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Township of Union Public Schools
Director of Instruction and Funded Programs
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Approve the contract of Living Water Well Inc. to provide counseling outreach services to the Township of Union Public School McKinney-Vento Homeless students and families under ESEA funding for the 2022-2023 grant year. Total amount not to exceed \$3500 Account Extension 19927.

Township of Union Public Schools
Emergency Counseling Services for Students and Families
McKinney Vento Homeless Initiative
Proposal Draft: Patricia Bridges

With the mental health effects of Covid-19 pandemic still being experienced by our community, the possibilities of more traumatic experiences still linger in the memories of our community and in the present daily routines. Homeless students and their families have already experienced the grief of loss of their previous home that serves as a place of safety and a place where memories are made. There are also associated changes in financial stability, which places stress in the center of daily living. The effects of global change in social distancing, remote learning and general human contact have been felt by the world, but these traumatic and post-traumatic elements need specific attention. Therefore, the following would be created to serve on a district-wide basis:

I) The MV Counseling Liaison would serve as the primary contact for State and County programming for new initiatives for homeless families. Every student and family in the McKinney Vento Program in the district work closely in concert with the School Counselor from the students' assigned schools. Program communication would come from the district McKinney Vento Homeless Initiative for TUPS.

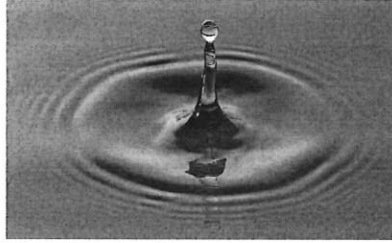
II) The MV Counseling Liaison will design virtual workshops for students and families within the program that experience feeling overwhelmed, anxious, depressed and stressed over the events and displacement that have led to their current situations; as well as the post-traumatic events of the pandemic. These workshops will offer strategies for enrichment and resilience, empowering families to seek out resources for continued support and to strengthen and build our community.

III) The MV Counseling Liaison will serve as a Consulting Counselor for emergent cases that are referred for Emergent Counseling Care. Services will include emailing parents resources on emotional wellness parenting strategies, and strengthening the family unit. These services will be specifically for MV Families in response to immediate needs for mental wellness, family connection and support; with the focus on the students and the wholeness of the family unit.

The consultant fee for the Counseling Liaison would be: \$3500.00 for annual monitoring of interventions, accessibility to families, facilitation of listed activities, and continued research for the enhancement of services offered to our McKinney Vento community.

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INVOICE

May 31, 2022

Union Township Board of Education

McKinney Vento Program

Dear Mrs. Guilfoyle:

Due to the nature of the pandemic surges during this academic year, I will not be able to submit an invoice for this program. As the year continued and the ability to meet in person availed, the interest in these programs did not seem to be warranted by the families in the program.

I would love to continue in this position for the 2022-2023 year and begin full force in September.

Sincerely,

Patricia Carter Bridges

Founder / Director, Living Water Well