

ABSTRACT

SPECIAL FUND PROPOSAL

Section I. BASIC INFORMATION

Proposed Project Title: CT-AIMH Integrated Care Pilot Project

Grant Source and Agency: Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) and Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH)

Total Amount Requested: \$24,000 **Due Date of Application:** December 1, 2023

System Contact: Gemma Joseph-Lumpkin

Telephone #: 203-691-2626

Description of Project: Provide a brief description below. Use Section VI to outline specific objectives and strategies relating to goals described in the application.

The Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) will partner and collaborate in an Integrated Care pilot, to improve screening opportunities for all children 0-5, offering ASQ and ASQ-SE screenings in the pediatric office, following up on results, and following families through January 2024 to December 2025. This program will provide early intervention and treatment to minimize or remediate delays or behavioral issues at the earliest age when the brain is most plastic.

TARGET: Schools/Unit: Fair Haven FRC
No. of Students: _____ **Grade Level(s):** 0-5
Eligibility Criteria: All families who reside in the Hill and Fair Haven neighborhood.

GRANT PERIOD:	
From: 01/01/2024	
To: 12/30/24	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New	
<input type="checkbox"/> Continuation	
Previous Bd. of Ed. Approval:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
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Bd. of Ed. Information	
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PROPOSAL DEVELOPERS:

Lysie Rodriguez

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ABSTRACT TIMETABLE	REVIEW
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Board of Education FINANCE & OPERATIONS Meeting Date <u>1/21/23</u>	
Board of Education Meeting Date: <u>1/18/23</u>	
Due Date to Grantor: _____	

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SECTION II: FISCAL INFORMATION

PERSONNEL

# FT	#PT		COST
		Administrators	\$
		Teachers	\$
		Paraprofessionals	\$
		Clerks	\$
	1	Stipends	\$ 20,000
		Management	\$
		Longevity	\$
		SUBTOTAL	\$ 20,000

NON PERSONNEL

	COST
Supplies & Materials	\$ 734
Student Transportation	\$
Staff Travel	\$ 1,600
Internal Evaluation	\$
External Evaluation	\$
Independent Contractors	\$
Equipment	\$
Other	\$
Indirect Costs, if allowed	\$
TOTAL	\$ 2,334
NON- PERSONEL	

FIXED COSTS:

Health Benefits	\$
Pension (Paras & Mgmt.)	\$
FICA/Medicare	\$ 1,530
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 136
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 21,666

Notes:

- 1) **Total Personnel and Non Personnel columns must equal grant total.**
- 2) **The Abstract budget must be aligned with the Grant Application budget/ED114.**
- 3) **All applications should budget for staff development (stipends) and evaluation wherever appropriate.**

SECTION IIA: BUDGET EXPLANATION

Please describe **stipends, contracted services, equipment, other** items and **Salary**: if the grant pays a percent of salary and benefits, please describe below, explaining percentages and amounts to be paid by grant and by NHPS. If additional space is needed, continue to next page:

Stipend/Benefits/Workmen Compensation:

The Family Resource Center will receive a stipend from the Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) funded by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) of \$24,000 per year, to be invoiced quarterly. The stipend is intended to pay for the 20 hours/week for one (1) Part-Time (PT) Family Educator salary at \$20.00 an hour, FICA and Workmen Compensation. The stipend can also be used to pay one (1) hour/week of supervision of the Family Educator.

The Family Educator will work with families to provide case management, screenings, delivery of screening results, and appropriate resources and referrals. The Family Educator will document visits with pilot families, record assessment outcomes, share deidentified information with CT-AIMH weekly,

Supplies & Materials: This line covers the cost for all supplies and materials for the Family Educator.

Staff Travel: This line item covers the cost for travel, and registration fee for the Family Educator, Family Resource Center (FRC) Site Coordinator and FRC Program Administrator for professional trainings, conferences, and workshops.

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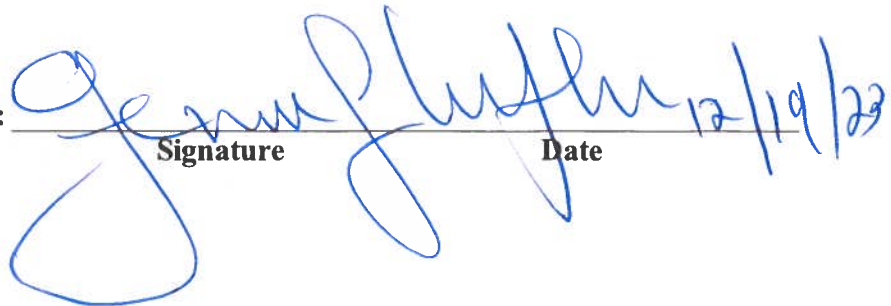
SECTION III: SYSTEM OBLIGATIONS

Project support from other programs: None Yes **Explain:**
Linkage with other programs: None Yes **Explain:**
Local Fiscal costs, (include renovation): None Yes **Explain:**
Future local personnel obligations: None Yes **Explain:**

PROJECT OR GRANT REQUIREMENTS

- Local Maintenance Replication Parent Involvement
- In-Service Training Advisory Committee Linkage w/other Programs
- Non-Public School Involved Dissemination

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OR CONCERNS

SUBMITTING ADMINISTRATOR: 
Signature **Date** 12/19/23

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SECTION IV: PROPOSED PERSONNEL

List, **individually**, each position proposed by this grant application. **If no personnel**, please indicate N/A in the chart below

F/T	P/T	Classification	Position Description	Duration of Proposed Service	Proposed Employee	Current NHPS Employee Yes/No	If Yes Current Employee Number
	1		Family Educator	One Year	Milissa Lebron	No	26977

V. PROPOSED CONTRACTS

List **individually**, each contract that will be prepared by this proposed project. If contractors will not be utilized, please indicate N/A in the chart below.

Proposed Independent Contractor	Brief Description of Service	Proposed Pay Rate	Proposed Total
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please Answer All Questions – Use Additional Pages if Necessary

1. Please state specific goals for this grant or the grant period.
The Family Resource Center Family Educator will:

- Offer developmental, social, and emotional screenings to children 0-5 years of age. Shall also consult with the patient families or caregivers concerning the results of such screenings.
- Provide case management, screenings, playgroups, and resources to support parents in creating a positive and safe home learning environment for their children to develop emotional, behavioral, and cognitive strengths.
- Employ effective, coordinated practices that involve families in transitioning children from home to early care.
- Deliver early detection and well-child screenings for all children, birth to five that ensure regular check-ups, vision/hearing/dental screenings, immunizations and identification for possible developmental delays and health issues.
- Provide high quality, well-coordinated home visitation programs for at-risk families and their children from birth to age five, as part of a continuum of early childhood services.

The Contractor shall pay a Mid-level Licensed Practitioner to provide meaningful and effective referral services, as defined as a rate of at least 90% connection to a behavioral health provider, to any child or family requiring IMH services, based on related assessments. The Mid-level Licensed Practitioner, together with the pediatrician and the healthcare team, shall make referrals to the appropriate community provider to meet the needs of the child and follow-up with communication, written or verbal based on the member's choice, to the child's family or caregiver to ensure that such referral resulted in an admission to a behavioral health service provider.

a. If this is a continuation grant, please detail past year goal performance and accomplishments. Use additional space if needed:

The is a new grant.

2. How does this grant address School Reform goals?

The Family Resource Center aims to support early childcare/school readiness and district improvement efforts to close Connecticut's achievement gaps through school-community connections, including parent engagement, and family literacy. The Family Resource Centers are the first lifeline to engage the whole child from birth, the academic learning, the social-emotional growth, and health that enable children ages birth to five to rise. The Family Educator will provide home visits using the Ages & Stages questionnaire, the Sparkler App, home visiting curriculum, providing early developmental and social screenings to detect delays and refer families for additional services when needed.

The Family Resource Center (FRC) staff believes that a child's healthy development and good education begin with quality support services from birth. The Family Resource Centers' vision is to prevent an array of childhood and adolescent problems by strengthening effective family management practices and establishing a continuum of childcare and support services that children ages 0-5 and parents need. FRCs will help make it possible for parents to provide the best possible start for their children by providing services that enhance self-esteem, encourage growth, and enable family members to reach their full potential as their children's primary caregivers and teachers.

3. Please explain why this proposal is significant and important in relation to improving student and/or staff performance, as well as any additional pertinent information that is

specific and relevant: (Include resume of person(s) providing service for contracts \$10,000 and over)

The Family Resource Centers are expected to prevent childhood adolescent problems by strengthening effective family management practices and establishing a continuum of support services that parents and children need beginning from birth.

The Family Resource Centers (FRC) design will provide the best possible start for children and families of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups living in the Fair Haven and Hill Central communities. These Family Resource Centers provide a common ground for all families to benefit from the services offered and a unique opportunity for families of diverse cultures and backgrounds to share and learn from each other.

REQUIRED:

A COPY OF THE GRANT APPLICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE ABSTRACT.



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Lysie Rodriguez
164 Grand Avenue
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December 6, 2023

Dear Lysie,

Congratulations! I am happy to share with you that the New Haven Family Resource Center (FRC) has been selected to be a partner in the CT-AIMH Integrated Care Pilot project, a Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health (CT-AIMH) program funded by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) through an American Rescue Plan (ARPA) initiative.

The purpose of the pilot is to ensure that children ages 0-5 are monitored, screened, assessed, and referred for appropriate developmental and mental health services in their communities by an integrated team of Infant Mental Health trained and/or Endorsed[®] professionals.

The pilot will run from January 1st, 2024, through December 30th, 2025.

The Family Resource Center will receive a stipend of \$24,000 per year, to be invoiced quarterly. The stipend is intended to pay for the 15 hours/week that your Family Educator will be co-located in the designated pediatric office of Dr. Katie Swec, MD FAAP (located at 150 Sargent Drive in New Haven, CT) and the associated 5 hours/week of record keeping, data collection, trainings, and meetings. The stipend can also be used to pay for 1 hour/week of supervision of the Family Educator.

The New Haven FRC will provide an experienced Family Educator – a qualified staff, trained in an evidence-based Home Visiting model, to work with families to provide case management, screenings, delivery of screening results, and appropriate resources and referrals. The Family Educator will document all visits with pilot families, record assessment outcomes, share deidentified information with CT-AIMH weekly, and participate in regular meetings that will be scheduled with the CT-AIMH Director of Programs and the Pediatric staff. The Family Educator will also complete at least two brief written surveys (pre/post) and have one conversation with the evaluator about their experience participating in this pilot.

CT AIMH will provide the following:

1. \$24,000 per year, in 2024 and 2025, paid quarterly. Upon signature of the MOU between the FRC/New Haven Public Schools and CT-AIMH, an initial invoice for \$6,000 should be sent to the CT-AIMH Program Director, Sarah Butterfield: sarah.butterfield@yale.edu
2. The Family Educator will receive a tablet to utilize while working on the pilot. The tablet will give the Family Educators access to the Sparkler app, data collection forms, surveys, and releases of information.
3. The Family Educator will receive the following trainings:
 1. Initial introduction to the pilot and IMH skills and strategies
 2. 8-day Infant Mental Health Series Training for Family Educator
 3. Sparkler (ASQ and ASQ-SE)
 4. Evaluator training on de-identified data collection and surveys
 5. Social Determinants of Health
4. From Jan 2024-Dec 2025, the Family Educator will also be given the opportunity to receive two years of free CT-AIMH Membership, they can apply, without cost, for Infant Mental Health Endorsement®, and they will receive monthly group Reflective Supervision/Consultation from an Endorsed® professional.

Again, congratulations on being selected to be a partner in CT-AIMH's Integrated Care Pilot project. Thank you for your integral support and efforts in the process of getting the pilot secured. We are looking forward to working closely with you over the next two years and beyond!

Thank you,



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