



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: February 28, 2024

TIME: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Susan Kim & Aaron Fox, 3rd Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

This meeting will be held in a hybrid format which allows the public to participate virtually, or in-person, as permitted under the Board of Supervisors' August 8, 2023 order, which suspended the application of Board Policy 3.055 until March 31, 2024.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall Of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 140

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Members of the Public may address the Family & Social Services Cluster on any agenda item during General Public Comment.

The meeting chair will determine the amount of time allowed for each item.

THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

- I. Call to Order
- II. **Consent Item(s)** (Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices):
 - a. **Department of Children and Family Services:** Recommendation to Approve a Sole Source Amendment to Contract Number 18-0037 with Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services for Residentially Based Services Cost Savings Program
- III. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a. **First 5 Los Angeles**
 - Priorities for 2024.
 - Home Visiting Sustainability Efforts

b. Aging and Disabilities Department

- Reaching the Most Vulnerable: Implications for Disaster Preparedness and Management.

IV. Public Comment

- V.** Standing item(s) and those continued from a previous meeting of the Board of Supervisors or from a previous FSS Agenda Review meeting:

-- No Items -

VI. Adjournment

**BOARD LETTER/MEMO
CLUSTER FACT SHEET**

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	2/28/2024	
BOARD MEETING DATE	3/19/2024	
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DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services	
SUBJECT	Hathaway/Sycamores (dba The Sycamore) Amendment Three	
PROGRAM	Residentially Based Services (RBS) Cost Savings Contract with Hathaway-Sycamores	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain why: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract extension needed to complete a capital improvement. 	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Current RBS Cost-Savings Contract with Hathaway-Sycamores expires on April 15, 2024. However, The Sycamores will need additional time to expend designated funds to complete their final project, upon CDSS approval, and requested to extend the current contract, effective April 16, 2024 through May 31, 2025.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$477,180	Funding source: 100% 2011 State Realignment TERMS (if applicable): 04/16/2024 – 05/31/2025 Explanation: The Maximum Contract Amount for this Contract will not change and will remain the same at \$1,757,924. The Contract is financed using 100 percent 2011 State Realignment funds and sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To amend the current RBS Cost Savings contract with Hathaway/Sycamores (dba The Sycamores) to extend the contract and update the Statement of Work (SOW) to include a change in a capital improvement project from three generators to one large generator contingent upon the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) approval.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	The funding allocation for the capital improvement project was derived from the contractor's participation in the RBS Demonstration Pilot Project, which resulted in costs savings by reducing the length of stay for youth placed in group care. The Auditor-Controller completed financial reconciliations of the cohorts to determine savings amounts to the participating contractors though the projects must be for approved programs, services and capital improvement projects that would directly benefit DCFS youth placed in their care.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how:	
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child Protection #1 Ensure that system-involved youth achieve the physical, emotional, and social health needed to be successful and minimize, if not eliminate, the risk that a child known to one or more entities in our system will be harmed.	
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Angela Karimyan, CSA II/Program Manager (213) 808-7317 karima@dcfs.lacounty.gov	



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March 9, 2024

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

Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO
CONTRACT NUMBER 18-0037 WITH HATHAWAY-SYCAMORES CHILD AND
FAMILY SERVICES DBA THE SYCAMORES FOR RESIDENTIALLY BASED
SERVICES COST SAVINGS PROGRAM**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) seeks delegated authority to execute Amendment Three to Contract Number 18-0037 with Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services dba The Sycamores to extend the Residentially Based Services (RBS) contract term effective April 16, 2024 through May 31, 2025, to expend all of their allocated Cost Savings funding.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to amend the current RBS contract with The Sycamores to extend the contract beyond its original term, effective April 16, 2024 through May 31, 2025, to expend designated funds to complete all project activities, provided that: (a) California Department of Social Services (CDSS) approval is obtained; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment; and (c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The requested action will allow The Sycamores additional time to complete a remaining generator project for the benefit of the DCFS youth they serve utilizing funds derived from The Sycamores' participation in the RBS demonstration Pilot Project and identified by the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller. Over the last several years, The Sycamores has been impacted by on-going external change and disruption. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in precautionary campus lockdowns and delayed implementation of their capital improvement projects. Additional delays were caused by a reorganization and restructuring of The Sycamores program and campus. Furthermore, The Sycamores is changing the configuration of their generator project as approved by CDSS. On January 29, 2024, DCFS received approval from CDSS to extend the current Residentially Based Services Cost Savings contract with The Sycamores for one year and six weeks effective April 16, 2024.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Make Investments That Transform Lives: Strategy 2, Deliver comprehensive and seamless services to those seeking assistance from the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Maximum Contract Amount for this contract will not change and will remain the same at \$1,757,924. The contract is financed using 100 percent 2011 State Realignment funds and sufficient funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 25, 2018, per the requirements of MPP 23-650.17 for innovative methods of procurement, CDSS approved the Procurement by Negotiation for contracts with three RBS contractors to utilize the 50 percent of the RBS Program Savings identified by the County of Los Angeles Auditor-Controller.

The Board letter adopted on April 2, 2019, delegated Board authority to the Director of DCFS to execute RBS Cost Savings contracts with Five Acres-The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Los Angeles County (Five Acres), The Sycamores and Hillside, effective, April 16, 2019 through April 15, 2022, with two optional one year extensions through April 16, 2024, as well as delegated authority to extend the contracts for an additional

six months, through October 15, 2024, beyond the two option years if necessary to expend designated funds to complete their remaining project.

On November 11, 2021, CDSS approved RBS Cost Savings contracts extensions for two (2) one-year extension periods effective, April 16, 2022 through April 15, 2024.

On April 15, 2022, DCFS extended the RBS Cost Savings contracts with Five Acres, The Sycamores, and Hillside, effective, April 16, 2022 through April 15, 2023.

On April 15, 2022, Five Acres completed their projects and the contract expired.

On April 5, 2023, DCFS extended the contracts with The Sycamores and Hillside, effective April 16, 2023 through April 15, 2024.

On January 8, 2024, Hillside notified DCFS of the completion of their capital projects and intend to end the RBS Cost Savings Contract with DCFS on April 15, 2024, without further extension.

The Sycamores will need additional time to expend designated funds to complete their final project and extend the current contract, effective April 16, 2024 through May 31, 2025.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A formalized Contracting Process is not applicable for this action. The Sycamores was eligible for this contract based on cost savings from their services under the RBS pilot program.

CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE

The contractor has continually met all performance standards as outlined in their RBS contract and has been determined to be a responsive and responsible contractor by the County's Program Manager.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

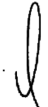
Without the approval of the amendment to extend the current contract, the remaining capital improvement project (the generator) will not be completed.

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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 to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Respectfully submitted,



BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

BTN:JF:CMM
LTI: EO:JS:dl

Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE

TO

RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES COST SAVINGS CONTRACT

CONTRACT NUMBER 18-0037

WITH

**HATHAWAY-SYCAMORES CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
DBA THE SYCAMORES**

_____ 2024

CFDA#: N/A

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES COST
SAVINGS CONTRACT NUMBER 18-0037**

This Amendment is made and entered into this _____ day of _____ 2024, by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY" and Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services dba The Sycamores, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR" located at _____.

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in Section 8.0, Standard Terms and Condition, Subsection 8.1., Amendments, in the Residentially Based Services (RBS) Cost Savings Contract; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR warrants that it possesses the competence, expertise and personnel necessary to provide such services.

NOW THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to modify the RBS Cost Savings Contract as follows:

1. Contract Section 4.0 Term of Contract, Subsection 4.1, Sub-subsection 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 are added as follows:
 - 4.1.1** The Contract term is extended effective April 16, 2022 through April 15, 2023.
 - 4.1.2** The Contract term is extended effective April 16, 2023 through April 15, 2024.
 - 4.1.3** The Contract term is extended effective April 16, 2024 through June 15, 2025.
2. Contract Section 5.0 Contract Sum was deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
 - 5.1 The Maximum Contract Sum for this contract is \$1,757,924.
3. Exhibit A2, Statement of Work, Section 5.0 Program Goals, Subsection 5.2 Capital Improvements, item number 4 is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
 4. New purchase and installation of one energy efficient generator for the campus located at 2933 El Nido Dr., Altadena, CA 91001.

4. Exhibit A2, Statement of Work Section, 6.0 Program Requirements is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

6.0 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

There are three specific program deliverables from the CONTRACTOR for these services:

Items listed below shall be completed by April 15, 2024.

1. New no climb, ligature proof fencing for increased security around parking lot, Hunter and Rowland Cottages, and between Circle M and Administrative Building; New replacement roofs using composition shingles for Baldwin and Hutter Cottages; Shatter proof ballistic replacement windows for Hunter, Hutter, Swartzott, Baldwin and Circle M Cottages to be completed by April 15, 2024.

Item listed below shall be completed by April 15, 2024.

2. Training for agency staff to include: continuing on-going education and Coaching.

Item listed below shall be completed by June 15, 2025.

3. New purchase and installation of one energy efficient generator that will cover the campus located at 2933 El Nido Dr., Altadena, CA 91001.
5. Exhibit A2-3, California Department of Social Services Approval for Capital Improvement is added as attached to this Amendment Three.
6. Exhibit B2, Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative is modified and attached as Exhibit B2-a as attached to this Amendment Three.
7. Exhibit B2-b, Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative is attached to this Amendment Three.

**ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT REMAIN IN FULL
FORCE AND EFFECT**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES COST
SAVINGS CONTRACT NUMBER 18-0037**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment to be subscribed on its behalf by the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services and the CONTRACTOR has caused this Amendment 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 Amendment. This Amendment may be executed in separate counterparts and may be delivered by electronic facsimile; each counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall constitute a duplicate original but all counterparts together shall constitute a single agreement.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACTOR

Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family
Services dba The Sycamores

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

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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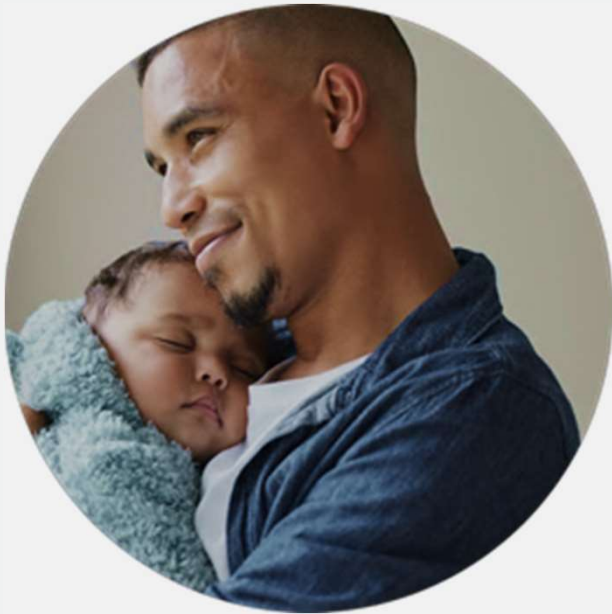
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel



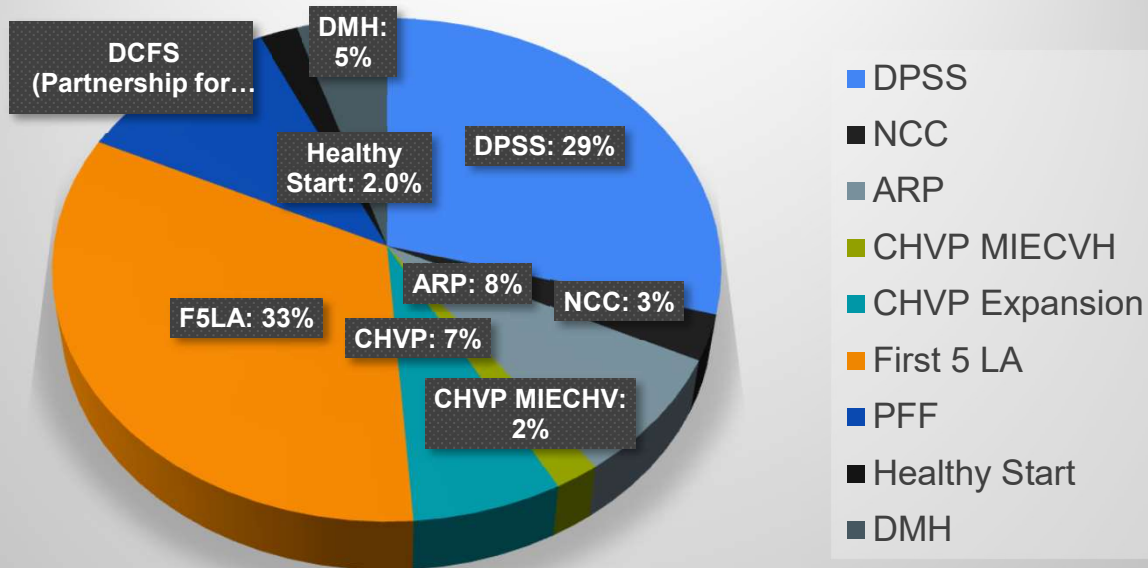
Home Visiting: Sustainability & Strategic Reduction Approaches



Home Visiting Overview

OVERVIEW: LA COUNTY HOME VISITING

Home Visiting Services by Funding Stream



- F5LA used to be the largest home visiting funder in LA County but has supported and advocated for other funding sources, and now represents only 1/3

- Total FY 23-24 Countywide Direct Home Visiting Service Investment: **\$96M**

- F5LA: 33%
- DPH Administered Funds: 49%
- Other County Departments (DCFS, DMH): 16%
- Healthy Start: 2%

Remains F5LA's most significant and long-standing direct services investment, representing in FY 23-24:

- 33% of annual programmatic budget
- 56% of programmatic budget

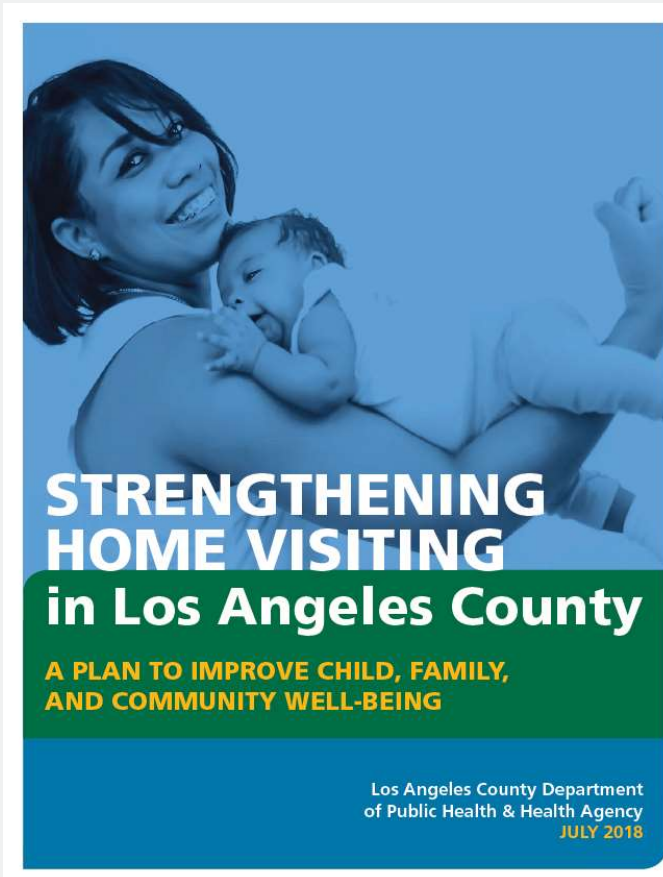
OVERVIEW: FIRST 5 LA HOME VISITING

- F5LA has invested in home visiting for 15 years:
 - Welcome Baby began as a pilot in 2009 and expanded to 13 additional sites in 2012
 - Select Home Visitation models launched in 2014 to incorporate evidence-based models to support families needing more focused support (Healthy Families America and Parents As Teachers)
- F5LA funds **key infrastructure elements** supporting countywide efforts, including quality workforce supports, database access and technical assistance, and Home Visitation Consortium
- Collectively the program models represent a **network** working **across funding streams** to identify and connect families to the right program and level of support to meet their unique needs



OVERVIEW: HOME VISITING COORDINATION

- Intentional, shared countywide efforts to develop a system approach since 2016 Board of Supervisors HV Motion
- First motion resulted in multi-year, LA County Home Visiting Action Plan: "Strengthening Home visiting in Los Angeles County: A Plan to Improve Child, Family, and Community Well-Being" (2018 Report)
 - Series of ensuing Board Motions supported and accelerated home visiting system coordination efforts
 - Efforts led to establishment of governance structure in 2019 chaired by DPH: Collaborative Leadership Council
 - *Purpose: perform ongoing monitoring, adjustment, coordination, and advocacy for the expanded system of home visiting*



Key question:

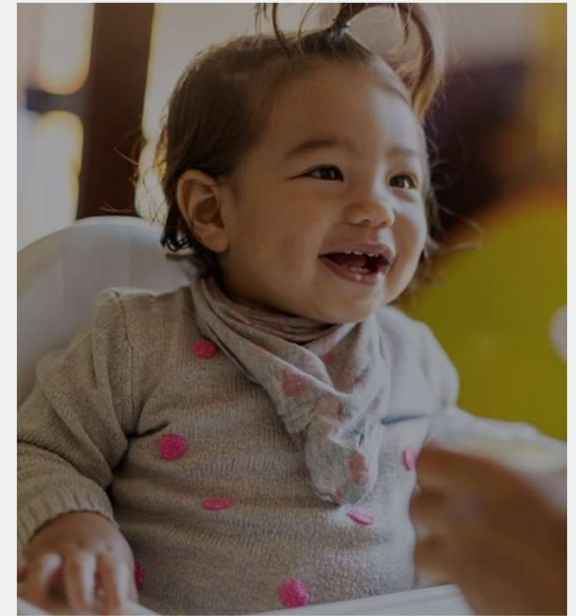
Given the scale of First 5 LA's home visiting investment in the context of the current fiscal reality, how will the investment align to the Long-Term Financial Plan?



Sustainability and Strategic Reduction Approaches

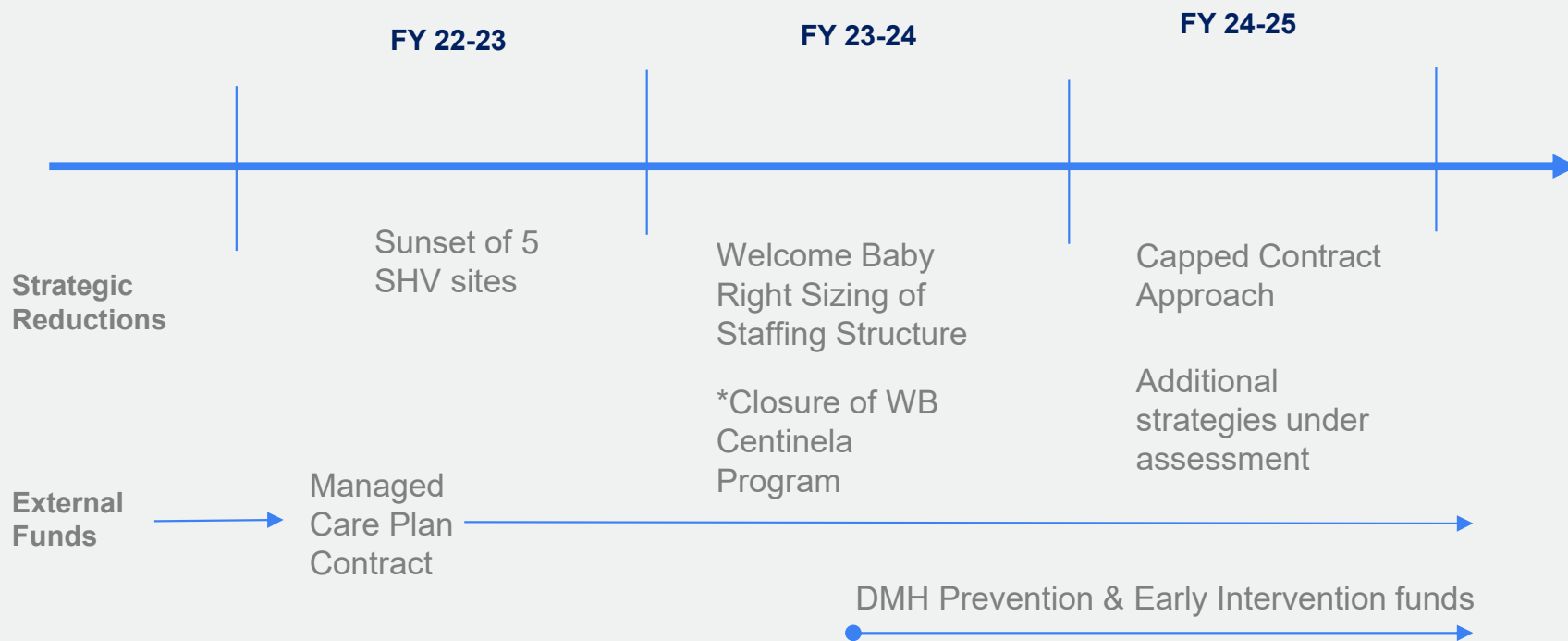
HOME VISITING SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

- F5LA has engaged in extensive exploration of sustainability strategies to offset and/or reduce F5LA funds, while working in partnership with County partners to maintain the infrastructure and advocate for home visiting services and diversified funding
- Fiscal Mapping Project in 2021 identified upcoming opportunities:
 - Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)
 - Managed Care Plans and Medi-Cal changes



HOME VISITING SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES

First 5 LA Strategic Reductions



**Closure initiated by Centinela Hospital*

HOME VISITING STRATEGIC REDUCTIONS

Short-Term Planning (January-March 2024)

- Staff is currently analyzing strategic reduction options for FY 24-25 as part of the programmatic budget process
- Options include:
 - New contracting approach with capped contract amounts
 - Welcome Baby Staff Right-Sizing (alignment between staffing and hospital births)
 - Vacancy Freeze
 - Increased focus on site performance
- Final assessments will inform development of FY 24-25 programmatic budget



HOME VISITING STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Long-Term Planning (through Fall 2024)

- Goal is to develop plan to align scale of home visiting investment to Long Term Financial Plan by FY 27-28
- Staff undertaking assessment of potential sustainability opportunities and timing to support alignment, including following considerations:
 - Existing sustainability opportunities by program model
 - Availability and scope of home visiting data to inform countywide efforts via the program models
 - Geographic impact on available home visiting services at county level

HOME VISITING STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Key questions are dependent on external entities and will influence the potential sustainability strategies:

Department of Mental Health (DMH):

- State's proposal to shift funding categories of Mental Services Health Act (MHSA) may impact future DMH funds for home visiting
- Will be on ballot as proposition in Spring and if passed, go into effect FY 25-26

Changes under provision of Medi-Cal Services:

- Exploration of Community Health Worker reimbursement case rates – F5LA begun consultant contract to pilot reimbursement infrastructure using Welcome Baby model. Project runs through June 2026.
- Continued exploration of opportunities given changes in Medi-Cal (CalAIM)

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA):

- FFPSA reimbursement rate and launch
- Motivational Interviewing rate

**The answers to these questions will
inform the level of offset and leveraging that can be achieved**



Questions & Discussion



Reaching the Most Vulnerable: Implications for Disaster Preparedness and Management



Dr. Laura Trejo, DSW, MSG, MPA
Director



Resilience

1. **Mitigation:** This involves making a community less vulnerable.
2. **Preparedness:** This phase covers education, training, outreach and other measures that improve the ability of individuals and the community to respond during and immediately after a disaster.
3. **Response:** This occurs in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and involves saving lives, searching for missing people, ensuring access to water and food, and limiting property damage.
4. **Recovery:** This final phase begins once the immediate danger has passed.

Source: AARP Disaster Resilience Tool Kit A guide for how local leaders can reduce risks and better protect older adults

Type of Disasters



EARTHQUAKES



FLOODS/MUDSLIDES



FIRES



PANDEMIC



TORNADO



PLANE CRASH



CIVIL UNREST

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Home to the nation's largest concentration of older adults representing 21.3% of the county's population.

• 60-64	592,587	} 30% At Higher Risk For Negative Outcomes in a disaster event
• 65-69	481,475	
• 70-74	374,234	
• 75-79	261,772	
• 80-84	176,714	
• 85+	185,268	
• Total 60+	2,072,050	

Those 65+ are at an increased risk of:

- Living Alone 26.7%
- Living with a Disability 41.9%

Fastest growing segment of those experiencing homeless.

- Half of all new homeless adults are 50 and older.

Source: Estimates from 2022 UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU

OLDER ADULTS

- Within 24hrs of the 9/11 attacks, animal advocates were on the scene rescuing pets, yet older adults and persons with disabilities waited for up to 7 days to be rescued.
- Of the 1,200+ deaths resulting from Hurricane Katrina 74% were 60+, of those 50% were 75+.
 - While older adults represented 11.5% of the population of New Orleans, they accounted for 71% of deaths.
 - In Texas, of the 10,435 evacuees seen by medical personnel 56% were 65+.
- The CDC reported that between 2004-2018, persons aged ≥ 65 years accounted for approximately 40% of all heat-related deaths and experienced the highest rate of heat-related deaths among all age groups.
- During the Covid-19 pandemic 81% deaths occurred among those 65+.

DISABILITIES

In 2023, Los Angeles County has the greatest number of people with disabilities in California (1,004,632 people).

Percentage of adults in California with select functional disability types:

- **13% Mobility:** Serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs
- **12% Cognition:** Serious difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- **12% Hearing:** Deafness or serious difficulty hearing
- **7% Independent living:** Serious difficulty doing errands alone, such as visiting a doctor's office
- **6% Vision:** Blind or serious difficulty seeing, even when wearing glasses
- **4% Self-care:** Difficulty dressing or bathing

Source: 2023 California Report for County-Level Data: Prevalence
JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4(10):e2130358. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.30358

Prevalence of Disability in LA County

- More than **one in five** (22.6%) adults in LA County reported having a disability in 2015.
- The prevalence of **disability increased with age**, from 10.3% among those 18-24 years of age to 41.9% among those 65 and older.
- African Americans had the highest prevalence of disability (33.5%), followed by Whites (29.9%), American Indians/Alaska Natives (27.0%), Latinos (18.1%), and Asians (14.3%).
- Disability prevalence also varied across regions of the county, with the highest prevalence in the Antelope Valley region (30.3%), and the lowest in the East Los Angeles region (18.9%)

Source: LACDPH - 2019

Living with A Disability

According to the US Census:

- 70% of Deaf people who were evacuated reported living in unsanitary conditions a month after a disaster. (However, for individuals who are not Deaf, only 7% faced unsanitary conditions).
- 74% of evacuees who use a wheelchair reported experiencing a lack of food one month after a disaster. (But for those able to walk, this figure stands at only 9%).
- 31% of U.S. adults who require personal assistance for daily care were forced to evacuate after a disaster. (Compared to 1% of U.S. adults without disabilities).
- 21% of adults who are Blind were forced to leave their homes.
- 59% of Deaf evacuees reported that they never went back home; more than four times the rate for people who are not Deaf.
- Census data makes clear that institutionalization is the common outcome for people with disability after disasters. In the wake of a disaster.

Person living with disability are at a greater risk (5 to 10 times higher than it is for nondisabled people) of the following:

- food and water shortages
- a lack of electricity
- isolation
- unsanitary conditions
- fear of crime
- exposure to financial scams

Source: Week 52 Household Pulse Survey: December 9 - December 19 / January 05, 2023

How Risk Factors Can Present During Disasters

Physical Conditions

- Impaired mobility can be a major disadvantage during emergency evacuations.

Sensory Loss

- May cause problems avoiding hazards and create difficulties in understanding instructions.

Pre-existing Conditions

- For those who suffer a pre-disaster chronic health conditions are prone to increase health related consequences as a result of a disaster.

Personal Care

- Do you regularly need assistance with personal care, such as bathing and grooming?

Electricity-Dependent Equipment

- Do you have a safe back-up power supply and how long will it last?

Transportation

- Do you need a specially equipped vehicle?

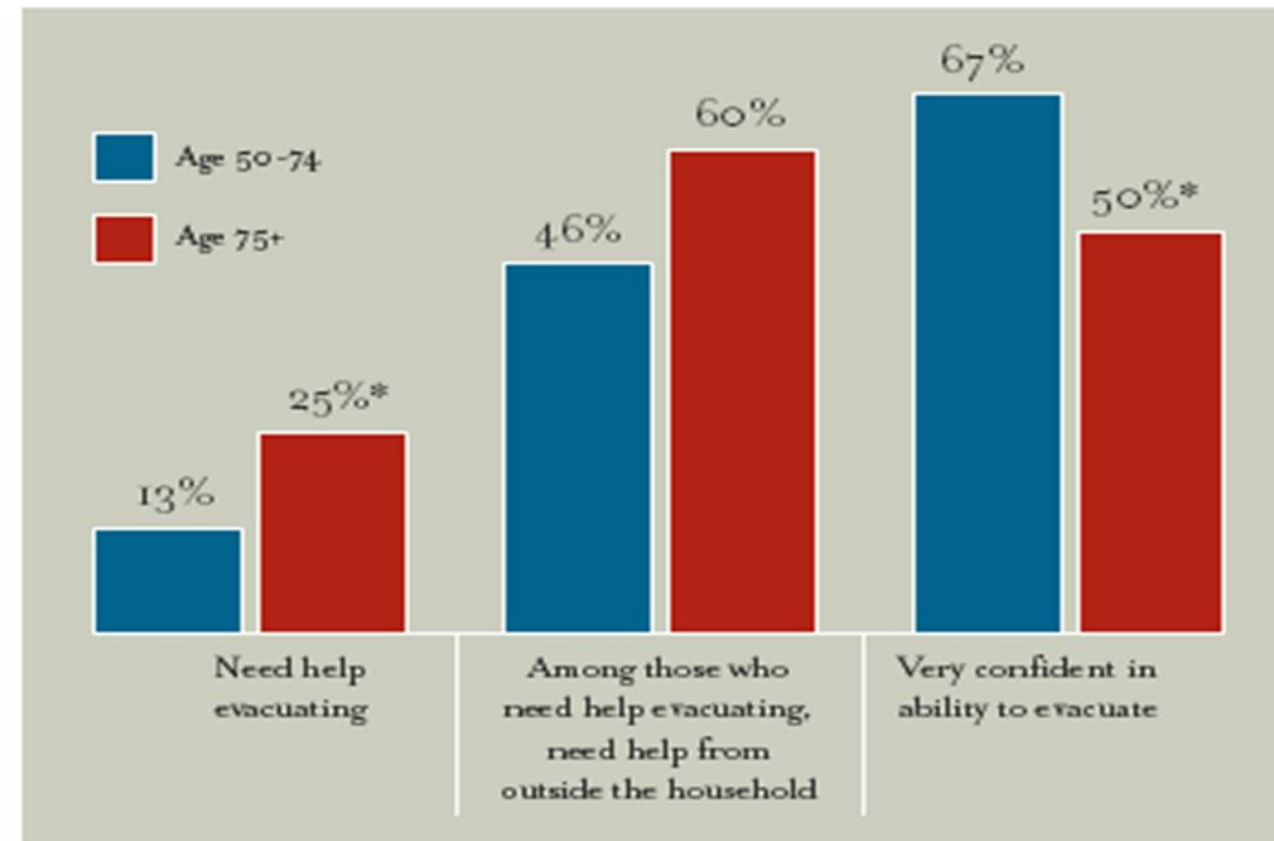
Mobility Aids / Ramp Access

- What will you do if you cannot find your mobility aids?

Service Animals/Pets

- Will you be able to care for your animal (provide food, shelter, veterinary attention, etc.) during and after a disaster?

HELP NEEDED EVACUATING IN EVENT OF NATURAL DISASTER, BY AGE, 2005



Source: Harris Interactive® on behalf of AARP, nationwide telephone survey of 1,648 U.S. adults age 50 or older, November 10-20, 2005.

*Difference from 50-74 is statistically significant at 5%.

Are We Prepared?

- Among those 65+, 2/3 have no emergency plan, participated in preparedness education or know about available resources
- 84% of persons with disabilities reported not having a personal preparedness plan for disasters.
- 1/3 have no basic supply of water, food, or medical supplies.
- 15% use medical devices that require outside power source.
- 56% of person with a disability reported not being aware of or not having access to disaster risk information in accessible formats in their communities.

Improving Disaster Resilience Among Older Adults. Rand Health Q 2018 Aug.

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. 2023 Global Survey Report on Persons with Disabilities and Disasters. Geneva, 2023.

Planning Considerations



- Individuals with special needs are disproportionately affected during disasters and emergencies.
- Lack of preparation and planning often leaves persons higher risk groups behind during evacuation.
- Inaccessible evacuation procedures, response efforts and recovery plans contribute to our vulnerability.
- Most shelters are not accessible that can result in those with special needs being turned away due to misconceptions about their needs.
- Long-term recovery often exclude the special needs groups missing an opportunity to create accessible and resilient communities.

Personal Preparation

Building an Emergency Kit

- Water
- 7-day supply of medicine
- Solar Blanket
- Flashlight
- Cash
- Copy of ID, medical cards.
- Glasses
- Plastic Bags
- List of Medications-Name, dosages, pharmacy, and doctor's name
- Contact information for family, doctors, pharmacies and/or caregivers



Stay Informed



Interagency Partnerships

Launched 2005

- First City/County partnership among all First Responder agencies and Aging
 - Los Angeles County Fire Department
 - Los Angeles County Sherriff's
 - Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
 - Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging, and Community Services – an Area Agencies on Aging
 - City of Los Angeles Police Department
 - City of Los Angeles Fire Department
 - City of Los Angeles Department of Aging – an Area Agency on Aging
- AD will partner with Office of Emergency Management to discuss the launch of the File of Life.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME/Nombre: _____ SEX: Female

ADDRESS/Domicilio: _____

PHONE/Teléfono: _____

DOCTOR: _____

DOCTOR PHONE/Teléfono de doctor: _____


NATIVE LANGUAGE (if not English) Idioma Materno (si no fuese el inglés): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME/Nombre: _____

ADDRESS/Domicilio: _____

PHONE/Teléfono: _____



In case of emergency, call 911

AS OF / Actualizado en: Mo./Mes _____ Yr./Año _____

BLOOD TYPE/Tipo de sangre: _____

ALLERGIES/Alergias: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS <i>problemas médicos</i>	MEDICATION <i>Medicamento</i>	DOSAGE <i>Dosis</i>	FREQUENCY <i>Frecuencia</i>

RECENT SURGERY/Cirugías recientes: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ RELIGION: _____
Fecha de nacimiento *Religión*

SPECIAL COMMENTS/REMARKS:
Problemas médicos especiales. Observaciones

Do you have a completed POLST? ☐ Yes ☐ No

¿Tiene órdenes de resucitación POLST? ☐ Sí ☐ No

Senior Centers Older Adult Disaster Plan

- Los Angeles led changes to the W&I Code that now requires senior centers to have a disaster plan in coordination with their local Area Agency on Aging (wic:9625)

Cooling Centers

- Senior Centers
- Libraries
- Malls
- California Department of Aging – in 2023 hired a Senior Emergency Services Coordinator
 - In October 2023, California Dpt of Aging met with AD, City Aging and Disability Dpts and Emergency Management agencies representatives.

Next?

California Department of Aging will launch a statewide initiative in disaster preparedness Summer 2024.

Purposeful Aging LA was among the first age-friendly initiatives in the nation to include Emergency Preparedness and Resilience as a domain of livability and continues to implement the Action Plan.

AD has begun conversation with LA City Dpt of Aging specifically around the need to coordinate in planning and response.

What Can You Do?

1

Actively ask how emergency events are impacting older adults and adults living with disabilities.

2

Provide emergency preparedness awareness and education to the public – via existing communication channels (social media, newsletters, etc)

September is National Preparedness Month

[Social Media Preparedness Toolkits](https://www.Ready.gov/toolkits)
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3

Partner with state, federal and philanthropic partners to develop and implement an emergency preparedness initiatives addressing those who are most vulnerable.

4

Prepare yourself, your family and at the office. Have an emergency kit (home, office, car), comfortable shoes in your office/car, a file of life, plan where to gather etc.

<https://www.ready.gov/kit>

5

Equity Is Essential, the inclusion of older adults and those living with a disability, among other historically underrepresented populations, in disaster resiliency planning increases the probability of more equitable disaster responses.



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