



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: May 5, 2020

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: One Year Umbrella Authorization for Intensive Services Foster Care

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve annual contracts with multiple entities for Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC), by Foster Family Agency providers, in an aggregate amount of \$390,000 by way of a payment authorization established by the Auditor-Controller for FY 2020-21, approve the provider list and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the provider agreements with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and sign subsequent amendments consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.
2. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to amend the list of providers as long as any amendments are reflected in the FY 2021-22 list.

BACKGROUND

The Children's System of Care is mandated by the State Department of Social Services (CDSS) to place children and youth in the least restrictive environment when necessary to remove them from their biological families due to abuse and neglect. These placements range from intensive group homes providing services 24 hours per day/7 days per week, to community-based family homes. The Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) desires to keep children and youth in family-like settings whenever possible. One aspect of the continuum to achieve this goal is ISFC. Although ISFC homes have not met demand in the state, and are even less available in northern California and rural counties, they are becoming more well-established and important as a critical piece in the continuum of care reform effort. ISFC services are delivered through Foster Family Agencies who provide special training to foster parents to deliver services above and beyond what is expected from traditional resource families. Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC Section 18358.20) and CDSS require counties to enter into agreements or MOUs with each of the Foster Family Agencies that have the specialized homes, in order to utilize these homes, and draw down the applicable state funds to pay for them.

The umbrella authorization affords the ability to quickly place foster children at these and future agencies as they become available. This would also assure that timely and effective intensive services are delivered to youth to help them acquire the skills necessary to return home as quickly as possible. The Foster Family Agencies that provide ISFC services identified for current use are listed in Attachment 1. All providers added to the annual list under the Director's amendment authority for FY 2020-21 will be published to the Board by inclusion on the FY 2020-21 Foster Family Agency ISFC list.

Reimbursement rates for ISFC services are set by CDSS. The budgeted amount for these services is projected to be \$390,000 as the division continues to implement elements of CCR.

FISCAL IMPACT

The budgeted amount for these services of \$390,000 has been included in the Department's FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget, including Federal and State funding of \$339,300 (87%) and a required County General Fund match of \$50,700 (13%).

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 – Foster Family Agencies Providing Intensive Services Foster Care.

A draft template is on file with Clerk of the Board.

Attachment 1

Foster Family Agencies Providing Intensive Foster Care Services Effective FY 2020-21

Children's Hope Foster Family Agency*

El Shaddai Ranch Resource Family Agency *

Environmental Alternatives

Koinonia Family Services

Mountain Circle Family Services, Inc.*

Stanford Youth Solutions

Uplift Family Services

* Added since 2019-20