



County of Monterey

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Receive a report from the Department of Social Services on the programs and staffing of Family and Children's Services.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors receive a report from the Department of Social Services on the current outcome data, and progress on the Corrective Action Plan in Family and Children's Services.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Family and Children's Services (FCS) offers child protective services, foster care services, and adoption services to children and young adults in Monterey County. The mission of FCS is to prevent the occurrence of child abuse and neglect. Service goals strive to keep children and youth safe and within protection of a permanent family.

In January 2024, FCS received 376 reports of child abuse and neglect, and 157 of those reports were referred to the Emergency Response Unit for an in-person investigation. On January 31, 2024, FCS had 1159 open referrals. In January 2024, there were 37 voluntary family maintenance cases open, and there were eight children who were placed into foster care. In regard to ongoing services in January 2024, 58.3% of foster children were placed with all of their siblings, two children reunified with their parent(s), one child was adopted, and one young adult emancipated from foster care.

Since entering into a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), FCS has completed 19 out of 27 corrective actions. All corrective actions are due by November 30, 2024.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Department of Social Services partners with Behavioral Health, the Probation Department, and various local non-profit organizations to ensure the safety and well-being of children, youth, and families in Monterey County.

FINANCING:

There is no effect to the County General Fund resulting from the receipt of this presentation.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This action correlates to the following Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors:

 Economic Development: Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

 Administration: Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability, and transparency.

 X **Health & Human Services:** Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and health environments in collaboration with communities.

 Infrastructure: Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

 Public Safety: Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachments: Family and Children's Services Update Report
PowerPoint Presentation