



TJJD CON0001419

This Memorandum of Understanding reflects a working relationship between Girls Empowerment Network and Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex (SJCC) of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD).

Our mission is to ignite the power in girls by teaching them the skills to thrive and believe in their ability to be unstoppable. Confidence builders facilitate our self-efficacy building curriculum to girls in grades 3rd – 12th. When girls experience our self-efficacy building curriculum, they increase knowledge of 21st century skills and coping skills, and their internal belief in their power increases. They learn to cope with stress, improve peer-to-peer relationships, and are surrounded by positive female role-models. Our Girl Connect modules are delivered in a customized way to best meet the needs of our partners.

According to this agreement Girls Empowerment Network and Ron Jackson SJCC/TJJD agree to the following roles and responsibilities of each party.

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective **June 1, 2022**, and shall remain in effect through **August 31, 2024**. This contract may be renewed for two (2) additional terms of two (2) years each, provided that both parties agree in writing through contract amendment to each renewal. Any renewals shall be at the same terms and conditions, including any approved changes.

This agreement is subject to amendment and/or cancelation by TJJD if Girls Empowerment Network is unable or unwilling to meet TJJD's conditions for providing services to girls in TJJD's care. TJJD may cancel this agreement by giving Girls Empowerment Network thirty-days (30) notice.

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This agreement is subject to funding availability through three potential sources: 1) an OJJDP grant award, 2) an alternative funding source yet to be identified, or 3) contracted fees paid by TJJD to Girls Empowerment Network.

Once funding is secured, services will begin at the convenience of both parties.

If OJJDP funding is awarded. Girls Empowerment Network will be the Grantee and recipient of OJJDP funding, and provide overall programmatic management and financial accountability for program operations.

Girls Empowerment Network agrees to:

- Provide a personalized version of Girl Connect with up to 20 total modules
- All Girls Empowerment staff or volunteers working with girls under this agreement must pass a TJJD background check;
- Will comply with the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 20033 (PREA) (34 U.S.C. 30301 et. seq.) and with all applicable standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies related to PREA;
- Become familiar with and at all times shall observe and comply with all PREA regulations which affect performance in any manner under this contract. Failure to



comply with PREA standards, rules, regulations, and TJJD policies may result in the termination of this agreement;

- Comply with state and federal laws and with TJJD policies regarding maintaining confidentiality of student records and youth information;
- Ensure the program is led by a trained Girls Empowerment Network facilitator, with up to 2 volunteers
- Provide all materials and staff necessary to run its programs, including a secure Zoom link for online meetings
- Communicate with onsite contact if girls disclose any sensitive information in Girls Empowerment Network programs
- Provide onsite contact with any program information requested for their review
- Administer pre- and post-surveys to girls each semester to evaluate program effectiveness. Evaluation results will be available upon request

Ron Jackson SJCC agrees to provide:

- Referrals for girls to participate in the program
 - A contact person to assist with coordination and implementing the program, including gathering permission forms and administering evaluations
 - A Youth Development Coach to support girls onsite during group time
 - A consistent and private room or space in which to provide program services that can accommodate the group and activities without distractions
 - A device for each girl to log into the virtual meeting space
 - Help with referring girls to the program
 - Regular communication via contact about any schedule changes
- Open communication, feedback, and consistent follow-up if disclosure occurs.
 - Girl Connect Group
 - Weekly sessions up to 1.5 hours in length
 - 1 group (approximately 8-12 girls total)
 - Up to 20 sessions per group

Onsite Contact Information:

Printed Name:

Email:

Phone Number:



By signing below, you agree to the terms of this contract.

X [Redacted Signature]

Shandra Carter, Executive Director (Interim) | TJJJD

Date 6/1/22

X [Redacted Signature]

Girls Empowerment Network Representative

Date 6/1/22