



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

---

**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 21-550

Board Meeting Date: 6/29/2021

---

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Ken Cole, 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 July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and a total amount not to exceed \$440,000.

**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 ("HSA") 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 such child abuse prevention services for the term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.

On May 14, 2019 by Resolution No. 076616 and on June 23, 2020 by Resolution No. 077506, this Board authorized amendments to the agreement with Family Connections to extend its term through July 1, 2021 and added \$300,000 in funding for a revised total amount not to exceed \$450,000.

HSA seeks the continuation of services through new 2-year agreements with current providers in alignment with the 5-year RFP and SIP cycle.

**DISCUSSION:**

This agreement with Family Connections provides child abuse prevention services 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. This proposed agreement with Family Connections extends these services with a new term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 for a total obligation not to exceed \$440,000.

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.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2021-22 Target</b>
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)
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)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. The total obligation is \$440,000 and is anticipated to be 100% funded by Child Welfare Services revenue through Child Abuse Prevention Intervention Treatment (CAPIT) AB1733 funding. Funding and appropriation for this agreement are included in the FY21-22 and FY22-23 Recommended Budgets. There is no Net County Cost.