

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-49

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 24, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: January 24, 2023

Type of Action: Agreement authorization and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill authorizes the License Agreement between the City of Jacksonville and Lutheran Services Florida, Inc. for the Head Start Program at Moncrief Senior Center for Comprehensive Childhood Development. The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: Head Start is a federally funded birth-to-5 comprehensive early childhood development program for low income and/or children with special needs, in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and their families. Jacksonville's Head Start programming is operated by Lutheran Services Florida (LSF) and they run 34 Head Start centers in Duval County. LSF applied for federal funding to partially renovate and retrofit the Moncrief Senior Center to a comprehensive childhood development center and site for Head Start services. LSF currently operates out of an apartment unit in the nearby Fairway Oaks Apartments and the apartment unit's small size limits participation to 37 children. The purpose of this legislation is to enable the renovation project that will outfit the Moncrief Senior Center facility with 3 classrooms, a therapy room, a kitchen for meals, office space for staff and educators and a new playground to serve a total of 54 children.

Policy Impact Area: Head Start Program at Moncrief Senior Center

Fiscal Impact: Renovation estimate is \$288,000, with \$208,000 in federal funding and \$80,000 from the City for ADA facility upgrades and grant match requirements.

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