

**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: July 7, 2015

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve a contract with KidsFirst to provide child abuse prevention services and operation of Family Resource Center from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 for a total amount not to exceed \$510,744; and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign amendments not to exceed 10 percent of the total contract amount, consistent with the subject matter and scope of work. Funding is provided by State and Federal Funds (\$404,744), local fees (\$37,000), and the County (\$69,000).

BACKGROUND:

California counties are required to convene and support a local Child Abuse Prevention Council. For many years, KidsFirst has effectively delivered this community based outreach and education to parents, caregivers and other professionals. 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 the entire county network of 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, mental health and other services.

In the most recently completed fiscal year (FY 2014-15), the use of these dollars helped KidsFirst to serve over 2,500 families, parents or caregivers, assisting them to maintain their valued independence and self-sufficiency. These services have further 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 or juvenile delinquency systems.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This expenditure of \$510,744 (no increase from the prior contract amount) is included in the Department's FY 2015-16 Proposed 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.

