



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:

The Monterey County Department of Social Services, through its Family and Children's Services division, provides services for children who have been victims, or are at high risk, of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Many of these children reside with relative or near-kin caregivers who provide for their full-time care.

Seneca Family of Agencies operates the Family Ties Program. This program provides services to relative and near-kin caregivers, including adult support groups, advocacy, childcare for meetings/trainings, recreation activities, case management, legal assistance to support families attaining permanence outside of the Child Welfare system, transportation for medical/training services, information and referral, and family emergency fund assistance. Although some care-giving families do receive formal DSS benefits, it is estimated that close to 60% of relatives caring for a child(ren) would have no additional supports specific to their care-giving role without the Family Ties Program.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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

FINANCING:

This agreement is funded by Realignment and Wrap-Flex funds. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in SOC005 are included in the FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget and anticipated available for the life of the Agreement. Approval of this action has no impact on the County General Fund.

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Attachments: Seneca Family of Agencies Agreement (2015/17)

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