

**POLICY STATEMENT
THE LITTLE ROCK COMMISSION
ON CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES
CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

1/7/04

FUNDING

1. Supports the passage of an ordinance to ensure that all Prevention, Intervention and Treatment funds will be disbursed according to the City of Little Rock's RFP bid process.
2. Supports the carryover of Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment funds that are unspent during a budget year to fund PIT programs the following budget year.
3. Supports the funding category recommendations in Attachment A incorporating the two documents "2004 CYF/PIT Funding Categories" and "2004 PIT/CYF Proposed Budget"

CONTRACTS

1. Supports the reinstatement of a small contracts competitive bid procedure and recommends the procedures set out in Attachment B "Small Contract Application Guidelines".
2. Supports more expertise in review committee meetings and recommends that a non-voting peer consultant be in attendance at the meetings.
3. Supports the addition of a contractor's past performance as a category in the proposal evaluation performed by reviewers, weighted 5 points in the 20 point section on Organization in the score sheet. Staff monitoring reports shall be provided to the review committee, as available.
4. Supports the addition of a new category "sustainability" to the score sheet, weighted 5 points in the 100 point scale.

EDUCATION

1. Supports the development of a public awareness and education campaign concerning the issues affecting children, youth and families in Little Rock, with City support consisting of staff and funding.

CAPACITY BUILDING

1. Supports the concept of capacity building among the community-based organizations that are eligible to receive PIT funds.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

1. Supports improved coordination of services among the courts, law enforcement, parole offices, and adult substance abuse treatment providers by having the City convene a series of forums and discussions regarding better coordination of service delivery.

TREATMENT

1. Supports a clear demarcation between prevention, intervention, and treatment services in funding adolescent substance abuse treatment, as different accountabilities are required of each service delivered.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Neighborhood Based Prevention Program:** The City of Little Rock will fund programs that it describes as Neighborhood Based Prevention Programs. A primary requirement under this category is that these programs and services are provided from a facility physically located in a specified targeted neighborhood, and funds from the City of Little Rock are used only for residents of that neighborhood.

The City of Little Rock will also fund programs described as Citywide Programs. Citywide programs are not required to have a facility physically located within a specified targeted neighborhood, but are required to provide services and programs within the City of Little Rock, be available to any resident of Little Rock, and to spend funds from the City of Little Rock only for Little Rock residents.

The City of Little Rock Department of Community Programs and the Commission on Children, Youth and Families will encourage communication and collaboration between these programs, as well as any other organizations and agencies that will serve to enhance the fulfillment of the contract terms and the contractors' organizational missions.