



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director  
Date: June 5, 2018

Subject: Amend Contract with Lilliput Children's Services for Child Welfare Family Finding Services for Foster Youth

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Lilliput Children's Services, a Non-Profit Corporation, to increase the payment limit by \$130,000 to a new payment limit of \$429,990 for increasing the number of family evaluations conducted to expedite state mandated Resource Family Approval (RFA) for the period January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The funds allocated for this contract are 100% State 2011 Realignment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Family Finding is an intensive research and engagement process for the youth involved in Children and Family Services. The purpose of the Family Finding program is to offer lifelong connections to foster youth by locating the most appropriate stable family or non-related extended family members, providing a placement, or discovering relatives of the children in care.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/05/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, 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: June 5, 2018

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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Lilliput Children's Services was selected from a competitive bid process. The Contractor works closely with Children and Family Services (CFS) staff to deliver Family Finding services to ensure Contra Costa County foster youth reside in a safe and nurturing environment.

Services provided by the Contractor include the following: Family Evaluations (formerly known as Psychosocial Assessments) in compliance with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Resource Family Approval program; communicating general progress in completing assessments with County staff; Out-of-County RFA-pre approvals of potential caregivers, as needed; participating in Child Family Team (CFT) meetings as needed or requested; gathering statistical data for measuring progress on performance outcomes and goals; and establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with County staff, kin and non kin-caregivers, and community members.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County foster youth will have less access to family finding and supportive services to locate and transition into appropriate stable permanent placements. In addition, the County will not be in compliance with CDSS Written Directives 5.0 mandating that counties are responsible for completing RFA process within 90 days of an Emergency Response (ER) placement.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports four of the five 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 Safe, Stable and Nurturing; and 4) Communities that are Safe and Provide a High Quality of Life for Children and Families by placing foster youth into appropriate, stable and permanent placements.