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DEANNE TILTON DURFEE
Executive Director

September 1, 2026

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 EXTEND TWO SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS AND SAFE CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE SERVICE

(DISTRICTS 3 AND 5) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) requests the Board's approval to extend two existing contracts with Grace Resource, Inc. (GR) and El Nido Family Centers (El Nido), to provide Family Visitation Centers and Safe Child Custody Exchange (FVC/SCCE) services, for an additional one-year period beyond the original contract term effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to extend the existing two FVC/SCCE sole source contracts with GR and El Nido by amendment (substantially similar to Attachment A) for one year beyond the original contract term, effective October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. The extension will enable DCFS to release, process, and complete a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit a new contract without a lapse or disruption in current services. The Maximum Annual Contract amount for the one-year extension for both contracts is \$335,136, financed using 100 percent Assembly Bill (AB) 2994 funds. Funding for the FVC/SCCE contracts has been included in DCFS Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Request and will be included in the subsequent budget requests.



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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to extend the contracts by amendments for an additional six-month term beyond September 30, 2027, if such time is necessary to complete a solicitation, provided that: a) sufficient funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within ten (10) business days after the execution of such amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The FVC program designates local churches and/or facilities as locations where meaningful visits can take place between children in out-of-home care and their parents in a safe, child and family-friendly environment. The centers provide coach-monitored visits between parents and their children in family friendly environments that are conducive to safe parent/child interaction. Coach training is also provided to identify and train additional volunteers to monitor the visits. The SCCE program is designed to assist parents with the transfer of their children from one parent to another for visitation and custody purposes. The goal is to provide a safe environment where custody exchanges can occur peacefully and without trauma to the children involved. The agencies partner with local law enforcement to ensure visitation exchanges take place at designated safe exchange sites, including at a division of the Los Angeles Police Department, a station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, or at another safe location in the community.

These programs are consistently recognized as having the most effective strategies and models for implementing community-based visitation services across the County. The FVC/SCCE programs are specialized services supported by the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) and funded through the allocation of surplus funds available under AB 2994. The recommended action will allow DCFS to complete the solicitation currently in progress with new contracts expected to begin on October 1, 2027. The current FVC/SCCE contracts will expire on September 30, 2026. The recommended actions will enable the County to continue an existing program designed to provide coached monitored visits between parents and their children, safe visitation exchanges between parents who have difficulties when they contact each other, help maintain child-parent relationships in safe environments, assist in reunification if possible, reduce the time a child spends in out-of-home care, and improve family functioning to reduce future referrals for participant families.





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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the County Strategic Plan North Star #1, Make Investments That Transform Lives by supporting vulnerable populations through efforts that promote child safety, protection, and family well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the County. The program is funded through the allocation of surplus funds available through AB 2994. These funds are derived from fees on birth certificates and deposited into the County's Children's Trust Fund. Sufficient funding is available within the Children's Trust Fund to support this program. The requested annual contract amount for GR (SPA 1) is \$152,218 (AB 2994 funded) and for El Nido (SPA 2) is \$182,918 (AB 2994 funded). The contract with El Nido in SPA 2 will include additional funding to provide celebration events for families to honor child milestones and special occasions, such as a birthday or graduation. GR in SPA 1 will not include the additional services at this time. The Maximum Contract Amount for the one-year extension is \$335,136. ICAN has approved these contract amounts. For more information, please see Attachment B.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

AB 2994/Imbrecht (Chapter 1399, Statutes of 1982), established a County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private, nonprofit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund. Welfare and Institutions Code section 18967 directs the designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council in each county to develop and recommend funding priorities for the Children's Trust Fund to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, ICAN is the designated child abuse council. In addition, the Board was notified of this extension on April 15, 2026, as required by Board Policy 5.100. County Counsel, ICAN, and the CEO have reviewed this Board letter. County Counsel has approved the amendment (Attachment A) as to form.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the extension of the two FVC/SCCE contracts will ensure uninterrupted services to target children and families residing in the County of Los Angeles and will help maintain the FVC/SCCE services while DCFS releases and processes the upcoming RFP.



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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 attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanne", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Deanne Tilton Durfee, Doc.hc
Executive Director
Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect

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Attachments

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District Attorney Nathan Hochman, ICAN Co-Chairperson
Lisa Mandel, DCFS Interim Director
Children's Board Deputies
Dawyn Harrison, County Counsel
Joseph M Nicchitta, Chief Executive Officer





AMENDMENT NUMBER XXX

**FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS/SAFE CHILD
CUSTODY EXCHANGE**

CONTRACT NUMBER XX-XX-XX

WITH

CONTRACTOR

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FAMILY VISITATION CENTERS/SAFE CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE
CONTRACT NUMBER XX-XX-XX

This Amendment Number XX ("Amendment") to the Family Visitation Centers/Safe Child Custody Exchange Services Contract Number XX-XX-XX, (hereinafter referred to as "Contract") is made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles ("County") and _____ ("Contractor"), in Los Angeles, California this ____ day of _____ 2026.

WHEREAS, County and Contractor are parties to the Contract approved by the Chief Executive Office on August 31, 2021, and adopted by the Board on September 24, 2024, and September 1, 2026, Contractor has been providing Family Visitation Centers and Safe Child Custody Exchange Services to the County Department of Children and Family Services, Service Planning Area XX;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in SECTION 8.0, **STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**, sub-section 8.1 Amendments;

WHEREAS, this Amendment extends the FVC/SCCE Services contract beyond the original contract term, effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, in order to release and complete a solicitation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, County and Contractor mutually agree to the amend the contract as follows:

1. **Section 4.0, TERM OF CONTRACT, Subsection 4.1.5**, is added to read as follows:

4.1.5 The Contract term is extended for a period of one-year, effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, unless terminated earlier or extended.

2. **Section 5.0, CONTRACT SUM, Subsection 5.1 Total Contract Sum**, Subsection 5.1.1.6, is added to read as follows:

5.1.1 The Maximum Annual Contract Sum for each year is as follows:

<u>5.1.1.1</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2021-09/30/2022	\$ XXX,XXX
<u>5.1.1.2</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2022-09/30/2023	\$ XXX,XXX
<u>5.1.1.3</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2023-09/30/2024	\$ XXX,XXX
<u>5.1.1.4</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2024-09/30/2025	\$ XXX,XXX
<u>5.1.1.5</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2025-09/30/2026	\$ XXX,XXX
<u>5.1.1.6</u> For Contract Term Effective 10/1/2026-09/30/2027	\$ XXX,XXX

3. **Section 8.0, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Section 8.25, Insurance Coverage**, Subsection 8.25.4, Unique Insurance Coverage, 8.25.4.2 has been revised to read as follows:

8.25.4.2 Sexual Misconduct Liability

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Insurance covering actual or alleged claims for sexual misconduct and/or molestation with limits of not less than ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000)~~ one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per claim and ~~two million dollars (\$2,000,000)~~ one million dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate, and claims for negligent employment, investigation, supervision, training or retention of, or failure to report to proper authorities, a person(s) who committed any act of abuse, molestation, harassment, mistreatment or maltreatment of a sexual nature.

4. **Section 8.0, STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Section 8.55, Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Practices** has been revised to read as follows:

8.55 Compliance with Fair Chance Employment Hiring Practices

~~CONTRACTOR shall comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code Section 12952, Employment Discrimination: Conviction History. CONTRACTOR's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract.~~

Contractor, and its subcontractors, must comply with fair chance employment hiring practices set forth in California Government Code [Section 12952](#), the California Code of Regulations [Section 11017.1](#), and County Code [Chapter 8.300](#) (Fair Chance Ordinance for Employers). Contractor, and its subcontractor(s), can access fair chance employment resources, including a Fair Chance [Fact Sheet](#) and Workplace Posters ([English/Spanish](#)), and other program material at <https://dcba.lacounty.gov/fairchance/>. Additional compliance resources, including an [Employer Toolkit](#) (Fair Chance Hiring: An Employer's Guide to Hiring System-Impacted Individuals), can be accessed at <https://opportunity.lacounty.gov/fair-chance-hiring-campaign/>.

Contractor's violation of this paragraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, issue administrative penalties and/or seek additional remedies as provided within [Section 8.300.100](#) of the Fair Chance Ordinance for Employers, and/or terminate the Contract.

5. **Section 9.0, UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, Section 9.11, Fixed Assets**, has been revised to read as follows:

9.11 Fixed Assets

Title to all fixed assets purchased with County funds designated by the County for that purpose under this Contract must remain with County. A "Fixed Asset" is defined hereunder as an equipment costing ~~Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)~~ Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or more, with a useful life of more than one year. Such assets must be maintained and repaired by Contractor during the term of this Contract. Contractor must provide an accounting of such assets at the termination or expiration of this Contract and must deliver same to County upon County's written request. Contractor

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must have an option upon the expiration or termination of the Contract to acquire such assets at a price to be mutually agreed upon by County and Contractor.

6. **Exhibit C, Line-Item Budget and Narrative**, for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, are attached to this amendment and incorporated as part of the Contract Exhibits.

EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number XXX to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Contractor has caused this Amendment Number XXX to be subscribed on its behalf by its duly authorized officer(s) as of the day, month and year first above written. The person(s) signing on behalf of the Contractor warrants under penalty of perjury that he or she is authorized to bind the Contractor in this Contract.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

BRANDON T. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR
Department of Children and Family Services

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tax Identification Number

BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
DAWYN R. HARRISON, COUNTY COUNSEL

BY _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel

Attachment B

**Family Visitation Centers/Safe Child Custody Exchange SPA 1 and SPA 2 Funding
for a One-Year Extension Effective 10/1/2026 – 09/30/2027**

	Budget Request: Core Services	Budget Request: Celebration Events	TOTAL MAXIMIM BUDGET
Grace Resources, Inc. SPA 1 Total:	\$152,218.00	\$0	\$152,218.00
El Nido Family Centers SPA 2 Total:	\$152,218.00	\$30,700.00	\$182,918.00
Contract Total:	\$304,436.00	\$30,700.00	\$335,136.00

TOTAL BUDGET ONE-YEAR EXTENSION: \$335,136.00



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY 5.100 SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: Children and Family Services

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New Sole Source Contract

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New Sole Source Contract for Replacement of Existing Services, or Amendments for Extension of Contracts for Existing Services

Date Existing Contract First Approved:

08/31/2021

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXTEND CONTRACTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one single source for the service exists.
	➤ Compliance with applicable statutory and/or regulatory provisions.
	➤ Compliance with State and/or federal programmatic requirements.
	➤ Services provided by other public or County-related entities.
	➤ Services are needed to address an emergent or related time-sensitive need.
	➤ The service provider(s) is required under the provisions of a grant or regulatory requirement.
☒	➤ Services are needed during the time period required to complete a solicitation for replacement services; provided services are needed for no more than 12 months from the expiration of an existing contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance and support services are needed for an existing solution/system during the time to complete a solicitation for a new replacement solution/system; provided the services are needed for no more than 24 months from the expiration of an existing maintenance and support contract which has no available option periods.
	➤ Maintenance services and/or support services agreements are required on equipment and/or software, which must be serviced by the original manufacturer, software provider, or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is in the best economic interest of the County (e.g., significant costs and time to replace an existing system or infrastructure, administrative cost and time savings and excessive learning curve for a new service provider, etc.). In such cases, departments must demonstrate due diligence in qualifying the cost-savings or cost-avoidance associated with the best economic interest of the County.

Approved by:

Michael J. Martinez

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Chief Executive Office

Date