

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA #: \*B-3

AGENDA DATE: January 24, 2017

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Issue A Request for Proposal for the Provision of Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Early Intervention and Support Services to Children by Family Resource Centers in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2017-27

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1)  Approved as recommended
- 2)  Denied
- 3)  Approved as amended
- 4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King  
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Urgent  Routine

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CEO CONCURRENCE: *PHH*

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the General Services Agency (GSA) Purchasing Division to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of the Community Services Agency in collaboration with the Children and Families Commission for the provision of Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Early Intervention and Support Services to Children by Family Resource Centers for the agreement period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

**DISCUSSION:**

Community Services Agency has collaborated with the Children and Families Commission since 2005 to provide Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Early Intervention and Support Services through Family Resources Centers (FRCs) throughout the community.

The Children and Families Commission and the Community Services Agency's vision for the Family Resource Centers is to:

1. Provide an infrastructure and capacity to organize and supply services at the community level;
2. Provide a framework for unifying the efforts of new and existing programs;
3. Provide a structure for linking finance/administration with community feedback, local development, and improved program evaluation;
4. Provide a single point of entry to an integrated service system that provides local access to information, education, and services that improve the lives of families.

The FRCs in Stanislaus County provide family support and strengthening services at the community or neighborhood level. These services are accomplished through the use of strength based assessments, case management, parent education, links to mental health services, developmental assessments, school readiness, and connection with health care providers.

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The FRCs promote child abuse/neglect prevention and early intervention programs through the Differential Response (DR) approach. The Differential Response approach provides for a flexible, customized response alternative to reports of child abuse and neglect. Differential Response is an alternative intake, assessment and service delivery structure that allows a child welfare agency to respond in a more flexible manner (with three Response Paths) to referrals of child abuse or neglect. The path of response is based on the assessed safety and risk reported, as well as the needs, resources and circumstances of the family. Response Path One is a community response. When appropriate, these families are referred to their local Family Resource Center (FRC). Response Path Two is a 10 day response time to investigate a family with low to medium safety/risk factors. When appropriate, these families are referred to their local Family Resource Center and there is a joint response to the family between the Social Worker and FRC worker. Response Path Three is a two hour response time to investigate a family with Medium/High/Very High and/or Safety Factors. This path also requires a joint response when referring to an FRC.

The Stanislaus County GSA Purchasing Division previously released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for these services on January 30, 2013. The 2013 RFP resulted in the awarding of the current seven FRCs whose agreements will expire on June 30, 2017.

The current Family Resource Centers have provided services to over 40,800 individual parents and children from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2016. These services include, but are not limited to case managing DR cases, parent education, resources and referral, health insurance enrollment, counseling, child development screenings, health education, job readiness services, youth programs and concrete supports.

Traditionally these contracted services have been for Differential Response families. Newly added to this RFP as part of the FRC agreements Scope of Work are services to families that either complete Family Reunification or Family Maintenance Services. Families that complete services can be referred to the FRC's for aftercare case management services to include the same services as reported above.

The Children's and Families Commission and the Community Services Agency have agreed to continue to support FRCs in Stanislaus County and are now asking to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of services to children by the Family Resource Centers for the contract period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

CSA will return to the Board upon completion of the RFP process with final contract recommendations.

### **POLICY ISSUE:**

Approval to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Early Intervention and Support Services to Children will allow the Community Service Agency to meet the County Purchasing Department's procurement guidelines that state non-professional contracted services which have reached a \$45,000 cumulative level and have not yet been competitively procured or those that have been previously competitively procured but have now reached the maximum three year term imposed by the California Department of Social Services Management and Office Procedure 23-621, shall be competitively procured.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total cost of the Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention, Early Intervention and Support Services FRC agreements is estimated to be \$2,459,357 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Of the \$2,459,357 for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Children and Families Commission will contribute \$1,559,357 and CSA will contribute \$900,000. CSA's contribution for the services delivered by the Family Resource Centers comes from Federal and State funding provided through Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF), Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), and Child Welfare Services Outcome Improvement Project (CWS OIP) funds. CSA and the Children and Families Commission appropriations and estimated revenues for the remaining two years of the awarded agreements is projected to be sustained at the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 funding level.

Appropriations and estimated revenues to support these agreements will be included in the Community Services Agency's (CSA) Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. The ongoing appropriations and revenues for the awarded contracts will be included in CSA's and the Children and Families Commission budget submission for the succeeding fiscal years. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

<b>Cost of recommended action:</b>		\$ 2,459,357
<b>Source(s) of Funding:</b>		
CSA Federal and State Funding	\$ 900,000	
Children and Families Commission	<u>\$ 1,559,357</u>	
<b>Funding Total:</b>		<u>\$ 2,459,357</u>
<b>Net Cost to County General Fund</b>		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

<b>Fiscal Year:</b>	2017/2018
<b>Budget Adjustment/Appropriations needed:</b>	No

**Fund Balance as of** N/A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

Approval of this request to issue an RFP supports the Board of Supervisors' priorities of A Healthy Community, A Safe Community, Effective Partnerships and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by meeting a community need for services that improves the health and well-being of children and families in our community.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing Community Services Agency, Children and Families Commission and General Services Agency Purchasing staff is available to support this RFP process.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

None