



Monterey County

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers

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SUMMARY:

Under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, the primary purpose of CSS is enforcement and collection of child support for families.

Assembly Bill 1058 (AB 1058), signed in 1996, established the Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program. The purpose of this legislatively mandated statewide program is to provide a cost-effective, expedited, and accessible process in the courts for establishing and enforcing child support orders in cases being enforced by local child support agencies. This mandate requires each superior court to have a child support commissioner to hear Title IV-D child support cases and to maintain an Office of the Family Law Facilitator to assist self-represented litigants.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The POC has been approved by DCSS and the Judicial Council of California's AB 1058 Program Manager. County Counsel has reviewed and approved this POC as to legal form.

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FINANCING:

Costs incurred by Superior Court, in performance of Title IV-D activities, including provision of Title IV-D Commissioners and Family Law Facilitators, are funded under a separate contract between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Center for Families, and the Judicial Council of California. No direct or indirect costs for services or supplies may be claimed or paid under the provisions of this POC and no County General Fund contributions are required.


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- Economic Development
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- Health & Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety

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Attachments:

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