

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

FSU and UF agree to carry out their respective duties and responsibilities outlined below, in compliance with local, state, and federal laws, and FSU regulations.

The terms and conditions of such mutual cooperation, as well as the required budget for implementation, will be developed by the relevant parties designated by each institution to assure conformity with the aims and purposes described and set forth above. As the occasion may arise for the implementation of any given section herein, the relevant parties shall develop a detailed plan to implement institutional responsibilities and financial agreements in a separate document, executed with the same formality as this agreement (e.g. MOA, exchange of letters, specific letters of understanding, etc.) for each activity. The respective leaders of each institution must approve each activity agreement before it can be implemented.

A. Objective/Overview of Program

Affiliated institutions will permit the Project to engage in research and training in strategic locations throughout the state of Florida. More specifically, institutions will implement and study the SEC Mentoring Program in their areas. The SEC Mentoring Program provides specialized mentoring and other supportive services for at-risk minority children. The project will benefit the targeted children, families, providers, stakeholders, and communities, by providing non-traditional strategies and cultivating relationships, which will enhance participant and family engagement, public safety and the effectiveness of existing foster care services and programs.

B. Project Outcomes

- i. Mentees (Elementary school-aged children (“Mentees”) will be mentored using the SEC Mentoring Program model by mentors recruited from participating institutions. Thirty (30) mentees per institution will be offered professionally supervised mentorship by college students, from affiliated institutions, whose personal backgrounds and life-difficulties are similar and/or who are successful former foster children who have matriculated through the dependency system. There will be ten sites with thirty mentees per site totaling 300 mentees in the state-wide research project.
- ii. The SEC Mentoring Program is designed to impart the motivation, drive, and resilience that the mentors developed, with a focus on instilling these values in the mentees through educational and personal achievement without regard to any limitations. The projected outcomes include:

1. Educational Outcomes

- a. Improve school grades
- b. Improve school behavior
- c. Increase school attendance

2. Delinquency Outcomes

- a. Prevent Initial Delinquency Involvement

C. Key Personnel

- i. Research Director