

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
C.B. Bautista , Director of Children's System of Care

DATE: July 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Contract for Independent Living Skills Program – FY2006-07

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the agreement with Whole Person Learning for FY2006-07 in the base amount of \$230,000 to provide Independent Living Skills to eligible foster children, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign this agreement on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND:

The federal and state governments provide funding for Independent Living Skills Programs (ILSP) intended to offer services to eligible foster children aged 16 to 21. Whole Person Learning has continued to provide high quality ILSP services to Placer County foster children, under contract with the County, for the past 14 years. The main focus of Placer County's program is education, counseling and the teaching of skills necessary for these children to transition to independent living. These skills include obtaining housing, obtaining and holding a job, choosing roommates, handling money, transportation and other such skills.

In FY2004-05 (last complete year), 55 youth were discharged or received aftercare services. Forty youth, or 73% had their high school diploma, 45 (82%) were employed, and 18 (33%) enrolled in a post-high school vocational program or college. One youth (1.8%) reported being homeless for at least one night and one was incarcerated during the report period. The results typically seen in the federal statistics are 50% failure to graduate, 45% unemployment, 25% homeless, and 33% arrested.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The base amount of the FY2006-07 contract is \$230,000 in ongoing Independent Living Plan allocation. Emancipated Youth Stipend Funds are estimated to be \$12,345 and the Chaffee Post Secondary Education and Training Vouchers Allocation is estimated to be \$2,438, both of which will be in addition to the base amount of \$230,000. ILP services, the Emancipated Youth Stipend, and the Chaffee Post Secondary Education and Training Vouchers Allocation are funded through the Federal ILP allocation and State general funds and require no County match.

The contract for:

Whole Person Learning

is on file with the Clerk of the Board
for BOS meeting:

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