



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Kathy Gallagher, Employment & Human Services Director
Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: Contract with Contra Costa Community College District – Los Medanos College for Resource Family Pre-Approval 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 (LMC) in an amount not to exceed \$36,000 to provide Resource Family Pre-Approval training for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This interagency agreement will increase department expenditures by \$36,000 to be funded 25% State 2011 Realignment funds, and 75% Federal funding. The expenditures are included in the FY 2020-2021 department budget. CFDA No. 93.658

BACKGROUND:

The Resource Family Pre-Approval training program was enacted by legislation in 2007 and expanded through Senate Bill 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012). The statute requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), in consultation with county child welfare agencies, including Juvenile Probation, foster parent associations and other interested community parties, to implement a unified, family friendly and child-centered resource family approval process.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/22/2020** ☒ 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: September 22, 2020

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

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The Resource Family Pre-Approval

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

program has a single approval standard that replaces the pre-existing multiple processes for licensing foster family homes, approving relatives and non-relative extended family members (“NREFMs”) as foster care providers, and approving families for legal guardianship or adoption.

In compliance with State mandates, under the inter-agency renewal agreement, Contra Costa Community College District – LMC will provide caregivers of foster children a minimum of six 18 hour training series, locate and hire independent training consultants, and provide appropriate instructional materials to each training participant. Trainings will educate prospective Resource Families on how to support and parent vulnerable children, as defined in State Assembly Bill 686.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

State law requires that all currently licensed foster family homes, approved relative caregivers, or non-relative extended family members must convert to the Resource Family Pre-Approval program no later than December 31, 2020. If the caregiver does not obtain resource family approval by December 31, 2020, all licenses and prior approvals shall forfeit on that date.

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 families to better meet the needs of vulnerable children in the foster care system and allows seamless transition to permanency.