



# 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 provides leadership, administration, quality assurance and coordination for two (2) programs, Differential Response (aka Pathways to Safety), and the CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program. Differential Response is a strategic way of responding to the reports of abuse and neglect received by Monterey County Family and Children's Services (FCS). This approach to evaluating and improving family and child well-being, improves a community's ability to keep children safe. This is accomplished by responding early and in a more meaningful way to reports of abuse and neglect, before family difficulties escalate to the point of harm (What Works Policy Brief; Foundation Consortium for California's Children and Youth). Monterey County FCS, in coordination with our community partners, has been working with the ACTION Council to provide and support a network of prevention, early intervention and family case management.

The CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program, using the Pathways to Safety model, provides intensive case management and services to Welfare-to-Work clients. Participants in the program include clients who are experiencing a situation or crisis such as homelessness, or imminent risk of homelessness, a domestic violence situation, or untreated behavioral needs, including mental health or substance abuse. The program goal is to support remediation of the situation/crisis, and assist client transition to the Welfare-to-Work 24-month time clock activities best aligned with their continued success in the CalWORKs Program.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Auditor-Controller and Purchasing have reviewed and approved this agreement. County Counsel has approved the agreement as to form.

### FINANCING:

The CalWORKs portion of this Agreement (\$163,255) is Federally funded and the FCS portion of this Agreement (\$1,004,956) is funded through Realignment funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for SOCOO5 are included in the FY 2017-18 Recommended Budget. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

This Agreement correlates to the Health & Human Services Strategic Initiative adopted by the Board of Supervisors by allowing the Department to improve the quality of life for children at risk of abuse and neglect by expanding the Department's ability to work in collaboration with the community to provide early and meaningful interventions for families.

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

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

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Attachments: ACTION Council Agreement 2017-18

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