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To whom it may concern:

I am Beverly Auerbach, Provider Professional Development Director at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. The Council invests resources in programs and services that support the physical, social-emotional and psychological development of children. In order to have an impact in those areas, the Council has four goals: children are born healthy, are safe from abuse and neglect, are ready for kindergarten, and have access to quality afterschool and summer programs.

Supported by a blend of federal, state and local funding, our programs and systems are designed to achieve our goals by providing seamless, efficient and accountable prevention and early intervention services to Palm Beach County's children and families. These systems include:

- Healthy Beginnings, which provides comprehensive, integrated direct services to pregnant women, infants and young children.
- Quality Counts, which provides services to increase the quality of child care and afterschool providers.
- Bridges, which is a neighborhood-based strategy to achieve CSC's goals at a population level.

The Council believes that by offering families the right approach – and combinations of programs and services – at the right time, in the right place, we will achieve our goals. By strengthening the system of care, which is built upon sound research and strong data, more Palm Beach County children will grow up healthy, safe and strong.

The Council currently funds five organizations (seven programs) that provide mental health services to children and families. Within these organizations, there are approximately 40 Council-funded mental health professionals, as well as additional mental health staff who also could benefit from the training even though their positions are not Council-funded.

The Council has worked with KidSafe in the past and found its training to be practical and needed in the community. This grant would allow KidSafe the opportunity to partner with Children's Services Council to bring training to mental health professionals throughout the county's system of care, with Children's Services Council providing the space and access to participants.

We look forward to the opportunity to be a part of this collaboration to enhance a culture of safety for our most vulnerable citizens of Palm Beach County.

Sincerely,

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