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**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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**RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 2023-032**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE  
A PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**

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JAIRO FRAUSTO, City Treasurer**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the “City”) is a duly organized and existing City created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with full powers to enact ordinances and adopt resolutions for the benefits of the residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, The City desires to enter into a Preliminary Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with Metropolitan Family Services in order to coordinate and integrate the educational, developmental, family, health and other comprehensive services offered by the Metropolitan Family Services at the John D. Rita Recreation Center, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as Exhibit A (the “Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City have determined that it is necessary, proper, and in the best interest of the City to enter into this MOU with Metropolitan Family Services.; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and the Aldermen of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois as follows:

**Section 1.** That the above recitals and legislative findings are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof, as if fully set forth in their entirety.

**Section 2.** The Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A, is hereby approved in substantially the same form presented to the Mayor and Aldermen with

such necessary non-material changes as may be authorized by the Mayor to execute the Agreement, the execution of which constitutes the approval by the City of any and all changes or revisions therein contained.

**Section 3.** The officials and officers of the City are hereby authorized to undertake actions on the part of the City as contained in the Agreement to complete satisfaction of the provisions, terms or conditions stated therein.

**Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution.

**Section 5.** All ordinances, resolutions, motions or orders in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

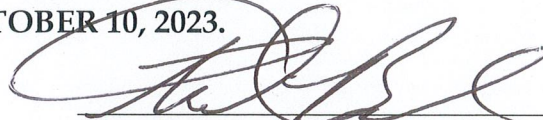
**Section 6.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2023, pursuant to roll call as follows:

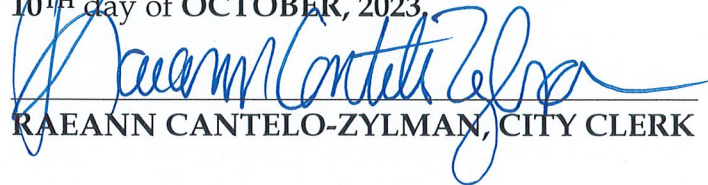
	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman JOHNSON	X				
Alderman FAHRENWALD	X				
Alderman RITA	X				
Alderman MONTOYA			X		
Alderman MCGEE	X				
Alderman CARR	X				
Alderman ROLL			X		
Mayor BILOTTO					
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APPROVED by the Mayor on OCTOBER 10, 2023.



FRED BILOTTO  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,  
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this  
10<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2023.



RAEANN CANELO-ZYLMAN, CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF COOK        )

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**CERTIFICATION**

**I, RAEANN CANTELO-ZYLMAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** I am the duly elected City Clerk of the City of Blue Island, Illinois, as such City Clerk, I am the keeper of the minutes and records of the Proceedings of the City Council of the said City and have in my custody the RESOLUTIONS and BOOKS of the records of said City.

**I DO FURTHER CERTIFY** that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the certain **RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-032** which was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois held on the **10<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023**; that at said meeting **5** Alderman were present; that at said meeting, on motion duly made and seconded that the Resolution did pass and on the roll being called the vote of each Aldermen present on the question of the passage of said Resolution was duly and separately taken by Ayes and Nays and their names and votes recorded in the minutes of **5** Alderman voted Aye and **0** Alderman voted Nay and **0** Alderman voted Abstain and **2** Alderman Absent.

**I DO FURTHER CERTIFY** that the original Resolution which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safe keeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Blue Island aforesaid, at the said City in the County and State aforesaid, this **10<sup>th</sup>** day of **October, 2023**.

CORPORATE SEAL

  
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City Clerk



Exhibit A

*Preliminary MOU*

**Preliminary Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Full Service Community Schools Consortium**  
*U.S. Department of Education*  
*Office of Elementary and Secondary Education*  
*Full-Service Community Schools*  
*Washington, D.C. 20202-6200*  
*Fiscal Year 2023 Application for New Grants Under*  
*The Full-Service Community Schools Program CFDA 84.215J*

**Partners.** The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to clearly define the terms of the partnership between Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) and partner organizations to be included within this preliminary MOU to address the following Absolute Priority Areas for US Department of Education.

- AP1: Title 1A School-wide Program Eligibility
- AP4: Multi-LEA Grants

Partners for Inclusion within this preliminary MOU:

- LEA – Posen-Robbins ESD 143-5 – (14011 South Harrison Avenue, Posen IL 60469)
- LEA – City of Chicago SD299 – (42 West Madison Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago IL 60602)
- Community Based Partners [\*to be added to this MOU]

The purpose of this collaboration is to offer a community-based effort to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health and other comprehensive services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships. This project aims to strengthen coordination between schools and community organizations to provide well-rounded educational opportunities and meet the social, emotional, physical and mental health, and academic needs of students. This preliminary MOU is contingent upon MFS receiving the above-mentioned award.

## **II. Roles and Responsibilities**

### **A. MFS agrees to:**

- Serve as the lead applicant for this FSCS Program and be responsible for ensuring program complies with all funder guidelines.
- Ensure submission for all required reports and documents to the funder.
- Conduct in collaboration with partners and if applicable, oversight to ensure compliance with any sub-awards and all funder regulations.
- Designate one full-time staff person who will serve as the Community School Coordinator for the Full Service Community School (FSCS) at each school who serves to plan, integrate, coordinate and facilitate the delivery of pipeline services at each school.
- Work cooperatively with the LEAs in implementing the FSCS program at partner schools.
- Serve as a liaison between the US Department of Education, other funders, and other stakeholders (the school, LEA, staff and parents, oversight committee, youth advisory council, and community organizations);



- Coordinate a community assessment of needs and assets for partner LEAs and schools as needed on an ongoing basis;
- Manage any sub-contracted services provided through this program;
- Meet all stipulations of funder, including mandated reporting, progress reports and site visits;
- Support resource development for in-kind resources and services for LEAs and partner schools;
- Attend meetings and professional development sessions as required by the funder;
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the program and supervise staff;
- Build parental involvement through a variety of programs, activities, classes or committees;
- Coordinate existing programs in the school with new resources in order to maximize impact;
- Maintain student enrollment and attendance records and provide this information as needed;
- Promote respectful treatment of school property and maintain order in spaces used by the program;
- Coordinate and participate in the Oversight Committee or Advisory Board;
- Establish procedures for the safe dismissal of children after program hours;
- Maintain appropriate insurance coverage;
- Provide reports as requested to LEA, school, and funder.

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**B. Partner LEAs and their Schools agree to:**

- An extended day and summer program to meet the basic academic, cultural, social, and recreational needs of students;
- Support parent involvement and engagement efforts that include educational opportunities for parents and opportunities to partner with the school;
- Support community involvement and community development which includes participation from other organizations and community members in community school events and on committees;
- Provide a safe haven for children;
- Support appropriate staffing and appropriate student/staff ratios at all times;
- Participate in the Oversight Committee or Advisory Board made up of parents, staff, students, partners and community members to provide overall guidance for programming;
- Collaborate with MFS to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the initiative in which staff cooperate to collect relevant data;
- Support a collaborative relationship between MFS with the LEA and partner schools to include the school principal and supervisor or manager from the Lead Partner working together closely;
- Consistent adherence to procedures and regulations for health, fire, safety, pick-ups, parent consents, transportation, food, insurance, medical and other emergency procedures in accord with standards of the LEAs, Illinois State Board of Education, Health Department, Metropolitan Family Services, Illinois Department of Human Services and program funders.

**C. Other Community-Based Organizations agree to:**

- Provide representation and/ or feedback to the schools to assist with planning, coordination, leadership and sustainability of project components.
- Work to bring new community partners to create links as resources for youth and their families and to assist with support towards sustainability after funding ends.



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- Provide attendance data for workshop/ activity /program provided to support data collection efforts for the FSCS program.
- Participate under the guidance of MFS in any oversight/ monitoring of program activities provided at the school.
- Ensure compliance of all MFS and funder requirements if sub-contracts are approved and received for delivery of FSCS services.
- See Addendum for summary of partner community-based organizations and anticipated programming to be provided.

**III. Future Agreement.** Should MFS be awarded funding under U.S. Department of Education FY 2023 Full Service Community Schools, a new memorandum of understanding and/or sub-contract will be entered into by MFS with partner organizations to include detailed timelines, terms of payments, and funder required compliance documents.

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**ADDENDUM for Community-Based Organizations**

<b>Name of Organization and Address</b>	John Rita Recreational Center 2805 W. 141 <sup>st</sup> Street Blue Island, IL 60406
<b>Contact Name and Phone Number/Email</b>	
<b>Brief Summary of Organization (Mission and History)</b>	Blue Island Park District provides a variety of services for the residents of Blue Island.
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## EDUCATION

**Community Schools** operate during non-school hours and expand positive choices and opportunities for youth while achieving academic success. Tutoring, homework help, recreation, life skills, cultural opportunities, and social emotional services are included.

**Early Learning Home Visiting Programs** provide expectant and new parents with education and support they need at the time of their child's birth and during the most crucial first five years of life. Sessions in the home focus on providing young children experiences that foster healthy growth and development and positive parent-child interactions. Families also meet for activities, to socialize, and attend workshops.

**Southeast All Our Kids Early Childhood Network** is a collaborative that promotes a collective and holistic approach to serving pregnant women and families with children 0-5. MFS serves as a convener of community stakeholders, parents and caregivers that recognizes having a shared agenda, collective learning and collaborative leadership, and engagement are the key factors in providing pregnant mothers and families the necessary tools for their children to thrive in a healthy, socially, and emotionally stable environment. Through engaging in continuous learning, identifying gaps in services, assessing

community needs, and proactively and strategically responding to changes in the local and state-wide community, we hope to educate, inform, prepare and advocate for pregnant women and families with children birth to five.

## ECONOMIC STABILITY

The **Gerst Family Young Fathers Program** helps fathers to become employed, financially self-sufficient, and raise healthy children. The program includes job readiness training and placement, money management training, parent education and support, and legal assistance. Participants are encouraged to actively nurture and financially support their children.

**Workforce Development** provides TANF recipients with innovative job readiness training including communication, conflict resolution, professional networking, workplace ethics, resume creation and mock interviewing. Job Seekers will receive individual coaching, career goal planning, an individualized employment plan, specialized industry training, supportive services including transportation, work ready and credential attainment, access to parent support, behavioral health, legal aid and other supportive programs. Participants will also be invited to exclusive hiring events with access to a variety of dedicated employer partners.

## EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

**Behavioral Health** offers recovery-based individual, family, and group therapy services, case management, crisis intervention, community support, and psychiatry. MFS Behavioral Health services promote psychological, social, and emotional development that helps to achieve and maintain recovery. MFS offers Behavioral Health programs to children, adolescents, and adults.

### Youth And Young Adult Behavioral Health Initiative:

A behavioral health initiative, funded by the City of Chicago serves uninsured young people ages 10-24 years. Services include assessment, goal-setting, counseling, psychiatric evaluation, case management, advocacy, and community support to alleviate emotional and psychological stressors.

### Community Integrated Living

**Arrangement (CILA)** offers a supported, shared-apartment living environment for adults with mental illness, with staff on-site 24 hours a day. Staff provide case management, counseling, medication monitoring, transportation to medical appointments, and training in daily living skills.

### Mental Health Juvenile Justice

works with eligible youth and their families to provide support and services to improve clinical functioning, school performance and attendance, and decrease

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