

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Children's System of Care**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: May 22, 2012

SUBJECT: Contract with KidsFirst for Child Abuse Prevention and Operation of the Family Resource Centers

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with KidsFirst to provide countywide child abuse prevention services and operation of Family Resource Centers from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$503,566, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount.

BACKGROUND:

KidsFirst continues to be a trusted partner with Placer County Children's System of Care in providing the highest quality of care for child maltreatment intervention and prevention services in Placer County. These services include:

- Operation of Family Resource Centers in Auburn and Roseville, including the delivery of counseling, parent education and assistance in accessing other services which foster independence.
- Providing public service information to help families locate the most accessible and available resources in their own communities.
- Providing assistance to families and parents to advocate effectively for their children in obtaining health, education, and other services.
- Support other partners and Family Resource Centers in reporting of county wide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

In the most recently completed fiscal year, KidsFirst delivered the above services to more than 4,000 Placer County residents, assisting these families to remain independent while reducing the incidence of abuse and neglect. These services have enabled families to maintain self-sufficiency and prevent abuse and neglect, which also avoids the increased costs associated with further involvement with the child welfare system. The partnership with KidsFirst is a component of the Department's blended services approach to children's services (known as the Placer model) which has been State and nationally recognized as a successful family-centered, community-based approach to preventing and addressing abuse and neglect. Among the improved outcomes of this service is a 25 percent reduction in the number of children entering foster care since 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$503,566 include \$379,066 in Federal and State funds, \$37,000 in local Children's Trust Funds, and \$87,500 in County General Funds. The amount is included in the Department's FY 2012-13 Requested Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

