



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director

Date: April 12, 2016

Subject: Approval to reallocate 2 Early Head Start childcare slots

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment & Human Services Director, or designee, to reallocate 2 Early Head Start childcare slots from county operated childcare centers to contracted childcare partner programs, effective July 1, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. No County match.

BACKGROUND:

Early Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth through three from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Early Head Start and Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in the following domains: language and literacy; cognition and general knowledge; physical development and health; social and emotional development; and approaches to learning.

Early Head Start also provides comprehensive services which include health, nutrition, social and other services determined as necessary via family needs assessments. Services

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2016** ☒ 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

Federal D. Glover, District V
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: April 12, 2016

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

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cc: Jagjit Bhambra, Katharine Mason, Haydee Ilan, Cassandra Youngblood

are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage. Services are provided through a variety of

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

service models including: centers or schools that children attend part or full day, family childcare homes and/or the children's own homes wherein a Head Start staff visit once per week to provide in-home services. Children who receive home-based services gather periodically with other enrolled families for group learning experiences facilitated by Head Start staff.

Contra Costa County submits an application annually to U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Administration for Children and Families as the Head Start grantee. The annual application includes newly identified goals and objectives for the program. The board approved submission of the 2016 Head Start grantee application on August 18, 2015. The total number of Early Head Start slots funded through the application is 72 slots, distributed among county operated centers and contracted partner childcare agencies. This board order seeks approval to transfer 2 of the Early Head Start childcare slots from direct county operated centers to add to the contract with childcare partner Aspiranet, effective July 1, 2016. There will be no disruption of services to enrolled children and families. The proposed change is informed by community needs assessment which identified a greater need for infant/toddler care in East Contra Costa County as opposed to Central and West Contra Costa County.

This action was approved by the Contra Costa County Head Start Policy Council on March 16, 2016.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If not approved, County will be unable to effect strategic plan to maximize childcare resources.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Community Services Bureau of the Employment & Human Services Department's Head Start program supports three of Contra Costa County's community outcomes - Outcome 1: "Children Ready for and Succeeding in School," Outcome 3: "Families that are Economically Self-sufficient," and, Outcome 4: "Families that are Safe, Stable, and Nurturing." These outcomes are achieved by offering comprehensive services, including high quality early childhood education, nutrition, and health services to low-income children throughout Contra Costa County.

ATTACHMENTS

ACF letter