

**Resource Center for Parents & Children**  
**2023 Lend A Hand Application**

1. Please provide your mission statement and a brief summary of your organization's work.

- a. The mission of the Resource Center for Parents & Children (RCPC) is *to create a culture that values parenting and keeping children safe through education, respect, advocacy, and strengthening families.*
  - i. **Family Education Program (FES):** Family Services Workers provide services to parents and children involved with the Office of Children's Services. This includes parenting education, support services, and supervised visitation. The goal is creating safer, healthier, and more nurturing homes. FES also has a walk-in service that assists parents in finding resources to meet their needs. We also recently started a Chestfeeding/Breastfeeding Support Program to assist parents with their chestfeeding journey.
  - ii. **Stevie's Place Child Advocacy Center:** This program is designed as a child-friendly, neutral setting that provides children who may have experienced maltreatment and their non-offending family members support and advocacy during investigations. Stevie's Place works alongside law enforcement, child protection, and forensic medical services when there are allegations of child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or when a child may have witnessed a violent crime. We house the only Child Advocacy to serve the Interior Region of Alaska.
  - iii. **Behavioral Health Services:** This program provides trauma-informed crisis intervention, individual therapy, and family therapy services to the children, parents, and families receiving services at RCPC.

2. How does your work align with Co-op Market's mission and values?

- a. Like you, RCPC is committed to the joy of true service. Our work directly aligns with the Co-op's mission and values as RCPC also promotes health and nutrition and we believe our actions benefit the global community at large. We are actively working toward new and inventive ways to provide support to children and families. For example, services available to support pregnant and postpartum people in our community have changed in recent months. This is why RCPC decided to pay significant time and attention to launching a new program for pregnant and breastfeeding parents so that we can be sure that families have the supports that they need. RCPC was able to launch this new program as soon as it was needed to ensure that there were no gaps in these essential services for our community.

3. How will the Lend a Hand funds be used?

- a. RCPC has a pilot program to support children and caregivers surrounding nutrition and food insecurity. The funds from Lend a Hand would be used to advance our outreach efforts by helping us update our outreach materials for nutrition in our Family Services Program. This program received funding to have an outreach position this year and we

are eager to continue the program into the future. RCPC would love to host more cooking classes and have additional outreach and prevention materials to provide to the Fairbanks community.

4. If your organization has received funding from Co-op Market in the past, please describe how this funding supported your organization and mission.

- a. The funds received from the 2022 Lend a Hand are currently being used to advance our prevention and outreach efforts for updated materials for both Stevie's Place and our Family Services Program. RCPC is expanding outreach efforts to provide education surrounding warning signs of child abuse and neglect and resiliency building to the Fairbanks community. There has been a huge lack of knowledge in our community regarding the prevalence of child maltreatment along with how to respond and warning signs and because of the funds received from the Co-op, we are able to raise more awareness.

5. What is your elevator pitch? Cashiers usually have about 10 seconds to describe our monthly recipient to a shopper. Please describe your organization and how the funds will be used in 100 words or less.

- a. Our elevator pitch would be really impactful for the month of April as this is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This would allow the opportunity for cashiers to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month along with RCPC. RCPC will be in its 51<sup>st</sup> year in 2023, serving Fairbanks by providing parenting education and resources to prevent child abuse. We also have the only Child Advocacy Center that serves our region. Please help us in preventing child abuse in our community.