

ROWAN COUNTY CONTRACT MEMORANDUM

TO:Aaron Church, Rowan County ManagerFROM:Micah Ennis, DirectorDEPT:Social ServicesDATE:6/23/2022SUBJECT:Youth Focus

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT: This vendor provides therapeutic foster care to children in DSS custody.



Contract # Fiscal Year Begins 7/1/2022 Ends 6/30/2023

This contract is hereby entered into by and between the Rowan County Department of Social Services (the "County") and Youth Focus (the "Contractor") (referred to collectively as the "Parties"). The Contractor's federal tax identification number or <u>Social Security Number</u> is 23-7378057 and DUNS Number (required if funding from a federal funding source). 060292828

- 1. Contract Documents: This Contract consists of the following documents:
 - (1) This contract
 - (2) The General Terms and Conditions (Attachment A)
 - (3) The Scope of Work, description of services, and rate (Attachment B)
 - (4) Combined Federal Certifications (Attachment C)
 - (5) Conflict of Interest Policy (Attachment D)
 - (6) No Overdue Taxes (Attachment E)
 - (7) If applicable, HIPAA Business Associate Addendum (checklist and forms) (Attachment I)
 - (8) Certification of Transportation (Attachment J)
 - (9) If applicable, IRS federal tax exempt letter or 501(c)3 (Attachment K) http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-fill/k1023.pdf
 - (10)Certain Reporting and Auditing Requirements (Attachment L)
 - (11)State Certification (Attachment M)
 - (12)Attachment N Non-Discrimination, Clean Air, Clean Water
 - (16) Contract Determination Questionnaire (required)

These documents constitute the entire agreement between the Parties and supersede all prior oral or written statements or agreements.

- 2. Precedence among Contract Documents: In the event of a conflict between or among the terms of the Contract Documents, the terms in the Contract Document with the highest relative precedence shall prevail. The order of precedence shall be the order of documents as listed in Paragraph 1, above, with the first-listed document having the highest precedence and the last-listed document having the lowest precedence. If there are multiple Contract Amendments, the most recent amendment shall have the highest precedence and the oldest amendment shall have the highest precedence.
- Effective Period: This contract shall be effective on7/1/2022 and shall terminate on 6/30/2023, This contract must be twelve months or less.
- 4. Contractor's Duties: The Contractor shall provide the services and in accordance with the approved rate as described in Attachment B, Scope of Work.
- 5. County's Duties: The County shall pay the Contractor in the manner and in the amounts specified in the Contract Documents. The total amount paid by the County to the Contractor under this contract shall not exceed \$ 150,000.00. This amount consists of \$ in Federal funds (CFDA #), \$ in State Funds, \$ in County funds

a. There are no matching requirements from the Contractor.

b. The Contractor's matching requirement is \$
In-kind
Cash and In-kind

, which shall consist of: Cash Cash and/or In-kind

The contributions from the Contractor shall be sourced from non-federal funds. The total contract amount including any Contractor match shall not exceed <u>\$150,000.00</u>.

6. Reversion of Funds:

Any unexpended grant funds shall revert to the County Department of Social Services/Human Services upon termination of this contract.

7. Reporting Requirements:

Contractor shall comply with audit requirements as described in N.C.G.S. § 143C-6-22 & 23 and OMB Circular- CFR Title 2 Grants and Agreements, Part 200, and shall disclose all information required by 42 USC 455.104, or 42 USC 455.105, or 42 USC 455.106.

8. Payment Provisions:

Payment shall be made in accordance with the Contract Documents as described in the Scope of Work, Attachment B.

9. Contract Administrators: All notices permitted or required to be given by one Party to the other and all questions about the contract from one Party to the other shall be addressed and delivered to the other Party's Contract Administrator. The name, post office address, street address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the Parties' respective initial Contract Administrators are set out below. Either Party may change the name, post office address, street address of its Contract Administrator by giving timely written notice to the other Party.

For the County:

IF DELIVERED	BY US POSTAL SERVICE	IF DELIVERED BY ANY OTHER MEANS
Name & Title County Mailing Address	Micah M. Ennis, Director Rowan 1813 East Innes Street Salisbury NC 28146	Name & Title Micah M. Ennis, Director County Rowan Street Address 1813 East Innes Street City, State, Zip Salisbury NC 28146
Telephone Fax Email	704.216.8422 704.638.3041 Micah.Ennis@rowancountync.gov	

For the Contractor:

IF DELIVERED E	BY US POSTAL SERVICE	IF DELIVERED BY ANY OTHER MEANS				
Name & Title Director	Sarah Roethlinger/Executive	Name & Title	Sarah Roethlinger/Executive Director			
Company Name	Youth Focus	Company Name	Youth Focus			
Mailing Address	405 Parkway Suite A		1601 Huffine Mill Rd., Bldg. B			
City State Zip Greensboro, NC 27401			Greensboro, NC 27405-5509			
Telephone	336-542-0870					
Fax	ax 336-285-0317					
Email	SRoethlinger@youthfocus.org					

10. Supplementation of Expenditure of Public Funds:

The Contractor assures that funds received pursuant to this contract shall be used only to supplement, not to supplant, the total amount of federal, state and local public funds that the Contractor otherwise expends for contract services and related programs. Funds received under this contract shall be used to provide additional public funding for such services; the funds shall not be used to reduce the Contractor's total expenditure of other public funds for such services.

11. Disbursements:

As a condition of this contract, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees to make disbursements in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) Implement adequate internal controls over disbursements;
- (b) Pre-audit all vouchers presented for payment to determine:
 - Validity and accuracy of payment
 - Payment due date .
 - Adequacy of documentation supporting payment .
 - Legality of disbursement
- (c) Assure adequate control of signature stamps/plates;
- (d) Assure adequate control of negotiable instruments; and
- (e) Implement procedures to insure that account balance is solvent and reconcile the account monthly.

12. Outsourcing to Other Countries:

The Contractor certifies that it has identified to the County all jobs related to the contract that have been outsourced to other countries, if any. The Contractor further agrees that it will not outsource any such jobs during the term of this contract without providing notice to the County.

13. Federal Certifications:

Individuals and Organizations receiving federal funds must ensure compliance with certain certifications required by federal laws and regulations. The contractor is hereby complying with Certifications regarding Nondiscrimination, Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, Environmental Tobacco Smoke, Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions, and Lobbying. These assurances and certifications are to be signed by the contractor's authorized representative.

14. Specific Language Not Previously Addressed:

(can be delted if not needed)

15. Signature Warranty: The undersigned represent and warrant that they are authorized to bind their principals to the terms of this agreement.

The Contractor and the County have executed this contract in duplicate originals, with one original being retained by each party. 0

Signature Signature	5/17/2022
Signature	Date
Jarah Roethinger	Executive Director
Printed Name 0	Title
COUNTY	
100	7/7/2022
Signature (must be legally authorized to sign contracts for County DSS)	Date
- Micah Ennis	Director
Printed Name	Title

Printed Name

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Signature of County Finance Officer

Date

Relationships of the Parties

Independent Contractor: The Contractor is and shall be deemed to be an independent contractor in the performance of this contract and as such shall be wholly responsible for the work to be performed and for the supervision of its employees. The Contractor represents that it has, or shall secure at its own expense, all personnel required in performing the services under this agreement. Such employees shall not be employees of, or have any individual contractual relationship with, the County.

Subcontracting: The Contractor shall not subcontract any of the work contemplated under this contract without prior written approval from the County. Any approved subcontract shall be subject to all conditions of this contract. Only the subcontractors specified in the contract documents are to be considered approved upon award of the contract. The County shall not be obligated to pay for any work performed by any unapproved subcontractor. The Contractor shall be responsible for the performance of all of its subcontractors.

Assignment: No assignment of the Contractor's obligations or the Contractor's right to receive payment hereunder shall be permitted. However, upon written request approved by the issuing purchasing authority, the County may: (a) Forward the Contractor's payment check directly to any person or entity designated by the Contractor, or (b) Include any person or entity designated by Contractor as a joint payee on the Contractor's payment check. In no event shall such approval and action obligate the Country to anyone other than the Contractor and the Contractor shall remain responsible for fulfillment of all contract obligations.

Beneficiaries: Except as herein specifically provided otherwise, this contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors. It is expressly understood and agreed that the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this contract, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the County and the named Contractor. Nothing contained in this document shall give or allow any claim or right of action whatsoever by any other third person. It is the express intention of the County and Contractor that any such person or entity, other than the County or the Contractor, receiving services or benefits under this contract shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only.

Indemnity and Insurance

Indemnification: The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County, the State of North Carolina, and any of their officers, agents and employees, and Federal Government from any claims of third parties arising out of any act or omission of the Contractor in connection with the performance of this contract to the extent permitted by law.

Default and Termination

Termination Without Cause: The County may terminate this contract without cause by giving 30 days written notice to the Contractor.

Termination for Cause: If, through any cause, the Contractor shall fail to fulfill its obligations under this contract in a timely and proper manner, the County shall have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Contractor and specifying the effective date thereof. In that event, all finished or unfinished deliverable items prepared by the Contractor under this contract shall, at the option of the County, become its property and the Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such materials, minus any payment or compensation previously made. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the County for damages sustained by the County by virtue of the Contractor's breach of this agreement, and the County may withhold any payment due the Contractor for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages due the County from such breach can be determined. In case of default by the Contractor, without limiting any other remedies for breach available to it, the County may procure the contract services from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any excess cost occasioned thereby. The filing of a petition for bankruptcy by the Contractor shall be an act of default under this contract.

Waiver of Default: Waiver by the County of any default or breach in compliance with the terms of this contract by the Contractor shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or breach and shall not be construed to be modification of the terms of this contract unless stated to be such in writing, signed by an authorized representative of the County and the Contractor and attached to the contract.

Availability of Funds: The parties to this contract agree and understand that the payment of the sums specified in this contract is dependent and contingent upon and subject to the appropriation, allocation, and availability of funds for this purpose to the County.

Force Majeure: Neither party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations hereunder if and so long as it is prevented from performing such obligations by any act of war, hostile foreign action, nuclear explosion, riot, strikes, civil insurrection, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, or other catastrophic natural event or act of God.

Survival of Promises: All promises, requirements, terms, conditions, provisions, representations,

Intellectual Property Rights

Copyrights and Ownership of Deliverables: All deliverable items produced pursuant to this contract are the exclusive property of the County. The Contractor shall not assert a claim of copyright or other property interest in such deliverables.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

Compliance with Laws: The Contractor shall comply with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, and licensing requirements that are applicable to the conduct of its business, including those of federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction and/or authority.

Equal Employment Opportunity: The Contractor shall comply with all federal and State laws relating to equal employment opportunity.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA): The Contractor agrees that, if the County determines that some or all of the activities within the scope of this contract are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-91, as amended ("HIPAA"), or its implementing regulations, it will comply with the HIPAA requirements and will execute such agreements and practices as the County may require to ensure compliance.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality: Any information, data, instruments, documents, studies or reports given to or prepared or assembled by the Contractor under this agreement shall be kept as confidential and not divulged or made available to any individual or organization without the prior written approval of the County. The Contractor acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing or otherwise dealing with any confidential information it will safeguard and not further disclose the information except as otherwise provided in this contract.

Data Security: The Contractor shall adopt and apply data security standards and procedures that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules.

Duty to Report: The Contractor shall report a suspected or confirmed security breach to the County's Contract Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after the breach is first discovered, provided that the Contractor shall report a breach involving Social Security Administration data or Internal Revenue Service data within one (1) hour after the breach is first discovered. During the performance of this contract, the contractor is to notify the County contract administrator of any contact by the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received by the contractor.

Cost Borne by Contractor: If any applicable federal, state, or local law, regulation, or rule requires the County or the Contractor to give affected persons written notice of a security breach arising out of the Contractor's performance under this contract, the Contractor shall bear the cost of the notice.

Oversight

Access to Persons and Records: The State Auditor shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by State agencies or political subdivisions in accordance with General Statute 147-64.7. Additionally, as the State funding authority, the Department of Health and Human Services shall have access to persons and records as a result of all contracts or grants entered into by State agencies or political subdivisions.

Record Retention: Records shall not be destroyed, purged or disposed of without the express written consent of the County. State basic records retention policy requires all grant records to be retained for a minimum of five years or until all audit exceptions have been resolved. whichever is longer. If the contract is subject to Federal policy and regulations, record retention may be longer than five years. Records must be retained for a period of three years following submission of the final Federal Financial Status Report, if applicable, or three years following the submission of a revised final Federal Financial Status Report. Also, if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, disallowance action, or other action involving this Contract has been started before expiration of the five-year retention period described above, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it, or until the end of the regular five-year period described above, whichever is later. The record retention period for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and MEDICAID and Medical Assistance grants and programs must be retained for a minimum of ten years.

Miscellaneous

Choice of Law: The validity of this contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties to this contract, are governed by the laws of North Carolina. The Contractor, by signing this contract, agrees and submits, solely for matters concerning this Contract, to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of North Carolina and agrees, solely for such purpose, that the exclusive venue for any legal proceedings shall be Wake County, North Carolina. The place of this contract and all transactions and agreements relating to it, and their situs and forum, shall be Wake County, North Carolina, where all matters, whether sounding in contract or tort, relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, and enforcement shall be determined.

Amendment: This contract may not be amended orally or by performance. Any amendment must be made in written form and executed by duly authorized representatives of the County and the Contractor.

Severability: In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds that a provision or requirement of this contract violates any applicable law, each such provision or requirement shall continue to be enforced to the extent it is not in violation of law or is not otherwise unenforceable and all other provisions and requirements of this contract shall remain in full force and effect.

Headings: The Section and Paragraph headings in these General Terms and Conditions are not material parts of the agreement and should not be used to construe the meaning thereof.

Gender and Number: Masculine pronouns shall be read to include feminine pronouns and the singular of any word

or phrase shall be read to include the plural and vice versa.

Time of the Essence: Time is of the essence in the performance of this contract.

Key Personnel: The Contractor shall not replace any of the key personnel assigned to the performance of this contract without the prior written approval of the County. The term "key personnel" includes any and all persons identified as such in the contract documents and any other persons subsequently identified as key personnel by the written agreement of the parties.

Care of Property: The Contractor agrees that it shall be responsible for the proper custody and care of any property furnished to it for use in connection with the performance of this contract and will reimburse the County for loss of, or damage to, such property. At the termination of this contract, the Contractor shall contact the County for instructions as to the disposition of such property and shall comply with these instructions.

Travel Expenses: Reimbursement to the Contractor for travel mileage, meals, lodging and other travel expenses incurred in the performance of this contract shall not exceed the rates published in the applicable State rules or approved local government travel policy. International travel shall not be reimbursed under this contract.

Sales/Use Tax Refunds: If eligible, the Contractor and all subcontractors shall: (a) ask the North Carolina Department of Revenue for a refund of all sales and use taxes paid by them in the performance of this contract, pursuant to G.S. 105-164.14; and (b) exclude all refundable sales and use taxes from all reportable expenditures before the expenses are entered in their reimbursement reports.

Advertising: The Contractor shall not use the award of this contract as a part of any news release or commercial advertising.

ATTACHMENT B – Scope of Work Fee

Federal Tax Id. or SSN 23-7378057 Contract

A. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

1. Contractor Agency Name: Youth Focus

2. If different from Contract Administrator Information in General Contract:

Address

Telephone Number:		Fax Number	r: Email:		
3.	Name of Pro	ogram (s):			
4.	4. Status: Public		🖂 Priva	ate, Not for Profit	Private, For Profit
5.	Contractor's	Financial Re	porting Year	October through	September

B. Explanation of Services to be provided and to whom (include SIS Service Code):

See MUTUAL AGREEMENT SECTION

C. Rate per unit of Service (define the unit): Emergency Shelter

1. If Standard Fixed Rate, Maximum Allowable, (See Rates for Services Chart)

Standard Board Rates	Monthly Rates					
	Age 0-5	Age 6-12	Age 13+			
Foster Care		114 10 10 10				
Therapeutic Foster Care	\$514	\$654	\$698			
Residential Treatment (Level 2)						
Child Placing Agency	\$1,472	\$1,637	\$1,702			
Residential Child Caring Institution	\$4,318 \$4,510		\$4,580			
Standard Board and Treatment Rates	Dai					
	Board	Treatment*				
Residential Treatment Level 3, 0-4 beds	\$43	\$232.88				
Residential Treatment Level 3, 5+ beds	\$33	\$189.75				
Residential Treatment Level 4, 0-4 beds	\$43	\$315.71				
Residential Treatment Level 4, 5+ beds	\$40	\$315.71				
*Treatment R	ates set by DMA	and are subject to	change.			

2. Negotiated County Rate.

Additional county funds per individual client agreements.

D. Number of units to be provided: The number of applications submitted by the Rowan County DSS and accepted by the Contractor during each fiscal year shall equal the number of units provided.

E. Details of Billing process and Time Frames; Invoices are due to Rowan County DSS no later than the 3rd working day of the month and payment is issued no later than the 25th day of each month.

F. Area to be served/Delivery site(s): Rowan County clients at Contractor facilities

G. CHILD CARING INSTITUTIONS (CCIs) and the IV-E Federal Audit CCI Contractor agrees to ensure that all employees have criminal record checks on file. CCI Contractor agrees to be responsible for any financial penalties applied to the County as a result of the CCI Contractor's failure to comply with federal or state licensure rules.

H. MUTUAL AGREEMENT

I. Both Parties Agree to:

- Return all phone calls received within twenty-four (24) hours or by the end of the next business day.
- 2. Share all information needed to ensure a good match/appropriate placement.
- Clearly communicate any concerns about the partnership with a problem-solving approach that prioritizes the best interest of the child and family being served.

II. Private Partner

Private Partner agrees to provide foster care services for children in the custody of County, and shall do the following:

Provide Services:

- Provide foster care services, guided by an individualized permanency and/or treatment plan to be developed with the child's social worker within 30 days of admission.
- Provide for each child's safety, shelter, emotional, nutritional, and basic everyday needs. Within reason and to be negotiated as needed, provide for personal hygiene items, school supplies, school field trips, extracurricular activities, photos, and yearbooks.
- 3. Within reason and to be negotiated as needed, maintain the child's clothing inventory, providing adequate and appropriate attire to meet the child's growth, wear/tear, seasonal, and educational needs. A clothing inventory at admission and a clothing inventory at discharge (adequate for transition to the next placement) shall be completed.
- 4. Participate in County-supervised visits between child and family.
- 5. Train and support foster parents in shared parenting with biological parents.
- Provide transportation within 100 miles round trip to and from parental visits, school, and medical, dental, and therapy appointments if required.
- Coordinate non-emergency, temporary respite care placements that have been approved by a child's County-assigned social worker.

- For placements involving mental health treatment (Levels 2-4, PRTF), provide case management including development and maintenance of Person-Centered Plan and oversee requests for authorizations and reauthorizations.
- 9. Adhere to the County's policy/procedures regarding discipline of children in foster care.

10. Adhere to the County's procedures for applying for day care (if applicable).

Communication and Planning:

- Notify County immediately when a child receives emergency care, is hospitalized, is placed in detention, or is absent/missing (e.g., on the run). Private Partner will also notify local authorities immediately upon discovering a child is missing.
- When a child is transported to the hospital for an emergency psychiatric hospital assessment, accompany/supervise the child in the emergency room for up to 4 hours to allow County adequate travel and coordination time to respond to the event.
- Communicate with the County monthly regarding each child's needs and progress in the program, unless more frequent communications are needed based on the specific circumstances.
- Notify County of Child and Family Team meetings, Treatment Team meetings, and other planning meetings as necessary.
- 5. With County, coordinate planning for any move of the child.
- Work closely with County to develop a written transition plan within 7 business days prior to discharge from program.
- Attend Permanency Planning Review meetings for each child. If attendance is not feasible, Private Partner will submit a written report prior to said meeting.
- Attend court hearings and provide information to the court as needed. If attendance is not feasible, review report prior to court. Private Partner should provide a written summary to the court regarding each child's progress.
- Provide County a minimum 30 day grace period prior to discharge of any child so that an appropriate subsequent placement can be secured. Shorter periods may be agreed upon if the Parties deem it necessary.
- 10. If Private Partner is the clinical home for the child: if after consultation with the County it is determined that continuation of the placement is not beneficial, provide 30 days notice to the County to arrange another more appropriate placement. Private Partner will continue meeting the child's clinical needs until another provider can assume clinical home responsibility for the child.
- Discuss potential medication changes with the child's social worker, and provide written notification of medication changes or current medication list within 24 hours of changes, and upon discharge.
- Provide a discharge summary within thirty (30) days of discharge, including history, course of treatment, progress in care, medications, and plan for the child.

III. County

The County shall retain custody of each child while the child is placed with the Private Partner, and shall do the following:

Share Information:

- Provide the following for each child upon admission:
 - Verification of current physical exam within the last 12 months and assist with scheduling of exam within 72 hours of placement.
 - b. Social Security card (copy of).
 - c. Medicaid card.
 - d. Documentation of custody.
 - e. Case history, including information regarding special court sanctions, treatment plans, and medical records.
 - f. Out-of-home family services agreement.
 - g. Psychological evaluation (if applicable).
 - h. Immunization record.
 - i. Visitation agreement (if applicable).
 - j. Child Health Status Component (DSS-5125-II).
 - k. Education Component (DSS-5245).
 - 1. Birth certificate (copy of).
 - m. School enrollment letter (if applicable).
 - n. A document outlining the financial criteria for each child. A signed copy of the document must be returned to the County in order for Private Partner to receive financial payment for the child. In the event of an emergency placement, the document will be provided to the Private Partner within seven (7) working days.
 - o. Any other forms or information required by the Private Partner.

Provide Services:

- Conduct regular, face-to-face visits with Private Partner on at least a monthly basis to review each child's progress toward meeting the goals of the out-of-home services agreement and treatment plan.
- Conduct in-person visits with each child at least once a month in the placement provider's home.
- Monitor and assure implementation of all aspects of a child's treatment plan, including courtordered visitation by parent/guardian.
- 4. Enroll/withdraw the child in school.
- Collaborate with Private Partner to support shared parenting between foster parents and children's biological parents.

Communication and Planning:

1. Coordinate required medical exams for each child and advise Private Partner of results.

- 2. If not provided at placement (due to emergency circumstances), share the out-of-home family services agreement for each child within 7 business days of when it is developed.
- Share updated out-of-home family services agreement every six months or when the child or family's circumstances or needs change.
- Maintain close communication with the Private Partner regarding treatment issues, changes in each child's family situation, child/family needs, and discharge planning for each child.
- Attend Child and Family Team meetings, Treatment Team meetings, and other planning meetings as necessary.
- 6. Provide a ten (10) day notice for all Permanency Planning Meetings and court dates, and notify Private Partner when the Permanency Plan changes.
- Notify the child's parent/guardian and Guardian ad Litem when child will be moved or has been moved.
- Plan for discharge in concert with the Private Partner's treatment team, providing a 7 business day advance notice prior to discharge.
- 9. Be available or have the supervisor or after hours staff respond to emergencies.

(Signature of County Authorized Person)

2022

(Date Submitted)

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(Date Submitted)

FEDERAL CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned states that:

- 1. He or she is the duly authorized representative of the Contractor named below;
- He or she is authorized to make, and does hereby make, the following certifications on behalf of the Contractor, as set out herein:
 - a. The Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination;
 - b. The Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements;
 - c. The Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke;
 - d. The Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions; and
 - e. The Certification Regarding Lobbying;
- He or she has completed the Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements by providing the addresses at which the contract work will be performed;
- 4. [Check the applicable statement]
 - [] He or she has completed the attached Disclosure Of Lobbying Activities because the Contractor has made, or has an agreement to make, a payment to a lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action;

OR

He or she has not completed the attached Disclosure Of Lobbying Activities because the Contractor has not made, and has no agreement to make, any payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence any officer or employee of any agency, any Member of Congress, any officer or employee of Congress, or any employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action.

5. The Contractor shall require its subcontractors, if any, to make the same certifications and disclosure.

Executive Direct Signat

[This Certification Must be Signed by the Same Individual Who Signed the Proposal Execution Page]

I. Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination

The Contractor certifies that it will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (h) the Food Stamp Act and USDA policy, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion and political beliefs; and (i) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statutes which may apply to this Agreement.

II. Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

- 1. The Contractor certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:
 - Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
 - b. Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - i. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii. The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - iii. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - iv. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
 - Making it a requirement that each employee be engaged in the performance of the agreement be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
 - d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the agreement, the employee will:
 - i. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five days after such conviction;
 - Notifying the Department within ten days after receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(ii) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
 - f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 days of receiving notice under subparagraph (d)(ii), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - i. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination; or
 - Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency; and
 - g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f).
- The sites for the performance of work done in connection with the specific agreement are listed below (list all sites; add additional pages if necessary):

Address

Street	6220 Thermal Read
City, State, Zip Code	Charlotte, NC 28211
Street	
City, State, Zip Code	

- 3. Contractor will inform the Department of any additional sites for performance of work under this agreement.
- False certification or violation of the certification may be grounds for suspension of payment, suspension or termination of grants, or government-wide Federal suspension or debarment. 45 C.F.R. 82.510.

III. Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke

Public Law 103-227, Part C-Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro-Children Act of 1994 (Act), requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor facility owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for the provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1,000.00 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity.

The Contractor certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act. The Contractor further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards that contain provisions for children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.

IV. Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions

[The phrase "prospective lower tier participant" means the Contractor.]

- 1. By signing and submitting this document, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
- 2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of the fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originate may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
- The prospective lower tier participant will provide immediate written notice to the person to whom this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- 4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549, 45 CFR Part 76. You may contact the person to whom this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- 5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, determined ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- 6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this document that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- 7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.

- 8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- 9. Except for transactions authorized in paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension, and/or debarrent.

Certification

- The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this document, that neither it nor its principals is
 presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation
 in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- 2. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

V. Certification Regarding Lobbying

The Contractor certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federally funded contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- 3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award document for subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) who receive federal funds of \$100,000.00 or more and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.
- 4. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

VI. Disclosure Of Lobbying Activities

Instructions

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Use the SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet for additional information if the space on the form is inadequate. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.

- 1. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
- Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
- 3. Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or sub-award recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
- 4. If the organization filing the report in Item 4 checks "Subawardee", then enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
- 5. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
- 6. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (Item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
- Enter the most appropriate Federal Identifying number available for the Federal action identified in Item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number, Invitation for Bid (IFB) number, grant announcement number, the contract grant, or loan award number, the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
- For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in Item 4 or 5.
- 9. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, state and zip code of the lobbying entity engaged by the reporting entity identified in Item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.
- (b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial (MI).
- 10. Enter the amount of compensation paid or reasonably expected to be paid by the reporting entity (Item 4) to the lobbying entity (Item 10). Indicate whether the payment has been made (actual) or will be made (planned). Check all boxes that apply. If this is a material change report, enter the cumulative amount of payment made or planned to be made.
- Check the appropriate boxes. Check all boxes that apply. If payment is made through an in-kind contribution, specify the nature and value of the in-kind payment.
- 12. Check the appropriate boxes. Check all boxes that apply. If other, specify nature.
- 13. Provide a specific and detailed description of the services that the lobbyist has performed, or will be expected to perform, and the date(s) of any services rendered. Include all preparatory and related activity, not just time spent in actual contact with Federal officials. Identify the Federal official(s) or employee(s) contacted or the officer(s), employee(s), or Member(s) of Congress that were contacted.
- 14. Check whether or not a SF-LLL-A Continuation Sheet(s) is attached.
- 15. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, D. C. 20503

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Disclosure Of Lobbying Activities (Approved by OMB 0344-0046)

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

1. Type of Federal Action:	2. Status of Federa	al Action:		3. Report	ype:		
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CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND POLICY

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Policy and Procedure

Title: Conflict of Interest

Department: Personnel Policies & Board Policies Policy # 1310, 703 Page 1 of 1

Effective Date: 1-25-00

Revised 3-29-05, 6/12/07, 10/22/13

Reviewed 1/28/2020

Policy: No employee, Board member or paid consultant of Youth Focus shall have a direct or indirect financial interest in the assets, leases, contracts, business transactions or professional services conducted by the agency. No employee, officer, or agent shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by Federal funds if a real or apparent conflict of interest would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for an award. The officers, employees, and agents of the recipient shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to sub-agreements. Employees, Board members and paid consultants will also avoid even the appearance of such a conflict of interest.

Board members who individually or as a part of a business or professional firm are involved in business transactions or current professional services of the organization shall disclose this relationship and not participate in any vote taken in respect to such transactions or services. In addition, board members shall affirm, at least annually at a board meeting that they have no conflicts of interest.

No Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent of the Organization shall participate in the selection, award, or administration of a purchase or contract with a vendor where, to his knowledge, any of the following has a financial interest in that purchase or contract:

- 1. The Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent;
- 2. Any member of their family by whole or half blood, step or personal relationship or relative-in-law;
- 3. An organization in which any of the above is an officer, director, or employee;

4. A person or organization with whom any of the above individuals is negotiating or has any arrangement concerning prospective employment or contracts.

Conflict of Interest Defined:

A conflict of interest is defined as an actual or perceived interest by a (staff member/Board member) in an action that results in, or has the appearance of resulting in, personal, organizational, or professional gain. A conflict of interest occurs when an employee/Board member has a direct or fiduciary interest in another relationship. A conflict of interest could include:

- Ownership with a member of the Board of Directors/Trustees or an employee where one or the other has supervisory authority over the other or with a client who receives services.
- Employment of or by a member of the Board of Directors/Trustees or an employee where one or the other has supervisory authority over the other or with a client who receives services.
- Contractual relationship with a member of the Board of Directors/Trustees or an employee where one or the other has supervisory authority over the other or with a client who receives services.
- Creditor or debtor to a member of the Board of Directors/Trustees or an employee where one or the other has supervisory authority over the other or with a client who receives services.
- Consultative or consumer relationship with a member of the Board of Directors/Trustees or an employee where one or the other has supervisory authority over the other or with a client who receives services.

The definition of conflict of interest includes any bias or the appearance of bias in a decision-making process that would reflect a dual role played by a member of the organization or group. An example, for instance, might involve a person who is an employee and a Board member, or a person who is an employee and who hires family members as consultants.

Employee Responsibilities:

It is in the interest of the organization, individual staff, and Board members to strengthen trust and confidence in each other, to expedite resolution of problems, to mitigate the effect and to minimize organizational and individual stress that can be caused by a conflict of interest.

Employees are to avoid any conflict of interest, even the appearance of a conflict of interest. This organization serves the community as a whole rather than only serving a special interest group. The appearance of a conflict of interest can cause embarrassment to the organization and jeopardize the credibility of the organization. Any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest is to be reported to your supervisor immediately. Employees are to maintain independence and objectivity with clients, the community, and organization. Employees are called to maintain a sense of fairness, civility, ethics and personal integrity even though law, regulation, or custom does not require them.

Acceptance of Gifts:

Employees, members of employee's immediate family, and members of the Board are prohibited from accepting gifts, money or gratuities from the following:

- a. Persons receiving benefits or services from the organization;
- b. Any person or organization performing or seeking to perform services under contract with the organization; and
- c. Persons who are otherwise in a position to benefit from the actions of any employee of the organization.

Employees may, with the prior written approval of their supervisor, receive honoraria for lectures and other such activities while on personal days, compensatory time, annual leave, or leave without pay. If the employee is acting in any official capacity, honoraria received by an employee in connection with activities relating to employment with the organization are to be paid to the organization.

<u>Procedure</u>: The Board Chair and the Executive Director shall ensure that this policy is implemented. The Business Manager will also monitor the implementation of this policy to ensure compliance. Violation of these standards of conduct shall result in disciplinary actions which may include termination from employment or removal from the board of directors.

<u>Duty to Disclosure</u>: Any conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest is to be reported to the Board or other governing body or one's supervisor immediately.

<u>Board Action:</u> When a conflict of interest is relevant to a matter requiring action by the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body, the Board member or other governing person, officer, employee, or agent (person(s)) must disclose the existence of the conflict of interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board and members of

committees with governing board delegated powers considering the possible conflict of interest. After disclosure of all material facts, and after any discussion with the person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

In addition, the person(s) shall not participate in the final deliberation or decision regarding the matter under consideration and shall leave the meeting during the discussion of and vote of the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body.

<u>Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy</u>— If the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body has reasonable cause to believe a member, officer, employee or agent has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the person of the basis for such belief and afford the person an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If, after hearing the person's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors/Trustees or other governing body determines the member, officer, employee or agent has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Record of Conflict - The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

1. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict of interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

2. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement that presents a possible conflict of interest, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.



Date

Certification:

We certify that Alexander Youth Network does not have any overdue tax debts, as defined by N.C.G.S. 105-243.1, at the federal, State, or local level. We further understand that any person who makes a false statement in violation of N.C.G.S. 143C-6-23 c is guilty of a criminal offense punishable as provided by N.C.G.S. 143C-10-1b.

Sworn Statement:

Sarah Roethlinger and Manuel M. Gomez, being duly sworn, say that we are Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of Youth Focus, Inc. of Greensboro in the State of North Carolina; and that the foregoing certification is true, accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge and was made and subscribed by us. We also acknowledge and understand that any misuse of State funds will be reported to the appropriate authorities for further action.

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Manuel M. Gomez, CFO

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day of the date of said certification.

(Notary Signature and Seal

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¹ G.S. 105-243.1 defines: Overdue tax debt. – Any part of a tax debt that remains unpaid 90 days or more after the notice of final assessment was mailed to the taxpayer. The term does not include a tax debt, however, if the taxpayer entered into an installment agreement for the tax debt under G.S. 105-237 within 90 days after the notice of final assessment was mailed and has not failed to make any payments due under the installment agreement."

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ATTACHMENT J

CERTIFICATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION

Rowan County Department of Social Services/Human Services

By execution of this Agreement the Contractor certifies that it will provide safe client transportation by:

- Insuring that all drivers (including employees, contractors, contractor's employees, and volunteers) shall be at least 18 years of age;
- Insuring that all drivers (including employees, contractors, contractor's employees, and volunteers) shall be licensed to operate the specific vehicle used in transporting clients in accordance with Chapter 20-7 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and the Division of Motor Vehicle requirements;
- Insuring that all vehicles transporting clients shall have at least the minimum level of liability insurance appropriate for the type of vehicle as defined by Article 7, Rule R2-36 of the North Carolina Utilities Commission;
- Insuring that the contractor shall have written policies and procedures regarding how drivers handle and report client emergencies and/or vehicle crashes involving clients to contractor and how contractor notifies the Rowan County Department of Social Services;
- 5. Insuring that no more than one quarter of one percent of all trips be missed by the contractor during the course of the contract period; (*Medicaid only*)
- 6. Insuring that that no more than five percent (5%) of trips should be late for recipient drop off to their appointment per month; (Medicaid only)
- 7. Contractor will maintain records documenting the following (*County may require contractor to provide*):
 - a. Valid current copies of Drivers License for all drivers;
 - b. Current valid Vehicle Registration, for all vehicles transporting clients;
 - c. Driving records for all drivers for the past three years and with annual updates;
 - d. Criminal Background checks through North Carolina Law Enforcement or NCIC prior to employment and every three years thereafter;
 - e. Alcohol and Drug Testing policy to meet the Federal Transit Authority guidelines.
- Disclosing, at the outset of the contract, upon renewal and upon request, any criminal convictions or other reasons for disqualifications from participation in Medicare, Medicaid or Title XX programs (signature on this form confirms this statement).

Sand Rothlip	Executive Director
Signature	Title
Youth Focus Agency/Organization	5/17/2022
Agency/Organization	Date

(Certification signature should be same as Contract signature.)

ATTACHMENT K

What is a Private Non Profit Agency?

Answer: A private non profit is an organization that is incorporated under State law and whose purpose is not to make a profit, but rather to further a charitable, civic, religious, scientific, or other lawful purpose. The Secretary of State's office grants corporate status to organizations in North Carolina.

What is a 501(c)(3) designation?

Answer: When the agency becomes a state private non profit corporation, it can then apply for 501(c)(3) designation through the IRS. Once the IRS grants 501(c)(3) status, the organization is exempt from certain taxes and any donations to the charitable organization are tax deductible. Many individuals and organizations prefer to make donations to 501(c)(3) private non profits.

Who can obtain a 501(c)(3) designation?

Answer: Any organization or group can apply for 501(c)(3) status, provided their charter or mission focuses on the non profit's objective.

Another option is to apply for a 509(a)(1) status which falls under the 501(c)(3) umbrella. Being a 509(a)(1) designates an organization as a tax-free public charity that receives most of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Becoming a 509(a)(1) provides public recognition of tax-exempt status, advance assurance to donors of deductibility of contributions, exemption from certain State and federal taxes, and non profit mailing privileges. Organizations that typically qualify are churches, educational institutions, hospitals, and governmental units.

How does a Private Non Profit obtain Tax Exempt Status?

EO Web Site [www.irs.gov/eo]

IRS TE/GE Customer Service

You may direct technical and procedural questions concerning charities and other nonprofit organizations, including questions about your tax-exempt status and tax liability, to the IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Customer Account Services at (877) 829-5500 (toll-free number).

If you prefer to write, you may write at:

Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organizations Determinations P.O. Box 2508 Cincinnati, OH 45201

You may also contact the <u>Taxpayer Advocate Service</u>, an independent organization within the IRS that helps taxpayers resolve problems with the IRS and recommends changes that will prevent problems.

A private non profit must apply to the IRS for tax exempt status. To qualify, applicants must complete and submit to the IRS Form 1023. Once federal tax exempt status is granted, the private non profit applies for State tax exempt status by completing Form CD-435 and submitting it to the N. C. Department of Revenue.

What must a County Department of Social Services/Human Services do?

Answer: Verify the Tax Exempt Letter. Check date for expiration and check if current address of agency is reflected.

State Certifications Contractor Certifications Required by North Carolina Law

Instructions: The person who signs this document should read the text of the statutes and Executive Order listed below and consult with counsel and other knowledgeable persons before signing. The text of each North Carolina General Statutes and of the Executive Order can be found online at:

- Article 2 of Chapter 64: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/ByArticle/Chapter_64/Article_2.pdf .
- G.S. 133-32: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=133-32 .
- Executive Order No. 24 (Perdue, Gov., Oct. 1, 2009): http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/library/pdfs/Laws/EO24.pdf .
- G.S. 105-164.8(b): <u>http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_105/GS_105-164.8.pdf</u>
- G.S. 143-48.5: <u>http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_143/GS_143-48.5.html</u>
- G.S. 143-59.1: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter 143/GS 143-59.1.pdf
- G.S. 143-59.2: <u>http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_143/GS_143-59.2.pdf</u>
- G.S. 143-133.3: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_143/GS_143-133.3.html
- G.S. 143B-139.6C: http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_143B/GS_143B-139.6C.pdf

Certifications

- (1) Pursuant to G.S. 133-32 and Executive Order No. 24 (Perdue, Gov., Oct. 1, 2009), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Contractor named below is in compliance with, and has not violated, the provisions of either said statute or Executive Order.
- undersigned hereby certifies that the Contractor named below, and the Contractor's subcontractors, complies with the requirements of Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes, including the requirement for each employer with more than 25 employees in North Carolina to verify the work authorization of its employees through the federal E-Verify system." E-Verify System Link: www.uscis.gov
- (3) Pursuant to G.S. 143-59.1(b), the undersigned hereby certifies that the Contractor named below is not an "ineligible Contractor" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(a) because:
 - (a) Neither the Contractor nor any of its affiliates has refused to collect the use tax levied under Article 5 of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes on its sales delivered to North Carolina when the sales met one or more of the conditions of G.S. 105-164.8(b); and
 - (b) [check one of the following boxes]
 - Neither the Contractor nor any of its affiliates has incorporated or reincorporated in a "tax haven country" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(c)(2) after December 31, 2001; or
 - □ The Contractor or one of its affiliates has incorporated or reincorporated in a "tax haven

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country" as set forth in G.S. 143-59.1(c)(2) after December 31, 2001 but the United States is not the principal market for the public trading of the stock of the corporation incorporated in the tax haven country.

- (2) Pursuant to G.S. 143-48.5 and G.S. 143-133.3, the (4) Pursuant to G.S. 143-59.2(b), the undersigned hereby certifies that none of the Contractor's officers, directors, or owners (if the Contractor is an unincorporated business entity) has been convicted of any violation of Chapter 78A of the General Statutes or the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 within 10 years immediately prior to the date of the bid solicitation.
 - (5) Pursuant to G.S. 143B-139.6C, the undersigned hereby certifies that the Contractor will not use a former employee, as defined by G.S. 143B-139.6C(d)(2), of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in the administration of a contract with the Department in violation of G.S. 143B-139.6C and that a violation of that statute shall void the Agreement.
 - (6) The undersigned hereby certifies further that:
 - (a) He or she is a duly authorized representative of the Contractor named below;
 - (b) He or she is authorized to make, and does hereby make, the foregoing certifications on behalf of the Contractor; and
 - (c) He or she understands that any person who knowingly submits a false certification in response to the requirements of G.S. 143-59.1 and -59.2 shall be guilty of a Class I felony.

Contractor's Authorized Agent:	Signature Amphototin	Date 5/17/2022
	Printed Name Savah Roethlinget	Title Executive Divector
Witness:	Signature	Date 5/17/2022
	Printed Name Cathorine Harrison	Title Contracts Specialist

The witness should be present when the Contractor's Authorized Agent signs this certification and should sign and date this document immediately thereafter.

ATTACHMENT N

Rowan County Department of Social Services/Human Services

CERTIFICATION REGARDING NONDISCRIMINATION, CLEAN AIR ACT, CLEAN WATER ACT

Certification Regarding Nondiscrimination

The Contractor certifies that it will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (h) the Food Stamp Act and USDA policy, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion and political beliefs; and (i) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statutes which may apply to this Agreement.

The Contractor must comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented by the Department of Labor Regulations (41 CFR Part 60): The Executive Order prohibits federal contractors and federally-assisted construction contractors and subcontractors who do over \$10,000 in Government business in one year from discriminating in employment decisions on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Executive Order also requires Government contractors to take affirmative action to ensure that equal opportunity is provided in all aspects of their employment.

<u>Meaningful Access for LEP Individuals</u>: **The Contractor** that participate in the SNAP must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to programs, services, and benefits. This includes the requirement to provide bilingual program information and certification materials and interpretation services to single language minorities in certain project areas. SNAP Contractors that do not provide meaningful access for LEP individuals risk violating prohibitions against discrimination based on National Origin in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and SNAP program regulations at 7 CFR 272A(b). They also risk noncompliance with the USDA policy guidance titled, "Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons", published in 79 FR 70771 - 70784 (November 28, 2014).

The Contractor should develop an implementing plan to address the language assistance needs of the LEP population served. This may include contracting for oral interpretation services, hiring bilingual staff, arranging telephone interpreters and/or language lines, coordinating community volunteers, translating vital documents, and providing written notice that language services are available in appropriate languages. Quality and accuracy of the language service is critical in order to avoid serious consequences to the LEP person and to the recipient. LEP needs should be considered in developing budgets and front line staff should understand how to obtain language assistance services. For additional assistance and information regarding LEP matters, please also visit http://www.lep.gov.

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Ensuring Equal Opportunity Access for Persons with Disabilities: The Contractor must also ensure equal opportunity access for persons with disabilities. This includes ensuring that communications with applicants, participants, members of the public, and companions with disabilities are as effective as communications with people without disabilities. Contractors that do not provide persons with disabilities equal opportunity access to programs may risk violating prohibitions against disability discrimination in the Rehabilitation Act of 1978, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended, and SNAP program regulations. DOJ published revised final regulations implementing Title II and Title III of the ADA on September 15, 2010. These regulations are codified at 28 CFR Part 35 "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services" and at 28 CFR Part 36 "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities", In accordance with the implementing regulations, Contractors must provide auxiliary aids and services where necessary to ensure effective communication and equal opportunity access to program benefits for individuals with disabilities. The type of auxiliary aids and services required will vary, but a Contractor may not require an individual with a disability to bring another individual to interpret, and may rely on a person accompanying a disabled individual only in limited circumstances. When a Contractor communicates with applicants and beneficiaries by telephone, it must provide text telephone services (ITY) or have access to an equally effective electronic telecommunications system to communicate with individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing impaired. Contractors must also ensure that interested persons, including persons with impaired vision or hearing, can obtain information as to the existence and location of accessible services, activities, and facilities. For more information, please visit the ADA website: http://www.ada.gov.

IV. The Clean Air Act, Section 306; 42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq. (1970)

- a. No Federal agency may enter into any contract with any person who is convicted of any offense under section 113(c) for the procurement of goods, materials, and services to perform such contract at any facility at which the violation which gave rise to such conviction occurred if such facility is owned, leased, or supervised by such person. The prohibition in the preceding sentence shall continue until the Administrator certifies that the condition giving rise to such a conviction has been corrected. For convictions arising under section 113(c)(2), the condition giving rise to the conviction also shall be considered to include any substantive violation of this Act associated with the violation of 113(c)(2). The Administrator may extend this prohibition to other facilities owned or operated by the convicted person.
- b. The Administrator shall establish procedures to provide all Federal agencies with the notification necessary for the purposes of subsection (a).
- c. In order to implement the purposes and policy of this Act to protect and enhance the quality of the Nation's air, the President shall, not more than 180 days after enactment of the Clean Air Amendments of 1970 cause to be issued an order (1) requiring each Federal agency authorized to enter into contracts and each Federal agency which is empowered to extend Federal assistance by way of grant, loan, or contract to effectuate the purpose and policy of this Act in such contracting or assistance activities, and (2) setting forth procedures, sanctions, penalties, and such other provisions, as the President determines necessary to carry out such requirement.
- d. The President may exempt any contract, loan, or grant from all or part of the provisions of this section where he determines such exemption is necessary in the paramount interest of the United States and he shall notify the Congress of such exemption.
- e. The President shall annually report to the Congress on measures taken toward implementing the purpose and intent of this section, including but not limited to the progress and problems associated with implementation of this section. [42 U.S.C. 7606]

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V. The Clean Water Act; 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (1972)

- a. No Federal agency may enter into any contract with any person who has been convicted of any offense under Section 309(c) of this Act for the procurement of goods, materials, and services if such contract is to be performed at any facility at which the violation which gave rise to such conviction occurred, and if such facility is owned, leased, or supervised by such person. The prohibition in preceding sentence shall continue until the Administrator certifies that the condition giving rise to such conviction has been corrected.
- b. The Administrator shall establish procedures to provide all Federal agencies with the notification necessary for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.
- c. In order to implement the purposes and policy of this Act to protect and enhance the quality of the Nation's water, the President shall, not more than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, cause to be issued an order:

(i) requiring each Federal agency authorized to enter into contracts and each Federal agency which is empowered to extend Federal assistance by way of grant, loan, or contract to effectuate the purpose and policy of this Act in such contracting or assistance activities, and

(ii) setting forth procedures, sanctions, penalties, and such other provisions, as the President determines necessary to carry out such requirement.

- d. The President may exempt any contract, loan, or grant from all or part of the provisions of this section where he determines such exemption is necessary in the paramount interest of the United States and he shall notify the Congress of such exemption.
- e. The President shall annually report to the Congress on measures taken in compliance with the purpose and intent of this section, including, but not limited to, the progress and problems associated with such compliance.
- f. No certification by a contractor, and no contract clause, may be required in the case of a contract for the acquisition of commercial items in order to implement a prohibition or requirement of this section or a prohibition or requirement issued in the implementation of this section.
- g. In paragraph (1), the term "commercial item" has the meaning given such term in section 4(12) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403(12)).

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(Certification signature should be same as Contract signature.)

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YOUTH FOCUS INC 405 PARKWAY SUITE A GREENSBORO NC 27401

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Employer ID Number: 23-7378057 Form 990 required: Yes

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your request dated June 02, 2017, regarding your tax-exempt status.

We issued you a determination letter in May 1974, recognizing you as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c) (03).

Our records also indicate you're not a private foundation as defined under IRC Section 509(a) because you're described in IRC Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Donors can deduct contributions they make to you as provided in IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts under IRC Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

In the heading of this letter, we indicated whether you must file an annual information return. If a return is required, you must file Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or 990-PF by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. IRC Section 6033(j) provides that, if you don't file a required annual information return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked on the filing due date of the third required return or notice.

For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you have questions, call 1-877-829-5500 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., local time, Monday through Friday (Alaska and Hawaii follow Pacific Time).

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Form W-9
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Give Form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

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Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- 1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted. Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at www.irs.gov/fw9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- · Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- · Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)

 Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)

- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- · Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- · Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- · Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding? on page 2.

By signing the filled-out form, you:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),

2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or

3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and

4. Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See What is FATCA reporting? on page 2 for further information.