

Community Partnerships Division Children's Services Administration Section

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Mayor Beam Furr Broward County Governmental Center 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 421 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Dear Mayor Furr:

As the Chair of the Children's Services Board (CSB) and pursuant to the Broward County Advisory Board Policies as revised in April 2010, the CSB is recommending approval of the funding reallocation recommendations from the Human Services Department, Community Partnerships Division, Children's Services Administration Section for Fiscal Year 2018.

The funding reallocations will help address critical needs in our community for Special Needs Respite Care for families with special needs children as well as Behavioral Health services for children with mental health or substance abuse problems. Approving this action will ensure the most effective and efficient use of currently budgeted resources to serve the greatest number of children by providers that have a proven record of accomplishments.

At the CSB meeting on February 16, 2018, the Advisory Board voted to support these recommendations and hope that they meet with the Commission's approval.

Please know that the CSB recognizes all that the Broward County Commission does to improve quality of life for children in our community. We greatly appreciate the Commission's steadfast support for services that adhere to high standards and lead to positive outcomes for children.

Sincerely,

Karen Swartzbaugh, Chair

Broward County Children's Services Board

cc: Broward County Board of County Commissioners Bertha Henry, County Administrator