

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed by and between Evidence Based Associates, LLC, a limited liability corporation authorized to do business in Georgia (hereinafter referred to as "EBA"), and the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, a local governmental entity (hereinafter referred to as "County").

EBA is an experienced and successful partner with many governmental entities across the United States. EBA serves as a managing entity on behalf of these governmental agencies to analyze the current investment in services for youth involved in or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system. EBA serves as the entity for the delivery of therapeutic services to juveniles and their families, resulting in significantly reduced recidivism while optimizing governmental resources.

To this end, EBA and *the County* have agreed to work together in assembling a proposal to obtain grants for the implementation of juvenile justice system reforms. EBA brings to this effort a vast delivery of services, web-based performance tracking tools, grant writing resources, an array of evidence-based service options, valuable performance metrics, and a validated risk assessment tool that will result in a well-designed and well-implemented program, thereby significantly increasing *the County's* chances of successful selection as a recipient of grant funds.

Based upon *the County's* ability and willingness to follow key EBA recommendations regarding program selection, service delivery procurement and contracting, and staffing, EBA will also collaborate closely with county juvenile court officials in meeting the goals of the Juvenile Justice Incentive Grant Program.

Upon receipt of grant funds, it is the intent of *the County* to move forward with EBA as a partner to implement evidence-based programs, with EBA serving as the managing entity. EBA will assist with the selection and oversight of service providers, manage the training and quality assurance of the direct service providers, provide reports showing the results of the programs, and meet the goals established by the State and the County for the performance and delivery of services to the families.

Upon selection of grant recipients, EBA and *the County* will execute a contract for Managing Entity Services and immediately commence management of the Grant to meet grant deadlines and provision of services.

Executed this 9th day of March 2026.



Evidence-Based Associates, LLC
As its: Authorized Agent

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
As its: Chairman