The Nest Healing the Home ESR Response

1. Is your proposal still viable for implementation as originally submitted?

Yes! *The Nest Healing the Home* proposal is still viable as originally submitted. We will meet or exceed the proposed number of families served. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted our families that are at high risk for abuse and neglect because they are isolated and under a tremendous amount of stress.

2. Please detail any modifications you will be making to the original submission in order to comply with the new service delivery requirements in the COVID19 environment? (i.e. social distancing, capacity requirements, group event restrictions, etc.)

Currently, due to COVID-19, all the services proposed in our application are happening from a distance through telecommunications, web conferencing and online. This form of outreach has allowed us to stay connected with families while keeping health a priority and exposure risk minimal. Virtual learning has removed barriers of time constraints and transportation issues. In spite of a global pandemic, the number of families requesting and receiving services has increased. We have had to add more virtual classes to meet this increased need. A new client can complete our initial paperwork online and a Nest representative will review and follow up with them by either phone or web conferencing. We plan to keep this in place because it is more efficient and user friendly. If any person has an access barrier, they can pick up an intake packet from The Nest as well. Our group and individual services are offered by phone and web conferencing. As restrictions continue to lift, we will offer both in person and virtual services at The Nest. Our legal and advocacy services are happening in person at the courthouse and through phone and online communication as well.

3. Will these new modifications increase or decrease your proposed budget?
Please detail any increases or decreases to your proposed budget including additional costs and/or other secured funding.

The Nest Healing the Home program does not anticipate an increase or decrease in the proposed budget. We are working hard to adjust our expenses to meet the anticipated needs for COVID-19 and stay within our 2020-2021 projected budget. However, we do expect a decrease in funding for The Nest this next fiscal year. Since March, we have had to cancel four events that historically have brought over $200k and we now have cancelled our main fundraiser: *A Night for The Nest;* which alone nets $100k. Although we are being innovative and trying several virtual fundraising techniques in the wake of COVID-19, our funding is severely lower than "in person" events. Also, the donations that we normally receive on a month to month basis have decreased significantly. We need help now more than ever to continue to provide the programs that have helped our community for 43+ years.