

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-03-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA AND THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lake Park, Florida ("Town") is a municipal corporation of the State of Florida with such power and authority as has been conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town operates the Lake Park Public Library ("Library") where it has provided The Children's Home Society of Florida ("CHS") through Bridges of Lake Park with a venue for many of its programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") with CHS through Bridges of Lake Park that provides for the Library to be a venue for some programs and joint programs . A copy of the MOA between the Town and CHS is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS;**


- Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as true and correct and are incorporated herein.
- Section 2. The Commission of the Town of Lake Park hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the MOA on behalf of the Town, a copy which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.
- Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Rumsey who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hockman and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

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MAYOR JAMES DUBOIS	<u>/</u>	—
VICE-MAYOR KENDALL RUMSEY	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER STEVEN HOCKMAN	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER JEANINE LONGTIN	<u>Absent</u>	—
COMMISSIONER TIM STEVENS	<u>/</u>	—

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 08-03-12 duly passed and adopted this 21 day of March, 2012.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA


BY:   
JAMES DUBOIS  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
VIVIAN LEMLEY  
TOWN CLERK



Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY:   
THOMAS J. BAIRD  
TOWN ATTORNEY

**BRIDGES MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**THE CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY OF FLORIDA**  
**And**  
**THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) is entered into this 21 day of March 2012, between The Children's Home Society of Florida and The Town of Lake Park, Florida.

WHEREAS, The Children's Home Society of Florida, a Not-for-Profit Florida corporation, (CHS) which provides services to children and families throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park, Florida (Town) is a municipal corporation of the state of Florida with such powers and duties as have been conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, CHS and the Town wish to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement whereby CHS will provide certain services of benefit to the Town through the Town's Library; and

**1. Identification and Organization Description of Parties**

**Children's Home Society of Florida:**

Created in 1902, Children's Home Society of Florida, a Not-for-Profit Florida corporation (CHS) is the oldest and largest statewide private not-for-Profit provider of services to children and families in Florida. CHS is head quartered in Winter Park, Florida, and offers services in more than 100 locations throughout Florida. The South Coastal Division of CHS established in 1964, is one of CHS' 14 divisions. The South Coastal Division serves all of Palm Beach County with programs that focus on adoption, child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention, mentoring, and help for runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. During the past year, more than 30,000 children and families participated in one more of the division's services or educational presentations.

**The Town of Lake Park's Library:**

The library was started by the Woman's Club in 1962 and taken over by the Town in 1967. In 1969, the library moved from the second floor of the Lake Park Town Hall into a new building next door. As the size of the book collection and the population of the town increased, it became necessary to add a separate children's room and a meeting room to the library in 1990.

The Lake Park Library is committed to offering excellent service to those who visit or call the library. Our collection includes best sellers, practical books, magazines, newspapers, videos, audio books and DVD's. Computer software programs and Internet access are available.

Special services include story hours for children, after school homework assistance for elementary school students, programs for adults, computers for use on personal projects for both children and adults and complete Internet access. There are two study rooms and a meeting room available for use by local organizations and clubs.

**2. Bridges Overview:**



The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County developed the Bridges concept, a place based strategy in partnership with local nonprofit agencies, so more Palm Beach County children are born healthy, remain free from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten, and are on grade level by the end of 3rd grade. These vital steps, taken early in life, vastly improve a child's chances of becoming an independent, healthy, successful adult. Improving young lives does more than benefit individual children and their families. It saves society money, gives us all peace of mind and provides a foundation for a strong, safe community we are proud to live in.

Specifically, Bridges are 10 neighborhood centers located in communities with a history of poor child outcomes. Each Bridges center is charged with creating awareness, and providing education and support, in the areas of parenting and early childhood development. Bridges will do this by meeting the daily and long-term needs of local families and providing a comfortable, respectful, safe and helpful gathering place for residents, neighborhood groups, religious organizations and nonprofit agencies. Overall, Bridges - as a provision of family and community engagement - will serve to strengthen families and build community capacity and resilience. To this end, Bridges will offer:

- Information on health and wellness for adults and children
- Help getting medical care for pregnant women, babies and families with young children
- Help finding quality child care and education for children
- Workshops and practical advice to help parents raise their children
- Help connecting families to community providers of food, shelter, medical care and other vital, every day needs
- Help coordinating organizations and creating partnerships within the community to reduce duplication and increase service efficiency
- A welcoming place where neighbors can share news, make friends and find support

The physical location of Bridges is within the target area to be served, in close proximity to schools, child care centers, public transportation and other community resources for accessibility to families. Serving as a multiservice family friendly, safe environment, the Bridges centers have sufficient program, office, training and meeting space to:

- Provide training/program space for parent education classes.
- Serve as a center for co-locating programs/services providing space for other community partners to connect and engage families.
- Afford sufficient office/meeting space for staff and partners.
- Be open during non-traditional business hours, including evenings, and school holidays/vacations to accommodate families. To facilitate this, some Bridges activities may occur at satellite sites such as local churches, day care centers, etc., as identified through partnership relationships.

**Evidence of Insurance.** The Children's Home Society shall provide to the Town of Lake Park written evidence of the existence of general liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per person and \$2,000,000 per occurrence. Said certificate also shall evidence that said policy contains limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 pertaining to claims that may arise out of child abuse and/or molestation, whether included in the policy aggregate limits or provided in a separate policy sublimit. Said certificate also shall evidence that the Town has been named as an additional insured. The insurance company shall be rated no lower than A-, XII by a rating firm such as A.M. Best or its equivalent, latest edition.



### 3. Purpose of MOA

Children's Home Society of Florida and The Town of Lake Park agree to work together to support the Community Hub concept of developing a coordinated and integrated, community-based system of care focused on increasing healthy births, decreasing child abuse and neglect and increasing school readiness in the targeted community.

### 4. The Parties Responsibilities:

Children's Home Society of Florida agrees to:

- Provide parenting education, support and early childhood development programs for pregnant women and families raising children between the ages of birth and five.
- Identify, through outreach efforts, families that could benefit from programs and services provided by the Hub and CSC's Early Childhood System of Care.
- Engage all members of the family and member of the community in activities that supports or strengthens the abilities to achieve the best outcomes for children.
- Facilitate a family's access to health and human services, educational, and other family support systems (i.e. food stamps, financial assistance, health care, etc.) by identifying family needs, making referrals and ensuring linkages to services.
- Coordinate services for families by building relationships among community organizations serving children and families.
- Bridges at Lake Park will offer occasional light snacks for the activities at the Lake Park Library.

The Town of Lake Park agrees to:

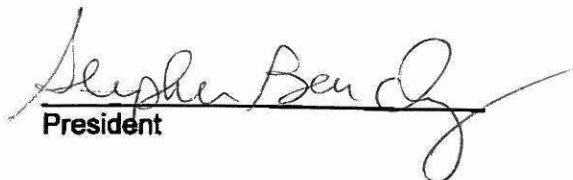
- Distribute information about Hub activities and services to families.
- Provide space at the Town's Library for parenting program.
- Refer families for Hub services.
- Work with the Hub and other stakeholders to develop a community partnership aimed at improving child outcomes in the neighborhood.

### 5. Term and termination.


This MOA shall be effective as of <sup>March 21</sup> ~~February~~ 2012 and shall be subject to the automatic renewal unless a party serves written notice of its termination upon the other party.

### 6. Signatures.

Children's Home Society of Florida

  
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President

The Town of Lake Park, Florida

  
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Mayor

**Karen Mahnk**

**From:** Baird, Thomas J. [TBaird@jones-foster.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2012 10:21 AM  
**To:** Karen Mahnk  
**Cc:** Green, Marilyn R.  
**Subject:** RE: MOA - addition re: insurance

It's ok. Marilyn add entry for me re the revised MOA and Resolution. .3



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**From:** Karen Mahnk [mailto:[kmahnk@lakeparkflorida.gov](mailto:kmahnk@lakeparkflorida.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2012 10:17 AM  
**To:** Baird, Thomas J.; Baird, Thomas J.  
**Cc:** Green, Marilyn R.  
**Subject:** MOA - addition re: insurance  
**Importance:** High

Tom;  
 Attached is the MOA with the addition added per our insurance carrier, Gehring Group – please approve – this morning if possible to make the next commission meeting. (Bambi pulled after she consulted with Gehring & they suggested adding)  
 I do not believe this would require a change to the Resolution, please also confirm.  
 Thanks much!

**Karen Mahnk, MLIS**  
**Director**  
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