

**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, Director of Children's System of Care

**DATE:** June 21, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Contract with KidsFirst for Child Abuse Prevention and Operation of the Family Resource Centers

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve a contract with KidsFirst to provide child abuse prevention services and operation of the Family Resource Centers from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$416,066, and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to 10 percent of the total contract amount.

**BACKGROUND:**

KidsFirst, Inc has for many years been a significant partner with Placer County Children's System of Care in providing the highest quality of care for child maltreatment intervention and prevention services in Placer County. These services include:

- Operation of Family Resource Centers in Auburn and Roseville, including the delivery of counseling, parent education and assistance in accessing prevention and support services which foster independence.
- Providing public service information to help families locate the most accessible and available resources in their own communities.
- Providing assistance to families and parents to advocate effectively for their children in obtaining health, education, and related services in their local communities.

In the most recently completed fiscal year, KidsFirst delivered direct services to more than 8,000 Placer County residents, assisting these families to remain independent while reducing the incidence of abuse and neglect.

KidsFirst has been a major participant in the implementation and operation of the Children's System of Care's early intervention services program which serviced 684 families in FY 2009-10. By doing so, these families have been able to maintain self-sufficiency and prevent abuse and neglect, avoiding the increased costs associated with further involvement with the child welfare system. The partnership with KidsFirst is a component of the Department's blended services approach which has been State and nationally recognized as a successful family-centered, community-based approach to preventing and addressing abuse and neglect. As a result of these partnerships and community investments, CSOC has seen a near 25% reduction in the number of children entering foster care between FY 2005-06 and FY 2009-10, which has helped to avoid nearly \$300,000 per year in additional costs.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This expenditure of \$416,066 is included in the Department's FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget. Funding for these services includes \$379,066 in Federal and State funds and \$37,000 in local fees and donations to the Children's Trust Fund. No County General Fund match is required.

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

