



The Impact 100 SRQ grant will **FUND** the installation of HOPE Family Services Children's Counseling Center on an existing 75 X 60 green space on their 2.2-acre campus. The \$101,000 will fund a modular 24 X 56 feet building that includes steps, a ramp, and awnings, site design and permitting, play therapy supplies, including books, puppets, dolls, and furniture and marketing.

The Initiative's **IMPACT** on the community will be the creation of a dedicated facility for children who are victims of domestic violence to foster the children's safety and wellbeing. The Children's Counseling Center will be the centralized place for the professional counselors to conduct individual and group therapy, play therapy sessions, family counseling sessions, and safe activities and events all geared toward children. The modular building will have 4 offices and a center room for play therapy counseling and other group activities. This dedicated facility will allow HOPE to expand its children's counseling programs and provide the flexibility to grow the services as the need arises in the community. HOPE is the only state certified domestic violence service provider in Manatee County. Last year its Children programs served over 350 children. Currently children come to HOPE for counseling services, but there is no dedicated space. The sessions are conducted in staff offices, conference rooms and the lobby area that are used for other purposes and are not designed to be a child-friendly safe environment. The Children's Counseling Center will be a space created especially for children with professional counselors to help the children navigate the trauma experienced from their exposure to domestic violence.

The Initiative will be **SUSTAINED** by budgeting annually for repairs and maintenance as HOPE does for the rest of its facility. Therefore, these expenses will be covered by the annual fundraising efforts that support all of HOPE's current services.