

- D. Number of youth to be served, as well as an explanation of how youth will be referred into services.

This grant is anticipated to serve 16-24 youth and families during the grant cycle.

In regards to, referral criteria, youth who are first time offenders, diverted from the juvenile justice system, charged with a status offense or nonviolent act, and who are appropriate for the services in accordance with SFP referral criteria will be prioritized for referral into SFP services. All referrals will come via Lowndes County Juvenile Court, Lowndes County DJJ, and/or the Local Interagency Planning team (LIPT) team.

- E. Please also explain how the plan for project activities will meet the target population's needs as described in the needs statement.

The project activities will also meet the needs of the target population as evidenced by youth and families achieving the SFP five protective factors; the five protective factors are the foundation of the Strengthening Families approach:

1. Parental Resilience
2. Social Connections
3. Concrete Support in times of need
4. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
5. and the Social and Emotional Competence of Children.

V. Resources Needed

Once all staff are trained and demonstrate fidelity in the SFP model, it will be able to be expanded to surrounding areas. In regards to resources needed for successful SFP implementation, five group leaders will need to be selected and trained, a part time site coordinator will be needed to ensure a successful launch of SFP 7-17 and coordinate all programmatic logistics (e.g., technology training for parents, transportation, arranging for meal options, maintaining attendance, communication with referral sources, and assisting to motivate families to complete the entire SFP program, etc.). Since the SFP program includes a meal, families will be provided a family meal each week at the beginning of the SFP group. SFP incentives are built into the SFP program. Each family will be able to qualify for up to \$50 (\$25