

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Family and Social Services

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DATE: Wednesday, July 7, 2021
TIME: 1:30 PM

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AGENDA

Members of the Public may address agenda item. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

- I. Call to Order
- II. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **Department of Children and Family Services:** Request to Approve a One-Year Contract Extension with the Community College Foundation for Resource Family Approval Training Services Contracts.
- III. Items continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting.
- IV. Public Comment
- V. **NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION**
 - CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation 1:45PM**
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)
Dadisman v. County of Los Angeles
Department of Children and Family Services
 - CS-2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation 2:15PM**
Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(2)
Department of Children and Family Services
- VI. Adjournment



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July 20, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH
THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION FOR RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL
TRAINING SERVICES CONTRACTS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to amend the Resource Family Approval Training (RFAT) contracts with The Community College Foundation (TCCF) to extend the contracts for one year, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, to allow sufficient time to complete the Request for Proposals process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute amendments substantially similar to Attachment I to the RFAT contracts. The amendments will extend the contracts for one year, effective August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. The cost to extend these contracts is approximately \$1,016,334 annually, to be financed using 75 percent (\$762,251) Federal funds, 17.5 percent (\$177,858) State funds, and 7.5 percent (\$76,225) net County cost (NCC). Sufficient funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to execute future amendments to the four RFAT contracts with TCCF, to make changes to the scope of work or the terms and conditions, if such changes are necessary to meet any

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Federal, State, or County requirements. The approval of County Counsel will be obtained prior to executing such amendments and the Director or his designee will notify the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) within ten days of executing such amendment.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or his designee, to extend the contract term by written notice for a period not to exceed six months beyond July 31, 2022, if such additional time is necessary to complete the negotiation or solicitation of a new contract provided: (a) cost of living adjustment is not included, (b) sufficient funding is available for the extension, (c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to executing the extension, and (d) the Director of DCFS, or his designees, notify the Board and the CEO in writing within ten work days of the written notification's execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

RFAT formerly known as Partnering for Safety and Permanence – Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting (PS-MAPP) began on August 1, 2014, as a training program to provide foster and adoptive parents with a firm foundation of knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding foster care and adoption, and to enhance the ability of foster and adoptive parents to care for the children placed in their homes. Effective January 1, 2017, the California Department of Social Services implemented new requirements for RFA that necessitated changes to these contracts. As a result of the new statewide requirements, the PS-MAPP contracts were renamed RFAT. The following changes to the Statement of Work were made: 1) Replaced the 33-hour PS-MAPP curriculum with the RFA 12-hour pre-approval training curriculum and the 8-hour pre-placement training curriculum, 2) Added First Aid and CPR training as deliverables, and 3) Changed the name of the contracts to RFAT.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal Number I – Make Investments that Transform Lives, Strategy I.1.1, Promote Supportive Parenting. The recommended action will fulfill DCFS' commitment to safety, permanency, and well-being/education by preparing all prospective resource parents to support the goals of reunification, and when that is not possible, to provide permanence to a child.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for the one-year term of the contract is approximately \$1,016,334, to be financed using 75 percent (\$762,251) Federal funds, 17.5 percent (\$177,858) State funds, and 7.5 percent (\$76,225) NCC. Sufficient

funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Adopted Budget and will be included for subsequent fiscal years in DCFS' future budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

DCFS has the responsibility of recruiting and training potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents and participates with the California Department of Social Services conducting orientations for prospective resource parents.

These training services provide the potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents with guidance and a thorough understanding of their roles. It provides an opportunity for DCFS to observe and assess potential resource (foster/adoptive) parents. Classes are offered in English and Spanish throughout the eight Service Planning Areas (SPA). Sign Language interpreters are available for attendees who are deaf. Other languages will be accommodated upon request.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department utilized a publicly posted Request for Proposals solicitation process to seek an agency to provide PS-MAPP services throughout the Los Angeles County. On July 29, 2014, the Board approved DCFS' recommendation to award TCCF four contracts to provide PS-MAPP, now RFAT services, to the eight SPAs.

DCFS has determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to this contract.

DCFS released the new solicitation on September 24, 2020 and additional time is needed to complete the solicitation process.

The contract is in compliance with all Board and CEO requirements. County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed this Board letter. County Counsel approved the contract amendment as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Approval of the recommended action will enable DCFS to continue compliance with the State-mandated Resource Family Approval process to assess resource parents.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send an adopted stamped copy of the Board letter and attachment to the Department of Children and Family Services.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

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