

EXHIBIT A

The specific evidenced-based program(s) to be managed by Evidence-Based Associates and selected by Lowndes County during the FY 2023-24 funding cycle will include:

- **Functional Family Therapy (FFT)** is cited in multiple lists, most notably by the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, Crime Solutions of the United States Department of Justice, the Washington State Institute of Public Policy and others as one of only a few research-proven programs for reducing juvenile delinquency and improving youth and family outcomes. FFT focuses on treating youth aged 11-18 ranging from at-risk preadolescents to youth with very serious problems such as conduct disorder. Treatment duration is approximately 1-3 sessions a week for 3-4 months; home-based; and scheduled during the day or evenings as convenient for families.

This proposed intervention is appropriate for delinquent youth and has been rigorously researched and found to be effective for at-risk youth with histories of aggression, violence and/or substance abuse disorders. The program is most effective when delivered with strict fidelity adherence and when a range of criminogenic needs are addressed. Thus, the practice proposed is evidence-based, can be delivered in the community, replicated in diverse communities, involve the family, and target the issues proven to correlate with delinquency.

Case Rates are provided as follows. (These rates are subject to adjustment on a yearly basis in accordance with the Consumer Price Index or another adjustment factor agreed by the parties).

FFT – 90-day treatment = \$5,752.80 case rate (\$63.92 per diem) for a total of 60 youth served @ \$346,372.00.

a. Program Referrals and Intake

EBA and Lowndes County commit to establishing program referrals and intake procedures consistent with the parameters and requirements of the evidence-based program selected. They also commit to developing:

- Detailed description of how the DJJ Detention Assessment Instrument (DAI) and the Pre-Disposition Risk Assessment (PDRA) will be utilized to ensure consistency and uniformity in decision-making