Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass

ESR Grant Clarification

1. Yes, the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass proposal is still viable for implementation as originally submitted.

2. Due to COVID-19, the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass has made a number of modifications in order to continue providing services to sexually abused children in Central Kentucky. Program and organizational changes are listed below.
    - Our organization has limited the number of staff inside our facility on a daily basis. Program and administrative staff are on a scheduled rotation for in-office work.
    - Prior to an appointment, all clients are pre-screened over the phone to inquire about any Coronavirus illness. All clients are required to wear a mask while inside our center. Masks can be provided by the CAC at no cost if an individual does not have one.
    - All clients are screened at the door for exposure and have their temperature taken.
    - All law enforcement officers and social workers are pre-screened as well and required to wear a mask inside our facility.
    - Our staff has removed the majority of toys and dolls in our facility to reduce the risk of passing any germs.
    - Forensic interviews are now conducted inside our center in a socially-distant fashion through tablets. The interviewer and child are each in a different private room, while law enforcement officers and social workers watch via Zoom. Very few interviews are currently conducted in the same room. In these cases, both the child and interviewer are wearing a face mask and clear face shield.
    - All therapy sessions are currently conducted via tele-health. Our center has purchased the HIPAA compliant Zoom in order to continue providing counseling for all clients.
    - All comprehensive medical exams are conducted as safely as possible. The intake questionnaire is completed over the phone or on a tablet as opposed to in-person.

3. While these changes have required us to make certain adjustments, these modifications will have no effect on the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass proposed ESR budget. Our center has worked to successfully secure outside funding, grants, and donations to purchase necessary materials to provide our services helping sexually abused children.