

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Human Services Division**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
Bob Dunstan, Director of Administration for HHS

DATE: June 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract with Placer County Office of Education for Childcare Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the contract with Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) for Childcare Services for CalWORKs/Welfare to Work operations for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$2,900,000, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement and subsequent amendments.

BACKGROUND:

For 21 years, Placer County has contracted with PCOE to coordinate childcare services for clients who are participating in work and training activities. Since the implementation of California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program in 1998, a "welfare to work" program, PCOE has assumed the responsibility for making direct childcare provider payments, a task previously handled by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The childcare funding continuum for CalWORKs clients is comprised of three stages. Stage One funds are allocated to county welfare agencies and Stages Two and Three are allocated to the County Office of Education. Stage One is used for families receiving cash assistance who do not have stable employment. Stages Two and Three are for families who are in stable employment or have transitioned off cash assistance altogether.

This contract promotes a seamless childcare delivery system for CalWORKs participants as they transition from aid to economic self sufficiency. Under this contract, an average of 340 children per month will receive childcare services for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, which facilitates their parents in finding and maintaining employment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of this agreement for FY 2008/09 is unchanged from the final FY 2007/08 amount, and is funded exclusively by the California Department of Social Services' CalWORKs program, thus there is no cost to the County General Fund.

The following documents:

Contract for:

Placer County Office of Education

(Childcare Services for CalWORKS/Welfare to Work)

are on file with Clerk of the Board

for BOS meeting:

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