



Board of Supervisors Family & Social Services Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: September 17, 2025

TIME: 1:30PM

MEETING CHAIRS: Monica Banken, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Claudia Alarcon

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

500 West Temple Street

Los Angeles, California 90012

Room 140

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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 (DCFS):** Request to Approve an Amendment to the Southern California Grantmakers Funding Agreement for Family First Prevention Services Act Prevention and Promotion Services.
- III. **Board Motions**

SD2: Fostering Inclusivity Through Closed Captioning in Los Angeles County.
- IV. **Presentation/Discussion Items:**
 - a) **DCFS/Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect:** Request to Approve a Sole Source Contract Extension with Alma Family Services for the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children Funded with Assembly Bill 2994 Surplus Children's Trust Funds.
 - b) **Office of Child Protection:** Progress Update on Strategic Plan and Initiatives.

V. Public Comment

VI. 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 --

VII. NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION:

CS1- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation

3PM

Government Code Section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(1)

Lee, et al v. County of Los Angeles, et al

United States District Court, Case Number: 2:23-CV-06875

Department: Children and Family Services

VIII. Adjournment

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE FAMILY & SOCIAL SERVICES CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

Family_Social_Services@ceo.lacounty.gov

BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	9/17/2025	
BOARD MEETING DATE	10/14/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)	
SUBJECT	Approve Amendment to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Funding Agreement	
PROGRAM	FFPSA Prevention and Promotion	
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: Increase to contract maximum needed to help implement Families First Prevention Services Act.	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Target Start Date: November 1, 2025	
COST & FUNDING	\$1,900,000	Funding source: FFPSA State Block Grant (SBG)
	TERMS (if applicable): Date of execution through 6/30/27	
	Explanation: Increase the Funding Agreement amount by \$1,900,000, financed using 100 percent FFPSA SBG funds, with the agreement amount totaling to \$10,595,561.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Infuse additional funding into the Community Cultural Broker Program (CCBP) Pilot Project through the sunset of the SBG spending term.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	The CCBP engages Black/African American community stakeholders to provide culturally grounded peer support that addresses systemic inequities in the child welfare system. Community Cultural Brokers help families navigate the system or prevent systems entry and connect to local, culturally relevant resources. CCBP works to prevent unnecessary child welfare involvement by addressing cultural misunderstandings and advancing equitable outcomes for Black/African American children and families supporting child safety, well-being, and family stability.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to ARDI's Equity Lens: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/ If Yes, please explain how: The CCBP aligns closely with LA County's ARDI initiative by directly advancing the Chief Executive's anti-racism priority, promoting equity in child & family welfare, through culturally grounded, community-led peer support that addresses systemic disparities and strengthens outcomes for Black/African American children and families.	
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please explain how: CCBP aligns with FFPSA's focus on prevention (entry and re-entry into child welfare).	

ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to BOS Priorities: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/category/priorities-initiative/ If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: ARDI and Office of Child Protection – the CCBP aligns with FFPSA's focus on prevention (entry and re-entry into child welfare)..
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, (213) 371-6052, marina@dcfs.lacounty.gov



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October 14, 2025

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

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT
FOR THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) requests the Board's approval to amend the existing Funding Agreement (FA) with Southern California Grantmakers (SCG), originally executed on June 5, 2023, for the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute Amendment Number Four, substantially similar to Attachment A, to the FA for FFPSA Prevention and Promotion Services with SCG to increase the agreement amount by \$1,900,000, financed by 100 percent State funds. The amendment is effective upon execution through June 30, 2027, with an option to extend effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to exercise the extension option effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028, by written notice or amendment, provided that: a) funding is available; b) County Counsel approval is obtained; and c) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.

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3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to make changes to the agreement term and conditions, if necessary to accommodate unanticipated changes in service needs, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained; and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days after execution.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the agreement for convenience or default by written notice or amendment, provided that: a) County Counsel's approval is obtained; and b) the Director of DCFS, or designee, notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within ten (10) business days of execution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Community Cultural Broker Program (CCBP) plays a critical role in advancing the goals of the FFPS by offering culturally responsive, community-driven support to prevent unnecessary child welfare involvement and promote family stability. CCBP helps bridge systemic gaps by connecting Black/African American families to tailored resources and services that address the root causes of disproportionality in the child welfare system.

Despite success in increasing family engagement, improving child safety outcomes and reducing entry and re-entry into care, the program remains underfunded. An increase in available funding is necessary to streamline data collection methods, finalize a training curriculum, conduct a process evaluation and quasi-experimental study and resource the community-based organizations leading this effort, all of which increase the availability of culturally relevant service delivery.

The increase to the FA meets the intent of the Federal legislation and affirms the County's commitment to racial equity and community-based prevention.

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 prevention by utilizing youth development program and services for at-risk, justice-involved, transitional aged children, youth, families and communities at all stages of the sequential intercept model and child welfare continuum of care model; as well as investing in efforts that support child safety, protection, and family well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The agreement will be increased by \$1,900,000, financed by 100 percent State funds. Funding is included in the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's subsequent budget requests.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In August 2021, California elected to opt-in to the Federal FFPSA. Subsequently, California enacted Assembly Bill 153 (Chapter 86, Statutes of 2021), which established the FFPS Program and encouraged counties to consider a holistic view of the prevention of child maltreatment. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provided a three-year grant to support implementation of FFPS and required counties to develop a Comprehensive Prevention Plan. Los Angeles County received FFPS SBG allocation of \$49 million for DCFS, which had to be spent by June 30, 2024. In January 2024, CDSS announced the extension of the deadline for the FFPS SBG spend down to the end of FY 2028.

The Board letter and the Amendment (Attachment A) were reviewed by County Counsel and the CEO.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Board motion, approved by the Board on April 18, 2023, directed the Director of DCFS to enter into an FA with the Center for Strategic Partnerships' fiscal agent, SCG, to facilitate an expedited funding pathway to community-based organizations and consultants for the provision of ten (10) prevention and promotion pilot services and supports identified in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Prevention Plan, with the option to extend the agreement contingent upon the availability of funding and approval of County Counsel. The FA was executed effective June 5, 2023.

The Board motion, approved by the Board on September 24, 2024, directed the Director of DCFS to amend the agreement, as needed, for the development and implementation of the Preventive Legal Services Hub and Warmline to increase the provision of preventive services and increase the agreement amount by \$1,070,000. The amendment was executed and is effective September 30, 2025.

The Board motion, approved by the Board on December 17, 2024, directed the Director of DCFS to amend the agreement, as needed, for the development and implementation of the Plans of Safe Care for Pregnant and Parent People Struggling with Substance Use for the provision of prevention services and increased the agreement amount by \$950,000. The amendment is effective through June 30, 2027.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DCFS to continue to provide FFPS services to children and youth at imminent risk for entry into the child welfare system.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of this request, 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,



BRANDON T. NICHOLS
Director

BTN:JF:CMM:RW
LTI:CP:mp

Attachments

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



**AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR FOR
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT PREVENTION
AND PROMOTION PILOT SERVICES
WITH
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS
(SCG)
FUNDING AGREEMENT NUMBER SCG-6523**

**AMENDMENT NUMBER FOUR FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION
SERVICES ACT PREVENTION AND PROMOTION
FUNDING AGREEMENT NUMBER SCG-6523**

This Amendment Number Four (hereinafter referred to as “Amendment”) to the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Prevention and Promotion Pilot Funding Agreement Number SCG-6523, (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and its Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as “COUNTY”) and Southern California Grantmakers (SCG) (hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”), in Los Angeles, California this ___ day of _____, 2025.

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Board Motion directing the Director of DCFS to enter into a funding agreement with the CONTRACTOR to facilitate an expedited funding pathway to community-based organizations and consultants for the provision of ten prevention and promotion pilot services and supports identified in the Los Angeles County Comprehensive Prevention Plan.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to this Agreement, executed by all parties on June 5, 2023.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. One extended the Agreement, effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, using delegated authority as per the expenditure extension granted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) released in January 2024.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Two increased the Agreement amount by \$1,070,000 for the development and implementation of the Preventive Legal Services Hub and Warmline, and extended the Agreement through September 30, 2025, using the Board Motion approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2024.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Three increased the Agreement amount by \$950,000 for the development and implementation of the Plans of Safe Care (POSC) for Pregnant and Parent People Struggling with Substance Use and extended the Agreement through June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, Amendment No. Four increases the Agreement amount by \$1,900,000 for the provisions of the Community Cultural Broker Program (CCBP).

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared and executed by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR as set forth in the Agreement, SECTION B, AGREEMENT TERM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR mutually agree to the following changes to the Agreement:

- 1. SECTION A, APPROVED FUNDING AND COSTS**, is revised to add Subsection 5c:

- 5c. The County agrees to pay the CONTRACTOR, for the term of this agreement an additional amount of \$1,900,000 for the provisions of the CCBP.

2. SECTION B, AGREEMENT TERM, is revised to read as follows:

The term of this agreement will be effective upon date of execution through June 30, 2027, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this agreement.

Funding for this agreement is contingent on continued SBG funding allocations. In the event the State discontinues funding, DCFS has the option to terminate this agreement, or to claim towards other available funds.

The DCFS Director, or designee, shall have the sole option to extend the Contract term effective July 1, 2027 through April 30, 2028, provided: (a) availability of funding; (b) approval by County Counsel; and (c) written notification to the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Such extension shall be exercised at the discretion of the Director of DCFS by written notification to SCG thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the funding agreement

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has caused this Amendment Number Four 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 Four 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 Agreement. 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

By _____
 Brandon T. Nichols, DCFS Director

_____ Date

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS

By _____
 Christine Essel, Chief Executive Officer

_____ Date

 95-2831058
 TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
 BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
 Dawyn R. Harrison, County Counsel

By _____
 David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

September 30, 2025

Fostering Inclusivity Through Closed Captioning in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County (County) recognizes the importance of inclusive communication and equal access to information for all residents and visitors. The County is home to a significant population of individuals who are D/deaf or hard of hearing, as well as diverse communities of English language learners, and many neurodivergent individuals, including those with Autism, who benefit from captioning.

According to the non-profit organization, HEAR Center, over 800,000 individuals with some level of hearing loss reside in Greater Los Angeles and its surrounding counties¹. Additionally, one-third of all individuals with autism in California live in the County.²

Extensive research shows that closed captioning on screens improves comprehension, attention, and memory for viewers of all ages and abilities.³ Captions are particularly beneficial for people who are D/deaf or hard of hearing, English language learners, children and adults developing literacy skills, and those in noisy public

¹ <https://www.hearcenter.org/how-many-californians-are-affected-by-hearing-loss/>

² <https://www.autismla.org/1/>

³ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5214590/>

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environments.⁴ These benefits extend beyond the D/deaf and hard of hearing communities to the general public.

Despite federal laws requiring captioning⁵ in many contexts, this essential accessibility feature often remains deactivated on televisions in public spaces, creating unnecessary barriers to information access. Since 1993, all television sets with screens 13 inches or larger sold in the United States have included the capability to activate closed captioning.⁶

Several jurisdictions, including Washington State, San Francisco, Portland, Rochester, Boston, and the City of Los Angeles, have successfully implemented or are in the process of implementing closed captioning requirements for public facilities with an emphasis on education and compliance rather than punishment.

Ensuring accessibility and inclusivity of our D/deaf and hard of hearing communities should be a standard that the County continually strives to uphold. By adopting a phased ordinance requiring public spaces to activate closed captioning, we move closer to meeting this standard.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Department of Aging & Disabilities, in consultation with the Commission on Disabilities and directors of any other relevant agencies or departments, including the Department of Economic Opportunity, and County Counsel, to report back in writing within 90 days with a proposed implementation plan for Los Angeles County (County) to adopt a Closed Captioning ordinance in the unincorporated areas of the County. The report back should discuss, at a minimum:
 - a. Clear definitions of key terms and reasonable exceptions.

⁴ Ibid 3

⁵ <https://www.ada.gov/law-and-regs/regulations/title-iii-regulations/>

⁶ <https://www.hearingloss.org/find-help/captioning/>

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- b. An implementation plan for an educational campaign to encourage public facilities and businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County to activate closed captioning on televisions located in public spaces; and
- c. An implementation plan for enacting an ordinance requiring public facilities and businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County to activate closed captioning on televisions located in public spaces.

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CATEGORIES: (Please check ☒ those that apply)

☐ 1. Child Welfare

☐ 2. Community and Youth Empowerment

AGN. NO. _____

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EXEMPTION FROM CLUSTERS: (Please check

☒ if the motion is exempt from the cluster process
and the reason for exemption)

☐ See Rules of the Board, Section 22.2(f)

REASON FOR EXEMPTION:

- ☐ 1. Emergency, as provided by the Brown Act
- ☐ 2. Urgency, as provided by the Brown Act
- ☐ 3. Request to appear remotely under the
emergency circumstances, as provided by
the Brown Act
- ☐ 4. Declaration and ratifications of emergency
and all recovery and related actions
- ☐ 5. Fee waivers
- ☐ 6. Reward motions
- ☐ 7. Proclamations without substantive policy
directives
- ☐ 8. Adjournments in a deceased person's
memory
- ☐ 9. Presentation of scrolls

CLUSTERS: (Please check ☒ which cluster meeting
the motion will be introduced)

- ☐ 1. Operations
- ☐ 2. Community Services
- ☐ 3. Family and Social Services
- ☒ 4. Health and Mental Health Services
- ☐ 5. Public Safety

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- ☐ 3. County Services
- ☐ 4. Economic Justice
- ☐ 5. Economic and Workforce Development
- ☐ 6. Education
- ☐ 7. Environment
- ☐ 8. Fiscal
- ☐ 9. Governance
- ☒ 10. Health
- ☐ 11. Homelessness
- ☐ 12. Immigration
- ☐ 13. Public Safety
- ☐ 14. Social Justice and Human Rights
- ☐ 15. Technology and Data
- ☐ 16. Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy
- ☐ 17. Legislation
- ☐ 18. Parks and Open Space
- ☐ 19. Planning/Land Use
- ☐ 20. Transportation
- ☐ 21. Veterans

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BOARD MEETING DATE	10/7/2025				
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th				
DEPARTMENT(S)	Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)				
SUBJECT	Request to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services for the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children, Contract Number 10-039-01, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; for a total of two years to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.				
PROGRAM	Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children (Alma Family Services)				
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: The Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children is a specialized program that was recommended for funding by Supervisorial District 1. In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect's (ICAN's) multi-disciplinary selection process. On March 19, 2025, DCFS released a Request for Information to gain familiarity with the current market, and gather general information related to operational management of a child abuse prevention and early intervention program for developmentally disabled children, which resulted in seven (7) responses from vendors who indicated that they currently provide similar services. Therefore, DCFS requests the Board's approval to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services to provide sufficient time for DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. Funding for this contract is through the ICAN using Assembly Bill (AB) 2994 funds.				
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.				
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	The current contract expires on December 31, 2025. A new contract needs to be executed effective January 1, 2026 to avoid a lapse in services.				
COST & FUNDING	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Total cost: \$600,000.00</td><td style="width: 50%;">Funding source: ICAN (AB 2994)</td></tr> </table> TERMS (if applicable): The sole source contract extension request will be for two years effective, January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.			Total cost: \$600,000.00	Funding source: ICAN (AB 2994)
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	<p>Explanation: The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum will be \$600,000. The Maximum Annual Contract amount will be \$300,000 per year.</p> <p>There is no fiscal impact to the County. This contract will be financed using 100 percent AB 2994/ICAN funds. AB 2994 funds stem from birth certificate surcharge funds deposited into the County's Children's Trust Fund. The DCFS Finance Section has assured ICAN that sufficient funds remain within the Children's Trust Fund to fund the contract with Alma Family Services.</p>
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	<p>Extending the current Sole Source contract for an additional two years will allow DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process and will help to avoid service interruption.</p> <p>The recommended extension will enable Alma Family Services to continue providing case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County. Alma Family Services' service delivery model is significantly impactful and it is important to offer these critical preventive services to this hard-to-reach population.</p>
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	<p>In 1992, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, AB 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies. The second bill, AB 2994/(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, non-profit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund. Both laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is ICAN.</p>
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to ARDI's Equity Lens: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/ardi/</p> <p>If Yes, please explain how: Alma Family Services utilizes equity lenses by providing in-home services to the unique population: children with developmental disabilities and special needs and their families. All services are tailored to the unique needs of each family and are available in English and Spanish. The services are available to all eligible families, regardless of race, sexual orientation and other diverse characteristics.</p>
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTSION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA) LENS WAS UTILIZED	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If Yes, please explain how: These services meet the FFPSA goals because Alma Family Services is providing in-home child abuse prevention/education to the families in the First Supervisorial District and reducing reliance on congregate care by facilitating linkages to services and resources such as special education, medical services, the Department of Mental Health and Regional Centers.</p>
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Link to BOS Priorities: https://ceo.lacounty.gov/category/priorites-initiative/</p> <p>If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how:</p> <p>PREVENTION: The program provides in-home child abuse prevention/early intervention, specialized case management services for developmentally disabled children who have been abused or neglected to prevent entry and/or re-victimization. For the purposes of this program, special and unique needs include: a developmental delay or disability; mental health diagnosis; learning disability; receiving special education services; or displaying behavioral challenges. The Alma Family Services program provides in-home supportive services to the families who have system-involved disabled children and seeks to prevent re-victimization. The program also builds and strengthens the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff and other community service providers. In addition to parenting classes, Alma Family Services has provided training and outreach to Regional Centers, schools and community agencies on child abuse awareness. This program is providing important services to an underserved and highly at-risk population.</p>

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INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

County of Los Angeles



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October 7, 2025

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 SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ALMA FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN FUNDED WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 2994 SURPLUS CHILDREN'S TRUST FUNDS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This is to request the Board's approval to extend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. This contract is funded by the County Children's Trust Fund. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or designee, to execute an amendment substantially similar to the attached amendment, to the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services. The amendment will extend the current contract term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027; for a total of two years. The Maximum Annual Contract Amount for this contract is \$300,000. The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum is \$600,000, financed using 100 percent Assembly Bill (AB) funds.



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2. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to exercise the two six-month extension options option by written notice or amendment, provided that: (a) sufficient funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
3. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract to meet program needs, and for any revisions required by changes in local, State, and Federal regulations, provided that: (a) applicable Federal, State and County contracting regulations are observed; (b) sufficient funding is available; (c) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (d) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
4. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments to increase or decrease the Maximum Annual Contract amount up to a total of 10 percent per year during the term of the contract to accommodate any increase or decrease in service, provided that: (a) sufficient funding is available; (b) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (c) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
5. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to execute amendments in instances of assignment and delegation, acquisitions, mergers, or other changes in ownership, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to execution of such amendment(s); and (b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of executing such amendment(s).
6. Delegate authority to the Director of DCFS, or designee, to terminate the contract for Contractor's default, County's convenience, or Contractor initiates termination for convenience, provided that: (a) County Counsel approval is obtained prior to termination of the agreement; and (b) the Director of DCFS notifies the Board and the CEO, in writing, within 10 business days of terminating the contract.





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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Alma Family Services developed a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention program that serves children with special and unique needs. For purposes of this program special and unique needs include a developmental delay or disability, mental health diagnosis, learning disability, receiving special education services or displaying behavioral challenges. The program goals are to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs. The population to be served includes children and youth who are at risk of or have been abused or neglected, and the program seeks to prevent re-victimization. Alma Family Services also works toward building and strengthening the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff, school districts, county agencies and community service providers.

National research shows that children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children (four to 10 times more often). In addition, these children are often inadequately educated and supported to seek alternatives to abusive situations. It is also known that there is often an underreporting of abuse, neglect and victimization for children and adolescents with special and unique needs. Through this program, Alma Family Services is providing important and necessary services to this underserved and highly at-risk group of children.

The current contract for Alma Family Services is \$300,000/year. Services have been provided at four sites. Given that Alma Family Services is one of very few agencies that currently provide case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County, extending the Alma Family Services contract will continue to significantly impact children and families and continue providing important and necessary services to this population.

The recommended extension will enable Alma Family Services to continue providing case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County. Alma Family Services' service delivery model is significantly impactful and it is important to offer these critical preventive services to this hard-to-reach population.





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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal North Star 1, Make Investments that Transform Lives, Focus Area Goal D, Support Vulnerable Populations; Strategy I – Prevention: Provide child welfare prevention supports (a continuum of primary, secondary, and tertiary) and youth development related program services, for at-risk, justice-involved, and transitional aged children, youth, families, and communities at all stages of the sequential intercept model and child welfare continuum of care model; Strategy II – Child Safety and Family Well-Being: Invest in efforts and supports that promote child safety, protection, and family well-being using the child welfare continuum of care model, while building out the County's System of Care.

In addition, they provide collaboration and coordination between County departments, the community and contracting partners. This program promotes interventions and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs and for children and youth who are at risk of or have been abused or neglected, while significantly preventing re-victimization.

Children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children. Providing specialized services to this vulnerable population has at its core a focus on keeping these children safe while facilitating paths for connections to resources, helping caregivers build protective capacities and change behaviors or conditions that caused these children to be unsafe or at risk of future harm; these activities enhance children's well-being and stabilize families.

This program also builds and strengthens the bridge between DCFS, Regional Centers, school districts, the Department of Mental Health and other specialty service providers who work with children with special and unique needs. These activities promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure child and family well-being as well as public safety with greater emphasis on improving reports of child abuse/neglect for this population. Also, a focus on early intervention and education are recognized child abuse prevention approaches.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The aggregate Maximum Contract Sum is \$600,000. The Maximum Annual Contract amount is \$300,000, financed using 100 percent AB 2994 funds. Sufficient funding for this contract is included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Adopted Budget and will be included in the Department's budget requests for subsequent years.



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There is no fiscal impact to the County. AB 2994 funds stem from birth certificate surcharge fees deposited into the County Children's Trust Fund. The DCFS Finance Section has assured the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) that sufficient funds remain with the Children's Trust Fund to continue this program for an additional three years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 1992, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, AB 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies. The second bill, AB 2994/(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, non-profit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid to a County Children's Trust Fund. Both laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is ICAN.

The program provides in-home parent-child education and support to children and their parents who reside in the First Supervisorial District and have been identified or suspected of having special and unique needs.

Special and unique needs include a developmental delay or disability, mental health diagnosis, learning disability, receiving special education services or displaying behavioral challenges. The needs of this specialized population have often been inadequately addressed in the past and this program will promote effective services and case management for them.

On June 11, 2025, in accordance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contract and Amendments, the Department notified the Board of its intent to request delegated authority to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel and the CEO. County Counsel has approved the amendment (Attachment A) as to form. The CEO has approved the Sole Source Checklist (Attachment B).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through ICAN's multi-disciplinary selection process.



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ICAN reviewed and evaluated the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding. The ICAN Policy Committee approved funding for this specialized program. Specialized programs are currently funded in all five (5) supervisorial districts. ICAN works with DCFS Program staff to monitor the effectiveness of the services provided and it has been determined that this program fills a vital need in the County and the services should be expanded and continued.

On March 19, 2025, DCFS released a Request for Information to gain familiarity with the current market, and gather general information related to operational management of a child abuse prevention and early intervention program for developmentally disabled children, which resulted in seven responses from vendors who indicated that they are providing similar services.

Therefore, DCFS requests the Board's approval to extend the current contract with Alma Family Services to provide sufficient time for DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Linking children and families with service providers who specialize or are familiar with children with special and unique needs, providing education on child abuse and prevention, and building and strengthening the bridge with service providers for this population are important activities for maintaining family relationships and supporting goals for stability. These services promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure child and family well-being and can alleviate problems such as safety concerns and fear of ongoing abuse experienced by these children. This program provides an opportunity to assess the impact of interventions designed to improve parenting skills and parent-child interactions.

Without extending the Alma Family Services contract, the County will not have sufficient services to provide continuous services to link children and families with service providers who specialize or are familiar with children with special and unique needs. Services including education on child abuse and prevention and building and strengthening the



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bridge with service providers for this population, are important activities that support family relationships and stability. These services promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure the children's and family's well-being. Services also alleviate problems such as safety concerns and fear of ongoing abuse experienced by these children. This program provides an opportunity to assess the impact of interventions designed to improve parenting skills and parent-child interactions.

The investment in supportive interventions to address educational needs, parenting, and skill building, are integral to the process of healing for families with children with special and unique needs. The program further strengthens the bridge between DCFS, Regional Centers and other specialty service providers working with this population to provide access to highly specialized services that otherwise would be difficult to obtain. This program increases DCFS' and the community's ability to reduce trauma to this population of children and youth.

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 this Board letter and attachments to the Department of Children and Family Services and the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Attachments

c: District Attorney Nathan Hochman, ICAN Co-Chairperson
Sheriff Robert Luna, ICAN Co-Chairperson
Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Brandon T. Nichols, Director, DCFS
Children's Board Deputies
Dawyn Harrison, County Counsel
Edward Yen, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors





AMENDMENT NUMBER SEVEN

TO

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

CONTRACT NUMBER 10-039-01

WITH

ALMA FAMILY SERVICES

_____ **2025**

Federal Assistance Listing Number (CFDA #): N/A

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This Amendment made and entered into by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as "County" and Alma Family Services, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor." Alma Family Services is located at 1000 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 650 Monterey Park, CA 91754.

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR are parties to the Contract and CONTRACTOR has been providing services to the COUNTY;

WHEREAS, This Amendment extends the Contract beyond the original contract term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with two optional six-month extension periods through December 31, 2028, as authorized by the COUNTY'S Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2025;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2994 County Children's Trust Fund for the purpose of funding child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs is available to extend the CONTRACT;

WHEREAS, this Amendment is prepared pursuant to the provisions set forth in Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 7.0, Changes and Amendments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree to amend the Alma Family Services Contract as follows:

1. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 2.0, Term, Sub-section 2.1, Sub section 2.1.6 is added as follows:
 - 2.1.6 The Contract term is extended, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with two optional six-month extension periods, to be exercised at the sole option of the County, through December 31, 2028, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this Contract.
2. Part I, Unique Terms and Conditions, Section 3.0, Contract Sum, Sub-section 3.1.7, and 3.1.8 are added as follows:
 - 3.1.7 The Maximum Annual Contract amount for each year is \$300,000. The total Maximum Contract Sum for both years is \$600,000, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.
 - 3.1.8 The Maximum Contract amount for each six-month optional extension period is \$150,000. The total Maximum Contract Sum for the two optional six-month extension periods is \$300,000, effective January 1, 2028 through December 31, 2028.

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3. Part II, Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 82.0 Survival is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Section 82.0 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding as follows:

82.0 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final Decision in Contract Proceeding

Pursuant to Government Code Section 84308, Contractor and its Subcontractors, are prohibited from making a contribution of more than \$250 to a County officer for twelve (12) months after the date of the final decision in the proceeding involving this Contract. Failure to comply with the provisions of Government Code Section 84308 and of this paragraph, may be a material breach of this Contract as determined in the sole discretion of the County.

4. Part III: Survival is added as follows:

PART III: SURVIVAL

In addition to any terms and conditions of this Contract that expressly survive expiration or termination of this Contract by their terms, the following provisions will survive the expiration or termination of this Contract for any reason:

PART I: UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Section 1.0** Applicable Documents and Defined Terms
- Section 3.0** Contract Sum
- Section 4.0** Insurance Requirements, Subsection 4.1 General Insurance Requirements
- Section 4.0** Insurance Requirements, Subsection 4.2 Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Section 7.0** Confidentiality

PART II: STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Section 4.0** Assignment and Delegation/Mergers or Acquisitions
- Section 7.0** Changes and Amendments
- Section 12.0** Compliance with Applicable Laws, Subsection 12.3
- Section 28.0** Fair Labor Standards
- Section 31.0** Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue
- Section 32.0** Indemnification
- Section 34.0** Liquidated Damages
- Section 42.0** Notices
- Section 44.0** Proprietary Rights

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Section 45.0 Public Records Act
Section 47.0 Record Retention and Inspection/Audit Settlement
Section 53.0 Termination for Default
Section 54.0 Termination for Convenience
Section 60.0 Validity
Section 61.0 Wavier
Section 78.0 Force Majeure
Section 80.0 Prohibition from Participation in Future Solicitation(s)
Section 82.0 Campaign Contribution Prohibition Following Final
Decision in Contract Proceeding

PART III: SURVIVAL

5. A Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028, is attached to this amendment and incorporated as part of Exhibit B-1b, Line Item Budget and Budget Narrative.
6. Exhibit S, Contribution and Agent Declaration Form is added as attached to this Amendment.

**EXCEPT AS AMENDED HEREIN, ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
CONTRACT 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 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

Alma Family Services

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

By: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____

Title: _____

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Tax Identification Number

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
BY THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL
DAWYN R. HARRISON, COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
David Beaudet, Senior Deputy County Counsel

Date: _____

SOLE SOURCE CHECKLIST

Department Name: _____

- ☐ New Sole Source Contract
- ☐ Sole Source Amendment to Existing Contract
- Date Existing Contract First Approved: _____

Check (✓)	JUSTIFICATION FOR SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS AND AMENDMENTS Identify applicable justification and provide documentation for each checked item.
	➤ Only one bona fide source (monopoly) for the service exists; performance and price competition are not available. A monopoly is an <i>“Exclusive control of the supply of any service in a given market. If more than one source in a given market exists, a monopoly does not exist.”</i>
	➤ 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 service agreements exist on equipment which must be serviced by the original equipment manufacturer or an authorized service representative.
	➤ It is more cost-effective to obtain services by exercising an option under an existing contract.
	➤ 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.

Chief Executive Office

Date

Sole Source Justification

Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children (Alma Family Services)

Contract Term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028

1. What is being requested?

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) seeks delegated authority to extend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children contract with Alma Family Services for Contract Number 10-039-01, effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with two optional six-month extension periods through December 31, 2028, to allow sufficient time to initiate and complete the solicitation process required for a new contract execution. The current contract expires on December 31, 2025.

2. Why is the product needed – how will it be used?

Alma Family Services developed a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention program that serves children with special and unique needs. For the purposes of this program, special and unique needs include: a developmental delay or disability; mental health diagnosis; learning disability; receiving special education services; or displaying behavioral challenges. The program goals are to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs. The population to be served includes children and youth who are at risk of being, or have been, abused or neglected, and the program seeks to prevent re-victimization. Alma Family Services also works toward building and strengthening the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff, school districts, county agencies and community service providers.

National research shows that children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children (4 to 10 times more often). In addition, these children are often inadequately educated and supported to seek alternatives to abusive situations. It is also known that there is often an underreporting of abuse, neglect and victimization for children and adolescents with special and unique needs. Through this program, Alma Family Services is providing important and necessary services to this underserved and highly at-risk group of children.

3. Is this brand of product the only one that meets the user's requirements?

Yes. In 2009, the Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children was solicited through the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect's (ICAN's) multi-disciplinary selection process.

ICAN reviewed and evaluated the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This

Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach a consensus regarding recommending approval for funding. The ICAN Policy Committee approved funding for this specialized program. Specialized programs are currently funded in all five (5) supervisorial districts. ICAN works with DCFS Program staff to monitor the effectiveness of the services provided and it has been determined that this program fills a vital need in the County and the services should be expanded and continued.

4. Have other products or vendor been considered?

Yes. Alma Family Services was selected as a vendor by a special Ad Hoc Group formed by ICAN comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding.

The extension of the current contract with Alma Family Services will provide sufficient time for DCFS to initiate and complete the solicitation process.

5. Will purchase of this product avoid other costs?

Not applicable to this contract.

6. Is this product proprietary or available from other dealers?

No. This is not a proprietary product or available from other vendors. Alma Family Services was selected as a vendor by a special Ad Hoc Group formed by ICAN comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services' proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding.

7. Reasonableness of price. Does County obtain a percentage discount or special discount not available to the private sector.

No. The County does not get a percentage discount or special discount. The Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children Contract has no fiscal impact on the County, as it is funded through Assembly Bill 2994, County Children's Trust Fund dollars, which stem from birth certificate surcharge fees.

8. What is the dollar value of the existing equipment?

Not applicable, as this contract is not for any equipment or hardware.



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June 11, 2025

To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath
Supervisor Janice Hahn

From: Brandon T. Nichols 
Director

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXTEND THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN CONTRACT

In accordance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contract and Amendments, this is to notify the Board that the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) intends to submit a Board letter to request delegated authority to execute Amendment Number Seven to extend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Program for Developmentally Disabled Children Contract Number 10-039-01 with Alma Family Services effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, with one optional one-year extension period through December 31, 2028.

In compliance with Board Policy 5.100, Sole Source Contracts and Amendments, County departments must provide advance written notice and justification to the Board when the departments do not have delegated authority to extend the term of the current contract beyond its original term.

BACKGROUND

In 1992, the Governor of California signed into law two bills aimed at preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. The first bill, Assembly Bill (AB) 1733/Papan (Chapter 1398, Statutes of 1982), authorized the allocation of state funding to counties for child abuse prevention and intervention services offered by public and private, non-profit agencies. The second law, AB 2994/(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, non-profit organizations. AB 2994 requires that \$4.00 of any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate shall be paid

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to a County Children's Trust Fund. Both laws provide that a designated multi-disciplinary child abuse council develop and recommend funding priorities to the Board of Supervisors. In Los Angeles County, the designated child abuse council is ICAN.

ICAN engaged in a very serious and lengthy process to review and evaluate the proposal for this program. ICAN formed a special Ad Hoc Group comprised of members from numerous county and city agencies. This Ad Hoc Group held a face-to-face meeting and engaged in an extensive process to vet Alma Family Services proposal so that any concerns about the program could be addressed, and to reach consensus regarding recommending approval for funding. The ICAN Policy Committee approved funding for this specialized program. Specialized programs are currently funded in all five (5) supervisorial districts. ICAN works with DCFS program staff to monitor the effectiveness of the services provided and it has been determined that this program fills a vital need in the County and the services should be expanded and continued.

JUSTIFICATION

Alma Family Services developed a child abuse and neglect prevention/early intervention program that serves children with special and unique needs. For the purposes of this program, special and unique needs include a developmental delay or disability, mental health diagnosis, learning disability, receiving special education services or displaying behavioral challenges. The program goals are to provide child abuse prevention/early intervention and specialized case management services for parents and caregivers of children and youth with special and unique needs. The focus population includes children and youth who are at risk of or have been abused or neglected. The program also seeks to prevent revictimization. Alma Family Services also supports building and strengthening the bridge between DCFS staff, Regional Center staff, school districts, county agencies and community service providers.

National research shows that children and adolescents with special and unique needs are known to be vulnerable to abuse and neglect and are likely to be victimized at a much higher rate than other children (four to 10 times more often). In addition, these children are often inadequately educated and supported to seek alternatives to abusive situations. It is also known that there is often an underreporting of abuse, neglect and victimization for children and adolescents with special and unique needs. Through this program, Alma Family Services provides important and necessary services to this underserved and highly at-risk group of children.

Alma Family Services' current contract is for \$300,000/year. Services have been provided at four sites. Given that Alma Family Services is one of very few agencies that currently provide case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County, extending the Alma Family Services contract will continue to significantly impact children and families and continue providing important and necessary services to this population.

The recommended extension will enable Alma Family Services to continue providing case management and parenting classes for caregivers of children with special needs in Los Angeles County. Alma Family Services' service delivery model is significantly impactful, and it is important to offer these critical preventive services to this hard-to-reach population.

Without extending the Alma Family Services contract, the County will not have sufficient services to provide continuous services to link children and families with service providers who specialize or are familiar with children with special and unique needs. Services including education on child abuse and prevention and building and strengthening the bridge with service providers for this population are important activities that support family relationships and stability. These services promote connections with health and mental health providers to ensure the well-being of children and families. Services also alleviate problems such as safety concerns and fear of ongoing abuse experienced by these children. This program provides an opportunity to assess the impact of interventions designed to improve parenting skills and parent-child interactions.

The investment in supportive interventions to address educational needs, parenting and skill building are integral to the process of healing for families with children with special and unique needs. The program further strengthens the bridge between DCFS, Regional Centers and other specialty service providers working with this population to provide access to highly specialized services that otherwise would be difficult to obtain. This program increases DCFS' and the community's ability to reduce trauma to this population of youth.

NOTIFICATION TIMELINE

Consistent with the procedures of the Board Policy 5.100, DCFS is informing the Board of its intent to extend the current contract. DCFS will file a Board letter in the near future to request delegated authority to execute a contract amendment for extension.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 371-6052 or marina@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

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Office of Child Protection
Progress Update on Strategic Plan + Initiatives
Presentation to the Family & Social Services Cluster
September 17, 2025

OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- Progress on OCP Strategic Plan
- Process to redefine the child protection priority
- Updates on OCP initiatives
- Q&A/Discussion

Recap of Strategic Plan Roadmap

- **Reframing Our Approach** Utilizing targeted universalism, OCP will work to **strengthen overall child and family wellbeing** outcomes in LA County with focused strategies to better support children and families impacted by, or at risk of involvement with, the child welfare system
- **Reframing Our Role** OCP will serve as the County's **lead on centralized policy advocacy and systems-change** specifically for **child and family wellbeing priorities**
- **Three Focus Areas**
 - 1) *Building Community Pathways* – Strengthen the capacity of and access to community-based resources so that families can get what they need before touching County safety-net programs
 - 2) *Strengthening the System of Care* – Enhance the state-required Children and Youth System of Care partnership in Los Angeles County to increase shared responsibility/accountability across child- and youth-serving departments
 - 3) *Improving Youth Behavioral Health and Health Outcomes* – Work toward behavioral health integration and improved health outcomes for children and youth, particularly those who are systems-involved

Evolving the OCP and Redefining the Board Priority Around Child Protection

- June 10, 2025 Board Motion by Supervisors Horvath and Hahn
- Directs OCP to:
 - Adopt the priority areas identified in its roadmap and finalize the strategic plan
 - Report to the FSS Cluster on progress on a quarterly basis until the strategic plan is completed
 - Include in the strategic plan a discussion of how OCP could be empowered to lead child and family wellbeing work
 - Present the strategic plan to the Board within 90 days of completion
 - Provide written recommendations to the Board, by February 2026, on redefining the child protection priority to ensure child, youth, and family wellbeing are prioritized

Progress on Finalizing the Strategic Plan

- Working with [Fractal Strategies](#) to finalize the Strategic Plan and communications strategies
 - Strategic plan template
 - Communications playbook
 - Annual report template
 - Board engagement/listening sessions
- Completing an internal assessment of current initiatives and alignment with new focus areas
- Anticipate finalizing the Strategic Plan by end of October 2025

Process to Redefine the Child Protection Priority

- OCP directed to work with the Executive Office and Chief Executive Office, as well as obtain community stakeholder and lived expertise feedback, to develop recommendations on redefining the child protection priority to ensure child, youth, and family wellbeing are prioritized for Los Angeles County and the Board
- OCP working to bring on Margolis Consulting to facilitate the community stakeholder engagement process
 - Online survey to obtain feedback
 - Conduct 10 listening sessions before the end of the calendar year
 - 5 in-person, one in each supervisorial district
 - 5 virtual
 - Will provide translation services and compensation for lived experts
- OCP staff to facilitate listening sessions with systems partners through existing forums/groups like the System of Care and related collaboratives, as well as with child/youth/family-focused Commissions
- Report back with recommendations due February 2026

Updates on Key OCP Initiatives

Community Pathway

- Child and Family Wellbeing Policy Table
- Plans of Safe Care pilots

System of Care

- TAY Table
- Youth engagement resources
- Data sharing to improve education coordination for systems-involved youth

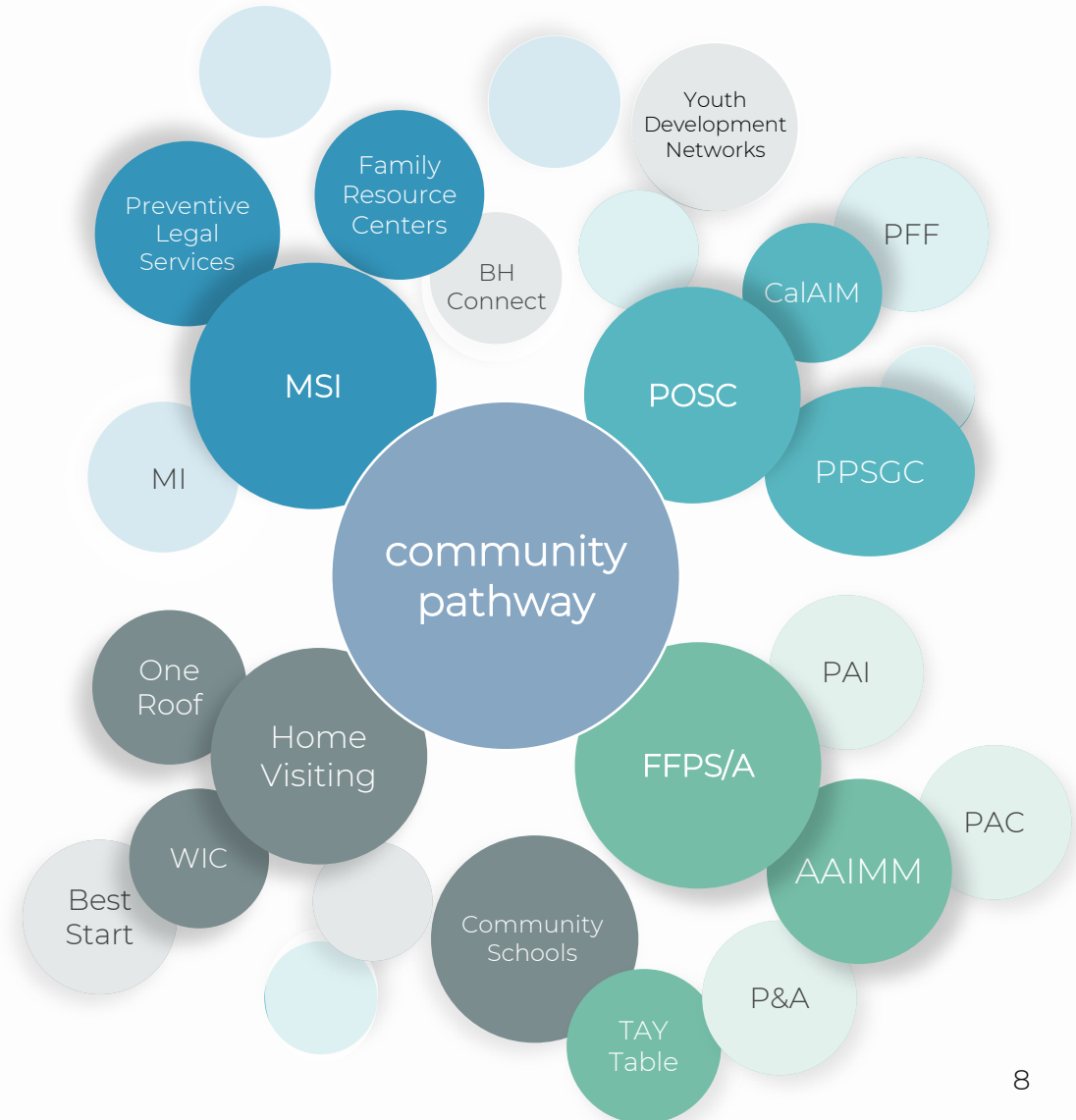
Youth Health & Behavioral Health

- Youth Behavioral Health Convening
- Medi-Cal/CalAIM benefits for the child welfare population

About Community Pathway 2.0

Community Pathway 2.0 aims to **promote holistic child, youth, and family well-being and thriving** through:

- Elevating and Empowering the Child, Youth, and Family Well-Being Issue Area
- Strengthening Community Capacity
- Centering Equity and Racial Justice
- Facilitating Countywide Strategic and Functional Alignment to Achieve Maximum Collective Impact



Community Pathway 2.0 Structure



Overview of Child and Family Wellbeing Policy Table

The Policy Table will work toward long-term establishment of, and capacity-building for, Community Pathway 2.0 through:



Aligning and Uplifting Existing Work



Legislative Advocacy and Seeking Clearer Regulatory Guidance from State



Local Policy Development

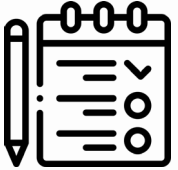


Policy Implementation

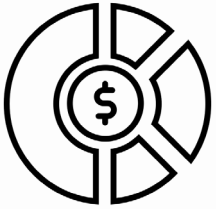


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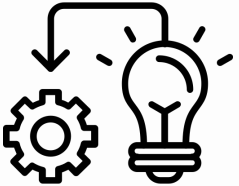
Policy Table Priority Areas



Develop a shared policy agenda for child and family wellbeing



Identify sustainable funding for child and family wellbeing prevention services



Inform county-level policy and program implementation

Plans of Safe Care Implementation

GOAL: To ensure that pregnant people using substances and infants with prenatal substance exposure and their caregivers are assessed for needs/strengths and referred/linked to community-based services

- While POSCs are required for substance-affected newborns, the plan can be created prenatally as well – identifying needs/strengths and supporting families as upstream as possible is critical to increasing their protective factors and keeping children and families out of the child welfare system
- POSC initiative aligns with the County's Community Pathway and Mandated Supporting Initiative values

Plans of Safe Care Pilots

- OCP leads the implementation of POSC pilots in LA County, with the goal of developing a countywide protocol for POSCs
 - LA County's POSC Collaborative is facilitated by OCP and includes DCFS, DHS, DPH, the Mandated Supporting Initiative, First 5 LA, SHIELDS for Families, St. Francis Medical Center, and Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital
- POSC is currently being piloted at:
 - DHS's Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
 - DHS's Olive View-UCLA Medical Center
 - DHS's LA General Medical Center
 - St. Francis Medical Center
 - Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital

Plans of Safe Care Pilots – Progress to Date

- OCP secured \$3.5 million in state and DCFS funds to implement POSC pilots and build capacity with hospital partners in LA County
- At least 850 hospital staff, social workers, community providers, and other key stakeholders trained on POSC laws and requirements
- Across the 5 hospital pilot sites, OCP facilitated over 100 project implementation meetings to develop workflows, review policies, and address implementation barriers
- Over 100 POSCs created to date for pregnant/parenting people struggling with perinatal substance use

More information can be found on our POSC webpage on the Mandated Supporting Initiative website: [Plans of Safe Care](#)

The TAY Table

The TAY Table serves as the County’s coordinating body for efforts to prevent **youth and young adult disconnection**, bringing together departmental leaders and subject matter experts who serve systems-involved and opportunity youth between ages 16 - 26.

The TAY Table is a component of the Los Angeles County System of Care.

Backbone Support

- Youth Commission
- Office of Child Protection
- Dept. of Youth Development
- Dept. of Children and Family Services

Areas of Focus



Education/Vocation

High school and post-secondary attainment



Workforce

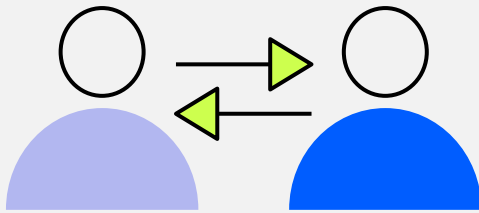
Pathways to high-quality living wage careers



Wraparound Supports

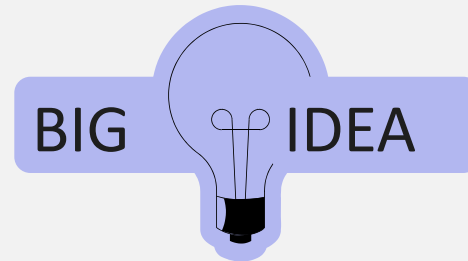
Housing, concrete needs, mental health, health, mentoring, etc

TAY Table Structure



QUARTERLY TAY TABLE CONVENINGS

Brings together ***cross-departmental stakeholders*** for information sharing, coordination, problem solving, relationship building, and innovation.



PROJECT BASED WORKGROUPS

Brings together ***County and non-County partners*** to implement TAY Table priorities and measure the impact of each strategy.



LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Cross-departmental shared learning and capacity building on positive youth development, emerging adulthood, innovation, and best practices.

TAY Table Projects



Integrated TAY Data Sharing Workgroup

- Cross departmental/sector data sharing and integration
- Develop “use cases” to remove data-related barriers



TAY-Focused Web-Based Resource Portal

- More than just a website index!
- Curated collection of resources that young people want and need



Dedicated “Aftercare” Infrastructure for Former Foster Youth (*projected/ramping up*)

- Recommendations from Improving the Continuum of Care for Former Foster Youth Motion
- Dedicated support through age 26
- Prioritized access to critical supports and resource navigation

TAY Table Integrated Data Workgroup

About

- Co-led by CIO and OCP
- Includes County and non-County partners
- ***Serves as an umbrella vehicle to address pressing information and data sharing needs to enhance care coordination and systems-level planning for TAY***
- Aims to align efforts of other related data committees that focus on indicators in specific domains, such as housing stability/homelessness, education, and workforce development

Priority Deliverables

- Public-facing TAY Dashboard
- Identify data for One Roof 2.0
- TAY Data Handbook



Web-Based Resource Hub

Why

- Youth/young adults and those who support them struggle to access current information about available services, resources, and opportunities to prevent disconnection, strengthen existing connections, and re-engage opportunity youth

Who

- Built by ISD
- Cross-sector development process led by TAY Table leads
- Development process will involve close collaboration with young people

What

Multi-Phased Project

- *Phase 1*
 - Curation of resources and information
 - Design and launch of resource hub
- *Phase 2*
 - Leverage AI to enhance functionality
 - Curated information and referral capabilities
 - Closed loop referral system

Youth Engagement Resources

- In partnership with Casey Family Programs, OCP funded a cohort of community and lived experts, including TAY, through a contract with Castillo Consulting Partners
- OCP partnered with this TAY cohort, along with other young people with lived experience, to develop a series of foster youth education rights videos and a TAY podcast
- Hosted a convening on May 30 to premiere these resources with stakeholders, including County departments, and strategize how to sustain this work long-term

ED RIGHTS VIDEOS

- ❖ **Catalyst:** Feedback from the Education Coordinating Council Strategic Plan Listening Sessions & building off of work with the Alliance for Children's Rights Education Rights Advocates over the last 3 years.
- ❖ **What we learned:** Need for a greater focus on education -- young people don't know their rights and needed a more accessible avenue for obtaining the information.
- ❖ **Partnership:** Alliance for Children's Rights Ed Consultants, Castillo Consulting Partners, Kids in the Spotlight, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- ❖ **Finished Product:** Short engaging highlighting education needs and resources, as identified by young people.



TA(Y)LK TO ME PODCAST

- ❖ **Catalyst:** Engagement with Short-Term Residential Treatment Program Child and Family Team/Youth Engagement Workgroup inclusive of young people with lived expertise.
- ❖ **What we learned:** Need for both visual and audio education/training tools to engage other young people, providers, and system partners on topics important to youth.
- ❖ **Partnership:** Castillo Consulting Partners, Kids in the Spotlight, Trauma Informed Learning Alliance Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- ❖ **Finished Product:** Video podcast detailing lived experts' personal stories and experiences on an array of topics selected by young people paired with subject matter experts to uplift current resources to mitigate challenges in these areas.



SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDES: Sample Captions, Hashtags, & Video Links



Education Rights Videos Social Media Guide

Share with your networks and help amplify these voices! Use this social media guide that includes pre-written captions and descriptions.

In this Guide:

1. Social Media Sample Language and Videos for Posting (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, etc.)
 - a. [Education Rights Holders: Getting the Right Person Appointed](#)
 - b. [School of Origin Rights](#)
 - c. [School Stability](#)
 - d. [Immediate Enrollment Rights](#)
 - e. [Graduation Options and Rights to Credits](#)
 - f. [Enrollment Rights – A True Story](#)
 - g. [Panel of Lived Experts Discussing Education Rights Holders and Graduation Rights](#)
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4. [Flyer](#)

Education Rights Videos Social Media Guide

School of Origin Rights

Video Links & Sample Language for Posting Videos on Social Media Channels (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, X, etc.):

Links to Download Videos:

Vertical:

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Landscape:

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Sample Post Text:

Did you know that youth who are system-involved have the right to stay at their same school even if they move homes? The "school of origin" right also includes support with transportation. Stability matters—protect connections and ensure every young person has a chance to succeed. Watch and share this video to spread the word! Learn more about school of origin rights at the [Alliance for Children's Rights](#).

Sample Hashtags:

#SchoolStability

#FosterYouthEducation

Video Links & Language for Posting Video on YouTube Channel:

Link:

[School of Origin Rights](#)

Name:

School of Origin Rights

Description:

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Video Created by Alexandria Maldonado, Myriah Smiley, Sherrie Bradford, and Cristopher Espino in partnership with Alliance for Children's Rights, Castillo Consulting Partners, LA County Education Coordinating Council, Office of Child Protection, and Executive Office of

OCP's Youth Engagement Resources can be found at the link below or scan the QR code

<https://ocp.lacounty.gov/youth-engagement-resources>



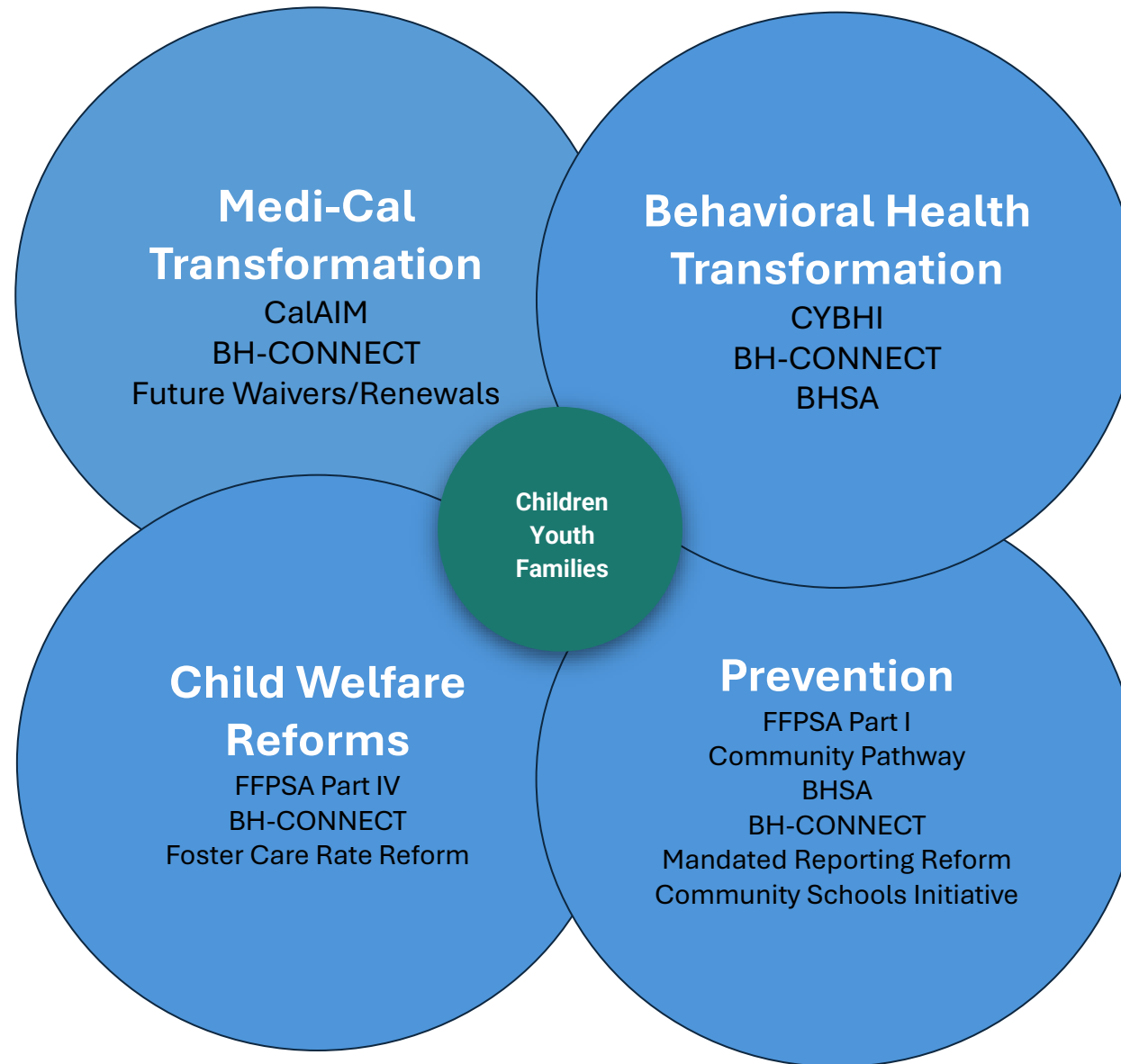
Education Information Sharing for Systems-Involved Youth

- One of the Education Coordinating Council's [Strategic Plan](#) Priority Areas is to improve information sharing and data integration to ensure youth get the education services they need in a timely manner and agencies can make data-driven policy decisions
- OCP has been convening LACOE and DCFS to determine strategies to address current barriers/gaps to information sharing around education data for systems-involved youth
- Consensus amongst partners is to hire an expert consultant team to complete an independent assessment and provide options/recommendations for a data solution
- OCP would fund and manage this consultant team; funding request in supplemental budget

Youth Behavioral Health Convening

- OCP hosted, in partnership with the Board offices, on June 26
- Goal: To ensure that County and community partners are aware of the ways that behavioral health policy and funding changes, coupled with health and child welfare reforms, have and will continue to impact children and youth, and to identify action steps for ensuring that children and youth remain a priority in implementation of these policies.
- Action Items:
 - Mapping of Behavioral Health Initiatives
 - Feedback to the State on Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Prevention funds and guidance on the intersection of multiple initiatives
 - Ensuring County department and community stakeholders' engagement in the BHSA Community Planning Team (CPT) process, and that there's a feedback loop between the BHSA CPT, System of Care, and other collaboratives
 - Further exploring workforce opportunities under BH-CONNECT (new Medi-Cal waiver) to expand peer specialists and navigators, and build career pathways for people with lived expertise; and opportunities to support upstream prevention services

Tracking the Intersection and Impact of Multiple Initiatives on Child and Family Wellbeing



CaAIM – California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal

BH-CONNECT – Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment

CYBHI – Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative

BHSA – Behavioral Health Services Act

FFPSA – Family First Prevention Services Act

Medi-Cal/CalAIM Benefits for the Child Welfare Population

- November 7, 2023 motion by Supervisor Janice Hahn – [Maximizing CalAIM's Enhanced Care Management Benefit for Children and Youth Involved in Child Welfare](#)
 - Understanding Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) vs MCP enrollment for DCFS-involved youth – OCP's consultants from HMA completed a [retrospective analysis](#) of children in foster care/former foster youth's engagement in services in FFS vs MCP
 - With DCFS, managed care plans, and two providers, launched an ECM pilot with the DCFS Glendora office
- May 13, 2025 motion by Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Janice Hahn – [Advancing CalAIM Benefits for Transition Age Youth](#)
 - Filed [report back](#) with findings and recommendations on August 27
- Providing a multiagency briefing to Cluster in October

Questions & Discussion

