



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director  
Date: July 9, 2019

Subject: Contract with Contra Costa Community College District – Los Medanos College (LMC) for Heritage Training

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Employment and Human Services Director, or designee, to execute an agreement with Contra Costa Community College District – Los Medanos College in an amount not to exceed \$37,800 to provide foster parent and relative caregiver training for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This interagency agreement will increase department expenditures by \$37,800 to be funded 7% County, 18% State, and 75% Federal funding

**BACKGROUND:**

In response to the increasing magnitude of problems related to perinatal exposure to alcohol and other drugs, an interagency collaboration was formed that involved the California Departments of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Health Services, and Social Services. This collaboration was previously named Options for Recovery (OFR), now known as the “Heritage” project. The mission was to promote the recovery of pregnant, postpartum, and parenting chemically dependent women and the enhancement of the health of their children by providing comprehensive and coordinated alcohol and other drug treatment, case

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **07/09/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: 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: July 9, 2019

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

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I  
Supervisor

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Gina Chenoweth 8-4961

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management, and specialized recruitment and training of foster parents and relative caregivers.

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The Heritage Project in Contra Costa County is a program designed to train caregivers of the needs of babies and children who are born exposed to drugs and/or alcohol, which may also be HIV exposed, are court dependents and are under six years of age. Heritage training for foster caregivers requires 33 hours of classroom training in the areas of Childhood HIV and AIDS, Comforting the Drug Exposed Infant and Special Medical Needs and the Effects of Drugs and Alcohol on Infants.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Heritage training is not delivered to foster caregivers, there will be less available specially-trained families who are able to care for babies and children born exposed to drugs and/or alcohol, and/or who may be HIV exposed.

## CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This contract supports all five 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 preparing caregivers to better meet the specialized needs of vulnerable children in the foster care system and allows transition to family reunification.