

**MEMORANDUM**  
**PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
**Children's System of Care**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.  
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services  
Richard S. Knecht, Director of Children's System of Care

**DATE:** June 18, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Contract with KidsFirst for Child Abuse Prevention and Operation of the Family Resource Centers

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

1. Approve a contract with KidsFirst to provide child abuse prevention services and operation of Family Resource Centers from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$510,744 (\$69,000 net County cost), and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign subsequent amendments up to a total of \$49,999, consistent with the agreement's subject matter and scope of work.

**BACKGROUND:**

California counties are required to convene and support a local Child Abuse Prevention Council. KidsFirst has been a trusted and valued partner with Placer County Children's System of Care in providing a respected, high quality model of child maltreatment intervention and prevention in Placer County for the past 24 years. These services include:

- Operation of Family Resource Centers in Auburn and Roseville, including the delivery of counseling, parent education and assistance in accessing other services for caregivers which foster independence.
- Data gathering, analysis and reporting for some services delivered by all county Family Resource Centers.
- Providing public service information to help daycare, preschool and other early childhood providers in support of families, to have the most accessible and available resources in their own communities.
- Providing assistance to families and parents to advocate effectively for their children in obtaining health, education, medical, dental and other services.

In the most recently completed fiscal year, the use of these dollars helped KidsFirst to serve 2,500 families, assisting them to maintain their valued independence and self-sufficiency. These services have enabled parents and other caregivers to maintain their autonomy and prevent abuse and neglect, which also avoids the increased costs associated with further involvement with the child welfare system. The partnership with KidsFirst is a component of the Department's blended services approach to children's services (known as the Placer Model) which is often recognized by both State and Federal agencies as a successful family-centered, community-based approach to care delivery. Notwithstanding recent increases in demand, these services have helped the County reduce the number of children entering foster care by 35 percent since 2006.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total amount of this contract is unchanged from FY 2012-13. This contract is funded with \$397,566 in Federal and State funding, \$37,000 in local fees and donations, and \$69,000 in County General Funds. These expenditures are included in the Department's FY 2013-14 Proposed Budget.

This contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review.

