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Institute for Child Development and Family Relations (ICDFR)

Committee for Centers and Institutes (CCI) Review – Spring 2024 – AY 2023-24

CCI RECOMMENDATIONS

Keep on active status.

The Institute for Child Development and Family Relations (ICDFR) is an outstanding example of an active and productive ancillary unit that is meeting its stated goals and objectives with excellent impact on campus and in the community. The ICDFR, which focuses on promoting the optimal development and well-being of the children and families in our geographic region through education and training, research, and direct services in the community, has an impressive list of activities and engages numerous faculty and students in the accomplishment of its mission. These activities have grown substantially over the 5-year reporting period and are aligned specifically with their mission.

COMMENTS

6. C.1 – The success of the Ancillary Unit in meeting the goals and objectives outlined in the original approved proposal:

In this regard, the ICDFR has done an excellent job in staying focused on its mission and achieving significant impact through its various programs, services and research. Most impressive is the growth of the ICDFR over the last 5 years, the extensive amount of programs and services delivered, and the securing of substantive resources from external sources to fund program activities and research.

All the activities documented over the five-year period and in the last full academic year report are consistent with the mission of the ICDFR and demonstrate that they are an incredibly impactful and valuable resource in the region.

The outlined activities for the current academic year are substantive and within the scope of the stated goals and objectives of the ICDFR.

6. C.2 – The effective use of all internal University support:

Based on the data provided for the current operating year, the ICDFR receives less than 2% of its overall funding from the University – its significant operating budget (over \$3 million) is mostly from external grants and contracts. Based on the amount of programs and services

delivered and the resultant community impact, it appears that ICDFR is highly effective in leveraging the limited internal support to operate and gain external funding to fuel its overall program.

6. C.3 – The success of obtaining external support and the use of that support:

The ICDFR has been consistently successful over the last 5-years in obtaining a substantive amount of external funding to support its operations. It receives funding from the external community in the form of contracts and grants, which covers the cost of staffing, assigned time, travel, supplies and other direct expenses related to the delivery of its programs and services. Given that the majority of its funding is external, we assess that the ICDFR is largely self-sustaining, and insulated from the inevitable budget cycles that occur in the University environment.