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September 9, 2020

Michele L. Lieberman  
County Manager  
12 SE 1st Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**RE: CARES funding for Pandemic Learning Pods**

Dear Ms. Lieberman,

At the August 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, CTAC voted to request that the Alachua County BoCC allocate CARES funding to support "Pandemic Learning Pods". Pandemic Learning Pods are intentional, small cohorts of children and responsible adults organized to support distance learning, socialization, and play. Pods provide an opportunity to minimize the risk for families who must return to work and thus require supervised environments for their children.

The Trust partnered with the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, Inc. and Kids Count in Alachua County, Inc. to provide space for 232 children, ages 5-13, who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to have the opportunity to be supported in their distance learning experience until their parents deem it safe to return to school.

The Trust funded these Pandemic Learning Pods for the first 9 weeks of school for children who are participating in either Alachua Digital Academy or Alachua eSchool. CARES funding will allow this effort to continue for the second nine weeks of school. The total cost would be \$216,630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Murphy".

Colin Murphy  
Executive Director  
Attachments: Scope of Work

CC: Tommy Crosby, Assistant County Manager – Budget & Fiscal Services  
Jennifer Rivers, CTAC Finance and Administration Manager

## EXHIBIT A

### SCOPE OF SERVICES

<b>Program:</b>	Pandemic Learning Pods
<b>Agency:</b>	Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, Inc.
<b>1. Term</b>	First 9 weeks of school (45 days)
<b>2. Payment Rate</b>	\$20.75 per enrolled child per day
<b>3. Target Population</b>	200 Children ages 5-13 who are < 200 % Federal Poverty Level
<b>4. Location(s)</b>	Centers in the 32601, 32605, 32606, 32607, 32609, 32615, 32640, 32641, 32669 zip codes
<b>5. Site Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sites shall demonstrate that they have a license or valid exemption from DCF.</li><li>• internet access or wifi</li><li>• computers available for children to use if a device is not provided to them by ACPS</li><li>• space available to properly social distance children 6 feet apart and keep a 1:10 staffing ratio for school-age children.</li></ul>
<b>6. Safety Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adhere to the “Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open” set forth by the CDC</li><li>• All staff and children wear masks</li><li>• All staff pass a Level 2 background screening</li></ul>
<b>7. Service Hours</b>	Sites must be able to serve children during normal school hours.

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### SCOPE OF SERVICES

<b>Program:</b>	Pandemic Learning Pods
<b>Agency:</b>	Kids Count in Alachua County, Inc.
<b>1. Term</b>	First 9 weeks of school (45 days)
<b>2. Payment Rate</b>	\$20.75 per enrolled child per day
<b>3. Target Population</b>	32 Children ages 5-13 who are < 200 % Federal Poverty Level
<b>4. Location(s)</b>	Faith Mission @ 3701 NE 15 St. 32609
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