

c. Identify potential state, federal, and/or private funding streams for program support.

**The Lowndes County Juvenile Court continues to research any and all funding opportunities. Support from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council will be utilized if and when such funds become available. Federal grant opportunities will be diligently monitored by the Court Director.**

**There are multiple other potential funding streams that will continue to be explored by Lowndes County staff. Notably, many of the youth and families to be served in this program are also likely to be ‘cross-over youth’ involved with other public systems such as child welfare (Department of Families and Children) and the Juvenile Court.**

d. Identify any staff or volunteers that have assigned, dedicated efforts towards sustainability.

**A court officer with the Lowndes County Juvenile Court will work with county-wide community providers to ensure program sustainability. The Court has undertaken a vigorous community awareness effort engaging key stakeholders. As a result, there has been an enhanced understanding among local support systems of the value of evidence-based programming for youth and families coming to the attention of the Lowndes County Juvenile Court and of the value of sustaining efforts that produce positive outcomes.**

e. Identify potential ways to increase current evidence-based service capacity for target population.

**The county is looking at options for developing a mentoring program to serve the at risk population. The goal is to have a program in place to not only help youth referred by the court but also to serve as a preventative program to hopefully reach youth at risk prior to them entering the court system.**

f. Describe any local actions taken to specifically support evidence-based services.

**Lowndes County received funding to begin an Evening Reporting Center. They have partnered with a local organization to provide cost effective options for reaching those at-risk youth prior to them entering the Juvenile Justice system. Tutoring services have also been provided to both grant funded youth, as well as other at-risk youth within the community. This has been accomplished through the use of grant funding from several sources as well as public-private partnerships.**

**Lowndes County also recently implemented a Youth Accountability Court focusing on drug related offenses. This was implemented utilizing local funds.**

## **7. Previous Accomplishments**