



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 19-419

Board Meeting Date: 5/14/2019

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Nicole Pollack, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** Amendment to the Agreement with Family Connections for Child Abuse Prevention Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Family Connections for Child Abuse Prevention Services, extending the term through June 30, 2020 and increasing the amount by \$150,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$300,000.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 27, 2018, by Resolution No. 075752, this Board approved the County's System Improvement Plan ("SIP") and executed a Notice of Intent authorizing the Human Services Agency to administer the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment ("CAPIT"), Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and Promoting Safe and Stable Family funds. The SIP is an operational agreement between the County of San Mateo and the State of California outlining how the County will improve child welfare services and provide better outcomes affecting the lives of children, youth, and their families. The term of the SIP is from March 5, 2018 through March 23, 2023. The SIP, a component of the California Child and Family Services Review, mandated under Assembly Bill 636, identifies specific strategies related to child abuse prevention, which include the delivery of parent education and short-term clinical services.

On June 19, 2018, by Resolution No. 075963, this Board authorized an agreement with Family Connections for child abuse prevention services for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The agreement with Family Connections will fund child abuse prevention through the delivery of parent-education, using evidenced based modalities and short-term clinical services. These services will be provided on-site at Family Connection's pre-schools located in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park (Belle Haven), and Redwood City (North Fair Oaks), or in community-based locations and through

home-visits. Parents will learn positive parenting skills and their children will develop the skills necessary to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Parents and children will receive additional support based on needs determined through initial intake, screening, and assessments.

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

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and the amendment as to form.

Approval of this amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Prosperous Community by enabling families of San Mateo County to live lives free of abuse and violence. Of the 150 families served through this agreement, it is estimated that 80% of engaged families, who have completed post-family assessments, will demonstrate an improvement in overall parenting skills (based on a joint provider-family assessment). It is also anticipated that 80% of participants will demonstrate an improvement in two areas of concern as shown by an attainment of treatment plan goals (based on the provider's reassessment).

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2018-19 Actual	FY 2019-20 Target
Percentage of engaged families, who have completed a pre- and post-family assessment, will demonstrate improvement in overall parenting skills (based on a joint provider-family assessment).	80% (150 families)	80% (150 families)
Percentage of participants who will demonstrate an improvement in two areas of concern as shown by an attainment of treatment plan goals (based on provider's reassessment).	80% (150 families)	80% (150 families)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the amended agreement is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The amount of the amended agreement is not to exceed \$300,000. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$150,000. These funds are included in the FY 2019-2020 Recommended Budget. This amended agreement is 100% funded by Child Welfare Services through CAPIT AB1733 funding. There is no Net County Cost.