

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Boone County Schools

And

Family Nurturing Center

This agreement is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ between Family Nurturing Center, a Kentucky non-profit corporation (“FNC”) located at 5 Spiral Drive, Florence, KY 41042 and the Boone County Schools a public school system whose Board of Education Office is located at 8330 US Hwy 42, Florence, KY 41042

In the spirit of friendship and with mutual interest in cooperation, Family Nurturing Center and Boone County Schools enter into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote the joint commitment to quality, social and emotional wellness services and agree to work collaboratively to ensure coordinated care and system response to enhance services for children and families. Through the generosity of funders including Boone County Fiscal Court, KY Justice Cabinet/Victims of Crime Act, and United Way of Greater Cincinnati, these services are provided at no cost to the school and/or students.

### Section 1. Scope of Collaboration

Areas of collaboration may be proposed by either institution and may include, but are not limited to:

- Joint and articulated agreement to provide services to promote the social and emotional well being of students within the Boone County School system
- The provision of quality services to identify, assess, and treat children and families at risk of abuse and neglect through a coordinated systems of care approach
- Cooperation and participation in an overall system of care serving families within the local community to support students who are victims of child abuse and/or neglect to heal and develop hope for their future

### Section 2. Scope of each Agency

Family Nurturing Center is a private, non-profit agency dedicated to ending the cycle of child abuse by promoting individual well-being and healthy family relationships. Since 1979, the agency has been at the forefront in providing quality, innovative and effective child abuse prevention, and education and treatment programs within the community. Family Nurturing Center provides a range of trauma



informed, evidence based treatment services to support children and adults impacted by abuse.

Family Nurturing Center recognizes and agrees that:

- Services will provide a range of free child abuse education, prevention and counseling services that are available to students within the Boone County School system including the Trauma Counseling Services provided in part through VOCA funds
- Provide qualified staff to lead groups and prevention services on site at designated Boone County Schools as agreed upon by the schools and Family Nurturing Center to meet the needs within the school district and as allowed by grant funding
- Provide on site 10-12 week group programming based on agreed upon schedule to address the impact of trauma and adversity on children referred by their school and assist them with developing skills necessary for their social and emotional well being
- Provide on site prevention services in the form of Child Abuse and Bully prevention information through an evidence based format
- Provide access to supportive services and wellness activities at Family Nurturing Center to Boone County School Students and other community members impacted by abuse and adversity.
- Collaborate with Boone County School personnel to triage students most in need of services
- Participate in school meetings and case conferencing to provide trauma responsive care service provider perspective as requested
- Coordinate care and share best practices and consult as needed to support student emotional and social well being
- Provide consistent and timely information to Boone County School personnel about availability of services offered at and through Family Nurturing Center and assist them with the referral process
- Schedule times at each school to meet with legal guardians of the referred children and complete consents for service
- Collaborate with Boone County School personnel to ensure effective service provision

Boone County Schools is a public educational system offering educational services to students in their district from Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Boone County Schools are committed to ensuring every student is college, career and life ready.

Boone County Schools recognizes and agrees that:

- Provide appropriate referrals to Family Nurturing Center to determine eligibility for services
- Provide private space on site at designated schools at coordinated times to allow for referred students to participate in services

- Share appropriate information in regards to students referred when a signed release of information exists
- Assist in distributing and collecting necessary paperwork from referred students
- Allow students to participate in child abuse and bully prevention activities typically held through the Kids on the Block or Monique Burr programming
- Provide updated student information to FNC staff members for mutual clients that may impact the outcome of services
- Seek FNC participation in appropriate and/or relevant workgroups and committees
- Maintain open communication regarding emerging trends and needs so that both agencies can work cooperatively together to address them

### **Section 3. Non-Discrimination**

The parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, age, handicap, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran.

### **Section 4. Compliance with Law**

The parties specifically intend to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations as they may be amended from time to time. If any part of this Agreement is determined to violate federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulations, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith revisions to any such provisions. If the parties all agree within reasonable time to revisions required to bring the entire Agreement into compliance, either party may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

### **Section 5. Statement of Independence**

Although all participating agencies agree to work together on behalf of traumatized adults and children, each participating agency recognizes and agrees that it is independently responsible for its own functions and operation which, in the case of governmental participating agencies, derive from the relevant statutory or constitutional grant of authority. As such, each participating agency shall have sole responsibility for performing the legal obligations of employer and respect to its employees.

**Section 6. Confidentiality**

Both agencies shall maintain privileged communication and confidentiality as defined within context of their own agency and statutory obligations.

**Section 7. Term**

The term in this Memorandum of Understanding shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024 and will be effective until written notice of withdrawal of the participating agencies. This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised upon written agreement of both participating agencies.

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Family Nurturing Center

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