



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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 28, 2021
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Nancy Baggett, Staff Services Manager
SUBJECT: Placer County Office of Education Title IV-E Foster Youth Services MOU

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a matching contract between Placer County Health and Human Services (HHS) and Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) for the purpose of coordinating Educational Support for Dependent Youth wherein HHS contributes \$398,800 and PCOE contributes \$1,117,880 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the contract with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence and subsequent amendments up to \$39,880 of the HHS contribution and up to \$100,000 of the PCOE contribution, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Placer County Health and Human Services (HHS) and Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) have a long history of collaboration relative to foster youth. PCOE provides two foster youth liaisons to work with HHS on a fulltime basis to help define and refine services to foster youth to increase their educational success. PCOE operates the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) and is responsible for providing services in accordance with Education Code Sections 42920-25. Under this direction, PCOE serves pupils in foster care in Placer County.

In addition, effective in January 2004, Assembly Bill 490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) required the adherence to key provisions supporting the educational opportunities within the best interest of the children in foster care. In addition, Assembly Bill (AB) 854, in October of 2015, further clarified the requirements of operating an FYSCP.

County Child Welfare authorities and Offices of Education and other educational entities are strongly encouraged to collaborate by AB 854, to avoid disruption of current services offered, or create innovative services to serve these youth. Based on the similar mission of FYSCP and HHS, a natural collaboration was established for serving the foster youth in Placer County and this MOU is intended to ensure all of the Placer County foster youth receive support for educational opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for the contract is provided by PCOE and Title IV-E reimbursement funds. The match for this program will come from PCOE, so fiscal impact to HHS is minimal. PCOE will provide \$1,117,880 match funds for this program, and HHS will pass through up to \$398,800 via Title IV-E funding. All funds are federal funds and are included in the Department's FY 2021-22 Budget and future annual budgets.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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