

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, M.S., Director, Children's System of Care

DATE: June 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Contract with Whole Person Learning for Provision of Transitional Housing Placement-Plus Program

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a contract with Whole Person Learning, Inc. to deliver housing and supportive services to emancipating foster youth transitioning to adulthood from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$585,000, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments in an amount not to exceed \$49,999.

This contract is funded with 100 percent State funds and these expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required.

BACKGROUND:

Through effective partnerships, and in order to provide the most effective support services to current and emancipated foster youth, Children's System of Care seeks to deliver counseling, housing supports, career education, problem solving and budgeting, and support in accessing needed community resources. These services prevent homelessness, substance abuse and criminal behavior for emancipating foster youth struggling to transition to adulthood. In Placer County for instance, nearly 70 percent of emancipating foster youth enroll in college or trade school, while the statewide average is 10 percent. This service provides former foster youth transitional housing and supportive services allowing them to acquire the skills necessary to transition to adulthood and better attain self sufficiency.

Whole Person Learning provides services to youth at risk of homelessness and substance abuse. This organization has provided these services for more then 20 years. During FY 2009-10, Whole Person Learning served 35 Placer County youth.

Consistent with all Department contracts, this contract may be amended to reduce services based on changes in Federal or State funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Total expenditures of \$585,000 include 100 percent State funds and are included in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget. No County General Fund contribution is required.

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

