



May 7, 2013

Members of the Grants Management Advisory Committee
c/o Jeff Fontaine, Chairman

Dear Members of the Grant Management Advisory Committee,

I am writing to you representing the Boys Town Nevada Board of Directors, staff and most significantly children at risk of abuse and neglect in Clark County regarding the recommendations of the GMAC sub-committee on child abuse and neglect.

The recommendations of the sub-committee will result in a loss of \$270,171 in the area of crisis intervention services for children in Clark County, the most critical service preventing children from being abused and neglected and keeping children out of the foster care system.

As I'm sure you are aware, crisis intervention services are the most direct and immediate intervention serving children at risk of abuse and neglect and the service with the greatest impact on preventing children from entering the foster care system.

Boys Town's In-Home Family Services uses a model supported by research and evidence which has demonstrated outcomes that result in child safety and long term family stability. Most significantly, **Boys Town's services have resulted in 90% of the children served have remained at home with their family twelve months after services.** Boys Town currently receives a grant in the amount of \$410,153 to provide crisis intervention services. As the primary and largest provider for prevention services in Clark County, Boys Town has established a solid collaborative relationship with Clark County Department of Family Services as well as the Clark County Department of Education and other community partners ensuring a safety network for children throughout Southern Nevada. The primary limitation of the program has been an on-going waiting list due to continuously being at capacity. **The recommendations of the GMAC sub-committee will result in a loss of Boys Town services to over 100 families annually, impacting the safety and stability of over 250 children.**

Attached please find a letter from Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Director for Clark County Department of Family Services supporting the need for these important dollars to be re-allocated.

I very much appreciate the work of the committee and understand the challenge of distributing limited resources. However, I am urging you to reconsider the funding recommendations of the Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect and ensure that funding for Boys Town's crisis intervention services is reinstated. Our children's safety is dependent upon your action in this matter.

Sincerely,

Howard S. Olshansky
Executive Director