



County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors
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Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

This Agreement with California State University Fresno Foundation (CSUFF) provides training to Monterey County Department of Social Services (DSS) Family and Children's Services (FCS) staff and identified community partners for purposes of professional and leadership development and to improve outcomes for children and families as required by the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) legislation.

As specified and authorized by DSS, CSUFF will work collaboratively with the FCS Staff Services Trainer, FCS Senior Management Team and FCS staff to support and assess training needs and develop and deliver an enhanced training program for Monterey County FCS. This includes training for new staff, on-going training for existing staff, and other specific audiences as designated by FCS.

CSUFF provides training on evidence-based and promising practices for engagement, assessment, teaming, service planning and delivery, and monitoring and adapting child welfare services. Areas covered include skill development on identifying drug abuse in the home; safety organized practice; structured decision making; child and family teaming; de-escalation; advanced investigation; reducing decision fatigue; adoption; and safe measures and evaluation.

Due to the unique nature of the services provided, the Department recommends approval of this agreement with the nonstandard indemnification, termination, and confidentiality provisions.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreements as to form, as has the Auditor-Controller's Office as to financial provisions.

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded by Title IV-E Federal and State revenues for Foster Care trainings. The County's match will be provided by CSUFF through in-kind services. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in Fund 001-5010-SOC005 are included in the FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services and Administration Strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to improve the quality of life for foster children by expanding the knowledge, skill sets and leadership of the Department's Social Work team. It also supports the goal of the Department's compliance with AB403 Continuum of Care Reform (CCR).

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

- ☐ Economic Development
- ☒ Administration
- ☒ Health & Human Services
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Public Safety

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Attachment: Agreement

Proposed agreement is on file with Clerk of the Board as an attachment to this Board Report.