the Board of County Commissioners to award a lease to Intervention Services to operate a Transitional Living facility at the Children's Village, and authorization for the Chairman to execute a lease agreement.

BACKGROUND: CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

- In 1987 the BCC approved a lease with Sharing Concern for Seminole County Shelter Children, Inc. (SC3) to provide temporary care shelters for children on approximately 1.5 acres at the corner of Dike and Dodd.
- In 1992 the lease was amended to turn the day to day operations of the two facilities constructed on this site to Seminole Community Mental Health Center, Inc. (SCMHC).
- SCMHC provided services at this location until 2002 when state funding became difficult to obtain.
- The property has remained vacant since 2002 and the lease was terminated on March 4, 2004.
- On 12/14/04 the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to work with the Seminole County Community Alliance to identify an appropriate usage of this property generally referred to as the "Children's Village."
- The Community Alliance established a "Children's Village Task Force" comprised of members of the Alliance, the child welfare community and county staff to identify the most pressing needs for children's services in Seminole County. The "Task Force" and the Executive Board of the Community Alliance recommended that the property be used for an "Independent Living" program focusing on young men and women (ages 16-21) who were aging out of the dependency system.
- On 4/26/05 the BCC directed staff to develop an RFP for the utilization of the "Children's Village".

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Co Atty:	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Other:	_____
DCM:	<i>[Signature]</i>
CM:	<i>[Signature]</i>
File No.	<u>RCSCA03</u>

- Subsequently, on 6/28/05 the BCC directed staff to develop an RFP that would ensure a broad level of response that would include but not be limited to transitional living programs.
- On 12/13/05 staff recommended the highest scoring applicant (Community Coordinated Child Care) be awarded the lease for the property to operate 4 Head Start class rooms.
- The BCC directed staff to work with Intervention Services (the number two rated respondent) to develop a transitional living program at the facility.
- Intervention Services is proposing to operate a transitional living facility in the two homes for youth ages 18-23 who have aged out of the foster care system and need supportive services.
 - Each house will be home to 4-6 individuals;
 - Each pair of residents will share a rest room facility;
 - Each house will have a shared kitchen and general living area;
- Intervention Services has established an advisory board and is in the process of developing by-laws.
- Physical issues:
 - Septic system is flawed and both staff and Environmental Services (Health Department) recommend hook-up to sewer system (accessible to property);
 - Roof has been replaced by county staff;
 - Drive way needs repair (recommend county staff coordinate/facilitate);
 - Intervention services prepared to complete other physical necessities (wall relocation as needed, cleaning/painting, furniture/appliances, etc.);
 - Proposed budget attached;
 - Staff has initiated discussion with Planning regarding zoning variance if needed.

Advisory Board

A community Advisory Board has been formed to guide and support the Transitional Living Program. Following is the initial composition of the Board, which will be convening its second meeting in early February. At that time the community vision for this project, By-laws, and board composition will be further discussed.

Judge Nancy Alley, 18th Circuit

Jim Birko, Executive Director, Seminole Community Mental Health Center

Glen Casel, Executive Director, Community Based Care of Seminole

David Medley, Manager, Community Assistance Division, Seminole County

Marilyn Gordon, Executive Director, Homeless Services Network of Central Florida

Representative of the faith community

Barry Gainer, School Board member and Seminole Community Alliance member

Youth representative

Larry Birch, Executive Director, Grove Counseling Center

Susan Becker, Executive Director, Intervention Services

Representative of higher education

Jim Gamble

Community Partners

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership Seminole• Seminole Community College• Goodwill• University of South Florida• Workforce Development• The Department of Children and Families• Florida Prevention Association• Philip Morris, USA• Vertical Limit• Division of Vocational Rehabilitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guardian Ad Litem Program• Seminole County Sheriff's Department• Community Based Care of Seminole• Seminole County School Board• Community Alliance• Seminole School Board• Homeless Services Network• Grove Counseling Center• Kids House• Seminole Community Mental Health• Business, civic and faith community volunteers and donors |
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Intervention Services, Inc. Transitional Living Draft Budget

This budget includes current revenue and expenses for independent living services provided to Seminole County foster care youth ages 13-23 for Community Based Care of Seminole as well as the new Transitional Living facility and program for 18-21 foster care youth to be located at the children's village.

Based on 12 total youth some single and double occupancy

	<u>Annual Budget</u>		
<u>Personnel</u>			
Program Manager (1FTE)	\$ 45,000.00		
TL Case Manager/Mentor On-site(1FTE)	\$ 32,500.00		
ILS Case Managers-Community(2FTE)	\$ 65,000.00		
Overnight Supervision(1.5FTE)	\$ 37,500.00		
Therapist(.25FTE)	\$ 9,500.00		
Benefits	\$ 45,000.00		
Sub Total Personnel	\$ 234,500.00		
<u>Facility Expenses</u>			
Utilities, Grounds	\$ 30,360.00		
<u>Office Staff Expenses</u>			
Supplies, Phones, Training	\$ 26,280.00		
<u>Client Expenses</u>			
Food, Transportation, Clothing, Training Supplies	\$ 33,360.00		
<u>Other</u>			
Insurance and 10% Indirect Administration	\$ 45,320.00		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 369,820.00		
<u>Revenue</u>			
Direct Donations-goods and services	\$ 15,000.00	<u>Secured</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Direct Donations-Cash	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
		\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
¹ Private Funding: Grants, Foundations, Private Businesses	\$ 85,000.00	\$ -	\$ 85,000.00
¹ Public Funding: State and Local grants and contracts	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00
⁴ Community Based Care of Seminole	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 157,000.00	\$ -
Public Funding: Medicaid MH Services Billing	\$ 23,400.00	\$ 23,400.00	\$ -
² Client Rent	\$ 28,800.00	\$ -	\$ 28,800.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 379,200.00	\$ 215,400.00	\$ 163,800.00

¹ Funding/Grant requests in process

² based on 30% of estimated client income from CBC/Road to Independence Scholarships or employment

³ estimates:current facility expense unknown until occupancy

⁴ 40,000 for start up personnel costs

Initial Purchases

Furniture: Bedrooms, offices, common areas	20 rooms at 500 each	\$ 10,000.00
Appliances: Freezers, Refrigerators, Washer, Dryers		\$ 5,600.00
Interior: Paint, flooring, ceiling repairs, hardware, lighting		\$ 15,000.00
Exterior: Tree Stump Removal, Lawn, Landscaping		\$ 5,000.00
deposits on utilities		\$ 2,500.00
advertising staff		\$ 750.00
office supply and computers set up		\$ 3,000.00
septic/hook up?		unknown
Pavement/Driveway		unknown
Electric Needs		unknown
Alarm System		unknown
Fire System		unknown
Fence		unknown
		<u>\$ 41,850.00</u>

**LEASE AGREEMENT
(RFP-0143-95/TLR)**

THIS LEASE is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between **SEMINOLE COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, whose address is Seminole County Services Building, 1101 East First Street, Sanford, Florida 32771, hereinafter referred to as "LANDLORD," and **INTERVENTION SERVICES, INC.**, whose address is 150 Spartan Drive, Maitland, Florida 32751, hereinafter referred to as "TENANT".

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the LANDLORD is the owner of that certain property more particularly described as:

THE NORTH 351.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 376.71 FEET OF THE WEST 200.00 FEET OF THE EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority under Section 125.35, Florida Statutes, to lease real property for the particular use it deems to be the highest and best; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined the granting of such rights and privileges to the TENANT, as are outlined under this Lease Agreement, constitutes a County purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the LANDLORD and TENANT agree as follows:

1. LEASED PREMISES. Upon payment of the rent as hereinafter set forth, the LANDLORD hereby leases and demises the following described premises, situate in the County of Seminole, State of Florida, to-wit:

THE NORTH 351.71 FEET OF THE SOUTH 376.71 FEET OF THE WEST 200.00 FEET OF THE EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE

NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE
30 EAST, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

2. TERM. The term of this Lease Agreement is four (4) years from the date of its execution by the COUNTY. Upon written agreement by the parties, the lease may be extended for three (3) additional two (2) year terms.

3. RENTAL. TENANT shall pay LANDLORD, as rent for the leased premises, the sum of ONE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1.00) per year of the lease term, with the total lease amount payable upon execution of this Lease.

4. PAYMENTS. When due, payments required under the term of this Lease Agreement shall be sent by the TENANT to:

Director of County Finance
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 8080
Sanford, FL 32772-8080

5. HANDICAPPED STANDARDS AND ALTERATIONS.

(a) TENANT agrees that the demised premises now conform, or that, prior to TENANT'S occupancy, said premises shall, at TENANT'S expense, be brought into conformance with the requirements of Florida Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Implementation Act, Section 553.513, Florida Statutes, providing requirements for persons with disabilities and with the requirement of Public Law 101-336, enacted July 26, 1990, effective January 26, 1992, Section 28 CRF Par 35 and Appendix to Section 26 CFR Part 1191, known as the "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990," by the United States Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

(b) That the TENANT shall have the right to make any alterations in and to the demised premises during the term of this Lease Agreement upon first having obtained the written consent thereto of the LANDLORD. The LANDLORD shall not capriciously withhold the consent to any such alterations.

6. USE OF LEASED PREMISES. TENANT shall have the exclusive use of the demised premises for such use as is described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. TENANT covenants that it will not use or permit the premises to be used for any purpose prohibited by the laws of the United States of America (or) the State of Florida, (or) the ordinances of Seminole County; it shall not use or keep any substance or material in or about the demised premises which may vitiate or endanger the validity of the insurance on the said building or increase the hazard of risk, and it shall not permit any nuisance on the demised premises.

7. QUIET POSSESSION. The LANDLORD shall warrant and defend the TENANT in the enjoyment and peaceful possession of the premises during the term of this Lease Agreement.

8. UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE.

(a) TENANT shall provide and pay for all utilities including lights, gas, electrical current, water and sewers used anywhere in, on or about the demised premises, and shall pay the charges made therefor by the suppliers thereof promptly when due.

(b) TENANT agrees to provide all necessary maintenance and repairs for the building, both interior and exterior, including HVAC, and grounds of the premises for the duration of this Lease Agreement.

9. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLEASE. The TENANT shall not assign this Lease or sublet the Leased Premises, or any part thereof.

10. INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY. The TENANT agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend the COUNTY, its commissioners, officers, employees, and agents against any and all claims, losses, damages or lawsuits for damages, arising from, allegedly arising from or related to the use of premises or provision of services hereunder by the TENANT.

11. INSURANCE.

(a) **GENERAL.** The TENANT shall at the TENANT's own cost, procure the insurance required under this Section.

(1) The TENANT shall furnish the LANDLORD with a Certificate of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of the insurer evidencing the insurance required by this Section (Professional Liability, Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability and Commercial General Liability). The COUNTY, its officials, officers, and employees shall be additional named insured under the Commercial General Liability policy. The Certificate of Insurance shall provide that the LANDLORD shall be given not less than thirty (30) days written notice prior to the cancellation or restriction of coverage. Until such time as the insurance is no longer required to be maintained by the TENANT, the TENANT shall provide the LANDLORD with a renewal or replacement Certificate of Insurance not less than thirty (30) days before expiration or replacement of the insurance for which a previous certificate has been provided.

(2) The Certificate shall contain a statement that it is being provided in accordance with the Agreement and that the insurance is in full compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. In lieu

of the statement on the Certificate, the TENANT shall, at the option of the LANDLORD submit a sworn, notarized statement from an authorized representative of the insurer that the Certificate is being provided in accordance with the Agreement and that the insurance is in full compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. **The Certificate shall have this Agreement number clearly marked on its face.**

(3) In addition to providing the Certificate of Insurance, if required by the LANDLORD, the TENANT shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, provide the LANDLORD with a certified copy of each of the policies of insurance providing the coverage required by this Section.

(4) Neither approval by the LANDLORD nor failure to disapprove the insurance furnished by a TENANT shall relieve the TENANT of the TENANT's full responsibility for performance of any obligation including TENANT indemnification of LANDLORD under this Agreement.

(b) INSURANCE COMPANY REQUIREMENTS. Insurance companies providing the insurance under this Agreement must meet the following requirements:

(1) Companies issuing policies other than Workers' Compensation must be authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida and prove same by maintaining Certificates of Authority issued to the companies by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida. Policies for Workers' Compensation may be issued by companies authorized as a group self-insurer by Section 440.57, Florida Statutes.

(2) In addition, such companies other than those authorized by Section 440.57, Florida Statutes, shall have and maintain a Best's

Rating of "A" or better and a Financial Size Category of "VII" or better according to A.M. Best Company.

(3) If, during the period which an insurance company is providing the insurance coverage required by this Agreement, an insurance company shall: 1) lose its Certificate of Authority, 2) no longer comply with Section 440.57, Florida Statutes, or 3) fail to maintain the requisite Best's Rating and Financial Size Category, the TENANT shall, as soon as the TENANT has knowledge of any such circumstance, immediately notify the LANDLORD and immediately replace the insurance coverage provided by the insurance company with a different insurance company meeting the requirements of this Agreement. Until such time as the TENANT has replaced the unacceptable insurer with an insurer acceptable to the LANDLORD the TENANT shall be deemed to be in default of this Agreement.

(c) SPECIFICATIONS. Without limiting any of the other obligations or liability of the TENANT, the TENANT shall, at the TENANT's sole expense, procure, maintain and keep in force amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in this subsection. Except as otherwise specified in the Agreement, the insurance shall become effective prior to the commencement of work by the TENANT and shall be maintained in force until the Agreement completion date. The amounts and types of insurance shall conform to the following minimum requirements.

(1) Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability.

(A) The TENANT's insurance shall cover the TENANT and its subcontractors of every tier for those sources of liability which

would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Workers' Compensation Policy, as filed for use in Florida by the National Council on Compensation Insurance, without restrictive endorsements. In addition to coverage for the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, where appropriate, coverage is to be included for the United States Longshoremen and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, Federal Employers' Liability Act and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) Subject to the restrictions of coverage found in the standard Workers' Compensation Policy, there shall be no maximum limit on the amount of coverage for liability imposed by the Florida Workers' Compensation Act, the United States Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, or any other coverage customarily insured under Part One of the standard Workers' Compensation Policy.

(C) The minimum amount of coverage under Part Two of the standard Workers' Compensation Policy shall be:

\$ 100,000.00	(Each Accident)
\$ 500,000.00	(Disease-Policy Limit)
\$ 100,000.00	(Disease-Each Employee)

(2) Commercial General Liability.

(A) The TENANT's insurance shall cover the TENANT for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest edition of the standard Commercial General Liability Coverage Form (ISO Form CG 00 01), as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office, without the attachment of restrictive endorsements other than the elimination of Coverage C, Medical Payment and the elimination of coverage for Fire Damage Legal Liability.

(B) The minimum limits to be maintained by the TENANT (inclusive of any amounts provided by an Umbrella or Excess policy) shall be those that would be provided with the attachment of the Amendment of Limits of Insurance (Designated Project or Premises) endorsement (ISO Form CG 25 01) to a Commercial General Liability Policy with amount of specified for each project:

General Aggregate	\$Three (3) Times the Each Occurrence Limit
Personal & Advertising Injury Limit	\$1,000,000.00
Each Occurrence Limit	\$1,000,000.00

(3) Professional Liability Insurance. The TENANT shall carry limits of not less than ONE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00).

(d) COVERAGE. The insurance provided by TENANT pursuant to this Agreement shall apply on a primary basis and any other insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LANDLORD or the LANDLORD's officials, officers, or employees shall be excess of and not contributing with the insurance provided by or on behalf of the TENANT.

(e) OCCURRENCE BASIS. The Workers' Compensation Policy and the Commercial General Liability required by this Agreement shall be provided on an occurrence rather than a claims-made basis. The Professional Liability insurance policy must either be on an occurrence basis, or, if a claims-made basis, the coverage must respond to all claims reported within three (3) years following the period for which coverage is required and which would have been covered had the coverage been on an occurrence basis.

(f) OBLIGATIONS. Compliance with the foregoing insurance requirements shall not relieve the TENANT, its employees or agents of liability from any obligation under a Section or any other portions of this Agreement.

12. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

(a) The TENANT shall provide for interior and exterior maintenance and repairs in accordance with generally accepted good practices, including repainting, HVAC repair and maintenance, the replacement of worn or damaged floor covering and during the term of this Lease Agreement, keep the interior and exterior of the demised premises in as good a state of repair as it is at the time of the commencement of this Lease Agreement, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

(b) The TENANT shall maintain and keep in repair the exterior of the demised premises during the term of this Lease and shall be responsible for the replacement of all doors and windows broken or damaged, including painting, in the demised premises.

(c) The TENANT shall maintain the interior and exterior of the demised premises including grounds and parking area so as to conform to all applicable health and safety laws, ordinances and codes which are presently in effect and which may subsequently be enacted during the term of this Lease and any renewal periods.

(d) The TENANT agrees to furnish pest control services for the leased premises during the term of the Lease at the expense of the TENANT.

13. HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND JANITOR SERVICES.

(a) The TENANT agrees to maintain heating and air conditioning equipment in satisfactory operating condition at all times for the leased premises during the term of the Lease at the expense of the TENANT.

(b) The TENANT agrees to furnish janitorial services and all necessary janitorial supplies including the provision of recycling trash disposal for the leased premises during the term of the Lease at the expense of the TENANT.

14. FIRE AND OTHER HAZARDS.

(a) In the event that the demised premises, or the major part thereof, are destroyed by fire, lightning, storm or other casualty, the LANDLORD at its option may forthwith repair the damage to such demised premises at its own cost and expense. The rental thereon shall cease until the completion of such repairs and the LANDLORD will immediately refund the pro rata part of any rentals paid in advance by the TENANT as speedily as is practicable and upon the completion of such repairs, the full rental shall commence and the Lease shall then continue the balance of the term.

(b) The TENANT shall provide for fire protection during the term of this Lease in accordance with the fire safety standards of the State Fire Marshall. The TENANT shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of all fire protection equipment necessary to conform to the requirements of the State Fire Marshal. The TENANT agrees that the demised premises shall be available for inspection by the State Fire Marshall, at any reasonable time.

15. TAXES AND FIRE INSURANCE. LANDLORD shall pay all real estate taxes on the demised premises. LANDLORD shall not be liable to carry fire insurance on the person or property of the TENANT or any other person or property which may now or hereafter be placed in the demised premises.

16. CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION.

(a) This Lease may be cancelled or terminated by either party at any time, with or without cause, upon not less than six (6) months' written notice delivered to the other party or.

(b) In the event the TENANT fails or ceases to use the premises for any or all of the uses as described in Exhibit "A", without prior written permission of the LANDLORD to do so, the LANDLORD may terminate this Lease immediately upon written notice to the TENANT.

17. SURRENDER OF POSSESSION. The TENANT agrees to deliver up and surrender to the LANDLORD possession of the leased premises at the expiration or termination of this Lease, in as good condition as when the TENANT takes possession except for ordinary wear and tear, alterations permitted under this Lease, or loss by fire or other casualty, act of God, insurrection, nuclear weapon, bomb, riot, invasion or commotion, military or usurped power.

18. REMOVAL OF PROPERTY. TENANT shall, without demands therefor, and at its own cost and expense and prior to expiration or sooner termination of the term hereof or of any extended term hereof, remove all property belonging to it and all alterations, additions, or improvements, and fixtures which, by the terms hereof, he is permitted to remove; repair all damage to the leased premises caused by such removal;

and restore the leased premises to the condition they were in prior to the installation of the property so removed. Any property not so removed shall be deemed to have been abandoned by TENANT and may be retained or disposed of by LANDLORD.

19. ACCEPTANCE OF PREMISES "AS IS" BY TENANT. The taking of possession of the said leased premises "as is" by the TENANT shall be conclusive evidence that said premises were in good and satisfactory condition when possession of the same was taken, latent hidden defects excepted.

20. WAIVER. No waiver of any breach of any one or more of the condition or covenants of this Lease by LANDLORD or by the TENANT shall be deemed to imply or constitute a waiver of any succeeding or other breach hereunder.

21. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION. Both parties hereto acknowledge and agree that they have not relied upon any statements, representations, agreements or warranties, except such as are expressed herein, and that no amendment or modification of this Lease shall be valid or binding unless expressed in writing and executed by the parties hereto in the same manner as the execution of this Lease.

22. NOTICES. Whenever either party desires to give notice unto the other, it must be given by written notice, sent by registered or certified United States mail, with return receipt requested and sent to:

For LANDLORD:

Manager, Support Services
Seminole County Services Building
1101 East First Street
Sanford, Florida 32771

For TENANT:

Intervention Services, Inc.
1505 Spartan Drive
Maitland, Florida 32751

23. DEFAULT. Either party to this Lease, in the event of an act of default by the other, shall have all remedies available to it under the laws of the State of Florida, provided, however, the provisions, terms or conditions of this Lease shall not be construed as a consent of the State of Florida to be sued because of said Leasehold.

24. APPLICABLE LAW. This Lease shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this instrument for the purpose herein expressed.

ATTEST:

INTERVENTION SERVICES, INC.

Secretary

By: _____
SUSAN BECKER, Executive Director

Date: _____

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

MARYANNE MORSE
Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners of
Seminole County, Florida.

By: _____
CARLTON HENLEY, Chairman

Date: _____

For the use and reliance
of Seminole County only.

As authorized for execution by
the Board of County Commissioners
at their _____, 20____,
regular meeting.

Approved as to form and
legal sufficiency

County Attorney
AC/lpk
2/6/06 2/21/06
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Attachment:
Exhibit "A" - Description of Services

EXHIBIT A

AGENCY NAME: Intervention Services, Inc
AGENCY ADDRESS: 150 Spartan Drive, Maitland, FL 32751
PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR NAME: Susan Becker
AGENCY PHONE NUMBER: 407-261-0523

Description

Goal: To provide a continuum of services and supports to youth in the child welfare system that will increase the probability of success when they are living independently.

Eligibility: Youth ages 13-23 who have been in the child welfare system.

Services:

- Pre independent living assessment, planning and support services for youth ages 13 to 17 in the foster care system.
- The "Village House" will provide a pre-independent training program to youth ages 16-18 in a supportive living environment.
- The "Village Apartments" will provide a transitional living program to youth 18-21 who need further training or support to succeed on their own.
- Community support services will be offered to youth 18 to 23 who exit the program to help them maintain independence in community housing.

Eight core program components:

1. Character building	Helping youth build a strong moral foundation to guide their behavior, and a sense of responsibility to their community, to be accomplished through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentoring, to model healthy adult behaviors and provide personal support• Participation in spiritual and social activities• Community programs/counselors available to help guide and reinforce youth in healthy behaviors.• Peer support groups• Volunteering with Seminole organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Special Olympics, the Salvation Army, child welfare organizations, etc.
2. Youth driven plans	Helping youth explore the steps they must take to reach their goals, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A self-sufficiency assessment and person-driven futures planning.• Support from Case Managers, Guardian at Litems and Mentors
3. Job readiness and accessibility	Teaching and acquiring application and job skills, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job coaching and training• Participation in educational and vocational activities• Employment apprenticeships• Vocational services, including Department of Vocational Rehabilitation job training services to disabled youth

4. Independent living skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic life skills in order to live independently, such as cooking, shopping, and money management • Social skills • Health care • Family life, child care and parenting
5. Accessible education	<p>Education tailored to individual goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realistic educational goal setting • College preparatory, college and vocational programs • Tutoring
6. Safe housing	<p>Availability of a housing continuum, from more to less supportive, to prevent homelessness and personal harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster care placement with transitional case management services only • Village House, group setting providing pre independent living supports • Village apartments. semi-independent living with support availability • Community housing with follow-up supports
7. Community development	<p>Building and engaging community support for transitional living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships with service agencies, businesses, educational institutions and the faith community • Positive public image building through media sources, participation in public events and community groups • Fund raising and fund development • Youth community volunteer activities
8. Supportive services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal advocacy • Wellness, medical and vision services • Transportation • Maintenance of Medicaid/health care eligibility • Child Care • Substance abuse education and prevention • Mental health services as needed, including continuity of care between child and adult serving organizations. • Case management geared towards maximizing self-sufficiency