



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

File #: 23-877

Board Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Claire Cunningham, Director, Human Services Agency
Subject: Agreement with Family Connections for Child Abuse Prevention Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Family Connections for child abuse prevention services, for the term of October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 and a total amount not to exceed \$989,855.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB 636), the Human Services Agency's (HSA) Children and Family Services (CFS) branch completed its five-year System Improvement Plan (SIP) for 2023 to 2028. This plan identified specific prevention program strategies to address community needs based on findings from a recent County Self-Assessment (CSA), one of which is child abuse prevention services including parent education and behavioral health. The primary goal of these services is to keep children safely in their homes and prevent children from entering child welfare, juvenile justice, and psychiatric emergency services systems. In March 2023, HSA issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify providers of child abuse prevention services under a Family Resource Center model at school-based sites, in the community, and in-home to at-risk families with children ages 0-18. Family Connections was one of two providers selected based on their capacity, experience, and method of providing these services.

DISCUSSION:

This agreement with Family Connections provides evidence-based parent education and short-term clinical services to support the prevention of child abuse through Family Resource Hubs. The Family Resource Hubs will serve families who are enrolled with, or come into contact with, Family Connections' early-childhood education centers located in Daly City, Redwood City (North Fair Oaks Region), and East Palo Alto. Services will be provided at the Family Resource Hub, and in-home/community-settings based on the parent's need. Through the provision of services, parents will learn positive parenting skills, have their behavioral and mental health needs met, and their children will develop the skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Parents and children will receive additional support based on needs identified through initial intake, screening, and

assessments.

The resolution contains the County's standard provision allowing amendments of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

County Attorney has reviewed and approved the resolution and the agreement as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2023-24 Anticipated	FY 2024-25 Target	FY 2025-26 Target
Percentage of parents will demonstrate improvement in overall parenting skills. (Based on a joint provider-family assessment).	85%	90%	95%
Percentage of families and children with treatment plans will demonstrate improvement in two areas of concern as shown by the attainment of treatment plan goal (s). (Based on the provider's reassessment based on psychosocial and service plan).	85%	90%	95%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The total obligation is \$989,855 and is anticipated to be funded by Child Welfare Services revenue through Child Abuse Prevention funds. There is no Net County Cost. Funds for these services are included in the FY 2023 -24 Approved Budget. Similar arrangements will be used for the FY 2024-26 budget years.