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A-1. Program Narrative

I. Project description:

Agency Name, Type & Year Founded: PeaceWay Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. was established in Valdosta, Georgia in June 2006 to the ownership of Dr. Tirrell and Dr. Lucretia Andrews. We founded PeaceWay Counseling and Mediation Services with the goal of helping families and individuals reclaim their lives by overcoming the obstacles in their way and putting the pieces back together. The staff at PeaceWay are professionals that are committed to providing quality service which adheres to the PCMS core values of Integrity, Commitment, and Professionalism.

PeaceWay Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc. (PCMS) is a Valdosta based clinical practice that focuses on putting the pieces together through therapeutic interventions. PCMS is dedicated to providing a variety of services which include: Individual Therapy, Family Therapy, Premarital Counseling, Martial Counseling and group therapy.

PCMS is CARF certified. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF International is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

The CARF International group of companies currently accredits more than 50,000 programs and services at 23,000 locations. More than 8 million persons of all ages are served annually by 6,800 CARF-accredited service providers. CARF accreditation extends to countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

A. Geographic Area Targeted: Lowndes County was founded in 1825. Lowndes County comprises six cities: Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, Dasher and Naylor. Funding for this grant, if awarded, is expected to be utilized to serve all youth and families who meet eligibility criteria and are residents of Lowndes County. Specifically, Lowndes County is seeking funding to reduce the number of youths who commit first-time nonviolent acts and youth who commit status offenses, also known as Children in Need of Services (CHINS), who are at risk of escalating further into the juvenile justice system. approximately:

- At-risk youth who commit status offenses (CHINS): 350 (numbers of Chins cases 2022 year)
- At-risk youth who commit first-time nonviolent acts: 200 (numbers of cases 2022 year)
- **Estimated Number of Individuals to Serve:** Due to the duration of this grant (until September 30, 2023), Lowndes County proposes to provide two groups of the Strengthening Families Program (SFP). Per group is anticipated to serve 10-14

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