



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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** April 19, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: Child Advocates of Placer County Amendment

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve an amendment with Child Advocates of Placer County to expand services of Court Appointed Special Advocates and Family Services, increasing funding by \$710,306 for a new total amount not to exceed \$858,570 and extending the term for an additional three years for a revised period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the amendment with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence, and to sign subsequent amendments up to \$85,857 consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work with Risk Management and County Counsel concurrence.

BACKGROUND

Child Advocates of Placer County, through its Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, provide volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children, and monitor their progress with obtaining medical care, behavioral health care if needed, and their educational attainment. For many abused or neglected children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives; and independent research has demonstrated that children with a CASA volunteer are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care and less likely to re-enter care. Child Advocates of Placer County, in addition to CASA, provides family services to address the special needs of these youth and the additional stress and strain of court involvement with these families. Placer County received additional state and federal funding to assist court involved families and will allow these specialized family services to expand along with the creation of kinship supports for foster youth.

The contract is requested to be extended to the period ending June 30, 2025 to align with the timeline of the additional state and federal dollars.

FISCAL IMPACT

The increased amount of \$70,019 for FY21-22 is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act and is included in the Department's FY2021-2022 Budget. Subsequent years will be included in the Department's budgets. No County General Fund is required.

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ATTACHMENTS

None

The agreement is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.