

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Children's System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services  
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care  
**DATE:** June 3, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Contract with KidsFirst for Child Abuse Prevention and Operation of the Family Resource Centers

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a contract with KidsFirst to provide child abuse prevention services and operation of Family Resource Center from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for a total amount not to exceed \$510,744 (\$69,000 net County cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to a total of \$49,999, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

California counties are required to convene and support a local Child Abuse Prevention Council. KidsFirst has been a trusted and valued partner with Placer County Children's System of Care in providing an effective, high-quality model of child abuse and or neglect intervention and prevention in Placer County for the past 25 years. These services include:

- Operation of Family Resource Centers in Auburn and Roseville, including the delivery of counseling, parent education and assistance in accessing other services for caregivers which foster independence.
- Data gathering, analysis and reporting for some services delivered by all County Family Resource Centers.
- Providing public service information to help daycare, preschool and other early childhood providers in support of families, to have 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, medical, dental and other services.

In the most recently completed fiscal year (FY 2012-13), the use of these dollars helped KidsFirst to serve 2,500 families, parents or caregivers assisting them to maintain their valued independence and self-sufficiency. These services have enabled parents and other caregivers to maintain their autonomy and prevent abuse and neglect, which also avoids 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 to children's services, which is often recognized by both State and Federal agencies as a successful family-centered, community-based approach to care delivery.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This expenditure of \$510,744 is included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Requested Budget. This contract is funded with \$404,744 in Federal and State funding, \$37,000 in local fees and donations and \$69,000 in County General Funds.

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

