



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Probation



**Date:** July 15, 2015  
**Board Meeting Date:** September 1, 2015  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

**Subject:** Agreement with Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. to Provide a Comprehensive School-Based Program called Strengthen Our Youth (SOY)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing:

- A) The President of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with Pyramid Alternatives Inc., to continue to provide a comprehensive school-based program called Strengthen Our Youth, for the term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$467,090; and
- B) The Chief Probation Officer or his designee to execute contract amendments that modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

**BACKGROUND:**

In January of 2011 a new Local Action Plan (LAP) was approved by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and will remain in effect for five years. The LAP planning process resulted in the identification of a core set of strategies to address needs of youth and their families including: an emphasis on early intervention; addressing the needs of both youth and their families; use of practices that are recognized by evidence-based models; understanding and addressing system barriers; addressing the needs of underserved groups and/or groups over-represented in the Juvenile Justice system; and setting clear outcomes for funded programs/strategies and planning for their assessment.

In 2011, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to establish contracts to provide these services. In April of 2011, Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. was one (1) of the five (5) programs selected through this RFP process to provide services to youth in San Mateo County. Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2015 Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. has provided school-based programming to at-risk youth in San Mateo County with funding through the Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF).

In 2015, a second RFP was issued to establish contracts to continue these services. In April of 2015, Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. was one (1) of the four (4) programs selected through the RFP process to continue to provide services to at-risk youth in San Mateo County between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017 with continued funding through the Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF).

### **DISCUSSION:**

Through this agreement, Pyramid Alternatives, Inc. will continue to provide a comprehensive school-based program called Strengthen Our Youth (SOY). The program shall be consistent with evidence based practices by placing a high value on consultation, collaboration, and joining with youth, families, teachers, probation, and agency partners to identify, assess, and plan the appropriate level of intervention to develop assets in at-risk youth.

School services shall be provided at South San Francisco High School in South San Francisco, Ben Franklin Intermediate School in Daly City, Half Moon Bay High School in Half Moon Bay, Jefferson High School in Daly City, and TR Pollicita Middle School in Daly City. A parent support group delivered in Spanish will be provided in South San Francisco at the Community Learning Center. A parent support group will be provided at Pyramid's Daly City Office location to serve the parents of the Daly City school sites.

The contractors have assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel and Risk Management has reviewed and approved the Contractor's insurance.

This agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by helping youth reduce destructive and criminal behavior. With proper mentoring, the at-risk youth can better participate in their education and contribute positively within their communities.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

Measure	FY 2014-15 Actual	FY 2015-16 Target	FY 2016-17 Target
Percentage of youth attending alcohol and drug education and prevention presentations	100%	85%	85%
Percent of youth receiving counseling and assessment	100%	85%	85%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Probation Department has secured \$467,090 for Pyramid Alternatives, Inc., from the California State JPCF Fund to support this Agreement for two (2) years. The funds have been included in the FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 Tentatively Adopted Budgets. There is no net county cost.