



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: Contract with FamiliesFirst, dba EMQ FamiliesFirst

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract with FamiliesFirst Inc., dba EMQ FamiliesFirst, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to provide family visitation center services in Central Contra Costa County for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$150,000: 20% Hedge Funds Care grant; 80% Federal (CFDA 93.665)

**BACKGROUND:**

The Community Based Family Visitation program provides supervised visitation to parents and their children in a community setting, with parent friendly hours of operation. The Visitation Centers primary activities include: 1) providing a family-friendly environment for supervised visitation; 2) observing parent-child interaction during supervised visits; 3) providing interactive parenting education and family support; 4) modeling and coaching appropriate parent/child interaction; 5) documenting services provided; and 7) consulting with assigned CFS staff.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II  
Supervisor  
Mary N. Piepho, District III  
Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV  
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V  
Supervisor

By: Chris Heck, Deputy

Contact: Earl Maciel 3-1648

cc:

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Visitation Centers, as part of the Progress Step-Down Model in the CFS Visitation Policy, offer an opportunity for parents to demonstrate their capacity to safely engage with their children. When parents demonstrate that they understand how to keep their children safe, they transition into unsupervised visits and ultimately, children return home. A key component in the Community Based Family Visitation model is that parents and children have more frequent visitation and for longer periods of time. Visits are supervised by Visitation Monitors who provide ongoing mentoring and coaching for the parent. It is our belief that this model allows for a more meaningful connection between the children and family, and has an inspirational effect on the parents continued work towards reunification.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Vital services cannot be provided.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all of the community outcomes established in the Children's Report Card: 1) "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School"; 2) "Children and Youth Healthy and Preparing for Productive Adulthood"; 3) "Families that are Economically Self Sufficient"; 4) "Families that are Safe, Stable and Nurturing"; and 5) "Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families," by providing services to prevent child abuse and thus maintain the family.