



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name:	Social Services
Department No.:	044
Agenda Date:	July 1, 2025
Placement:	Administrative
Estimated Time:	
Continued Item:	No
If Yes, date from:	
Vote Required:	Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director: Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director
Contact Info: Marianne Reagan, Adult and Children's Services
Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families for Child Welfare Services Senate Bill 163 Wraparound Services and Family Urgent Response System

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (local vendor), to provide Child Welfare Services Senate Bill 163 Wraparound Services and Family Urgent Response System in the amount not to exceed \$1,027,947.78 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the activity is not a "Project" subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review per CEQA Guideline Section 15378(b)(5), since the activity is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order to approve the Agreement with Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families (Casa Pacifica) to provide Child Welfare Services (CWS) Senate Bill 163 (SB 163) Wraparound Services and Family Urgent Response System (FURS) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,027,947.78 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Casa Pacifica will provide countywide Wraparound Services to an average ongoing caseload of 15 children/youth and families in the foster care system and FURS to current or former foster youth and caregivers who are referred directly through the state-operated FURS hotline.

Background:

In 1997, Wraparound was established in California under Senate Bill (SB) 163 (Chapter 795, Statutes of 1997) which allows California counties to develop a Wraparound Services program using state and county Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) dollars. The intent of wraparound legislation was to return children and youth in group home care to their homes and communities or help children at imminent risk of placement in high-end group homes to remain in their homes. Wraparound is a strengths-based planning process that occurs in a team setting to engage with children, youth, and their families. In 2019, California passed legislation requiring the state and counties to establish a coordinated FURS for current and former foster children, youth, nonminor dependents (NMD) and their caregivers.

The SB 163 Legislation requires Wraparound Services to:

- Be family centered, individualized, culturally relevant, and strength based;
- Be team and community based;
- Identify and rely on a family's natural & community supports;
- Develop a Child and Family Team plan (CFT) to identify service needs;
- Place child in the least restrictive environment;
- Track and evaluate outcomes; and
- Reinvest cost saving into child welfare programs.

SB 163 authorized counties to utilize the state and county share of foster care placement dollars that would have otherwise been paid to a group home. The state and county share of foster care funds can be used in a flexible manner to develop and implement services designed to keep at-risk children/youth at home or in their communities and avoid placement costs. Without the Wraparound Services program, expenditures for foster care placements would be higher as more children would be placed out of home and in higher level placements. Wraparound Services can reduce the risk of out-of-home placement and recidivism by bringing individuals, agencies, and the community together as the decision-making team, with the central focus being to meet the needs of the child/youth and their family. Wraparound Services may also be used for children/youth who are eligible for Adoption Assistance Program benefits. The single most important outcome of the Wraparound Services is that children/youth are in permanent homes maintained and supported by the community.

The intent of FURS is to establish a coordinated, statewide, regional, and county-level system designed to provide collaborative and timely state-level phone-based response and county-level in-home, in-person mobile response during situations of instability for the purposes of preserving the relationship of the caregiver and the child, youth, or NMD. FURS will provide developmentally appropriate relationship conflict management and resolution skills, stabilize the living situation, mitigate the distress of the caregiver or child, youth or NMD, connect the caregiver and child, youth or NMD to the existing array of local services, and promote a healthy and healing environment for children, youth, NMDs and families.

Although Department of Social Services (DSS) functions as the lead administrator for contractual functions, oversight for Wraparound Services and FURS is jointly shared by Department of Behavioral Wellness, Department of Probation, and DSS. Key representatives from these departments work together to assure quality implementation of Wraparound Services and FURS as well as assuring that programming aspects unique to each department's interests are addressed. This allows the effort to function as a multi-system model.

Performance Measure:

Casa Pacifica shall meet the following Performance Measures:

1. Safety:
 - a. 100% of children/youth receiving Wraparound Services will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect while receiving Wraparound Services.
 - b. 90% of children/youth who have graduated from the Wraparound Services program will not have any new, substantiated allegations of child abuse/neglect within 6 months of graduation.
2. Permanency:
 - a. 80% of children/youth will maintain community placement (parent/guardian/home based family placement) at three-month follow-up point for Wraparound Services (excluding neutral disenrollments).
 - b. 90% of children/youth will maintain community placement (parent/guardian/home based family placement) at 72-hour follow-up of FURS response.
3. Well-being:
 - a. 50% of children/youth will have improved in emotional and behavioral adjustments by 6 months into the Wraparound Services program as measured by the Child and Adolescent Needs Tool (CANS).
 - b. 80% of children/youth who have graduated from the Wraparound Services program will have improved in emotional and behavioral adjustments as measured by the CANS.
4. Service Delivery Goals:
 - a. 75% of children/youth will be maintained in the Wraparound Services program for a minimum of 3 months (excluding neutral disenrollments).
 - b. 90% of FCP and "FB's" will be completed within 90 days of first contact with child/youth and families for Wraparound Services.
 - c. 90% of child(ren)/youth and families state overall satisfaction with Wraparound Services program at the time of closure/graduation.
 - d. 95% of FURS calls will be responded to timely (not to exceed 3 hours for urgent calls and 24 hours for non-urgent calls).
 - e. 90% of FURS calls will be successfully de-escalated without the need for law enforcement or hospitalization.
 - f. 90% of the participants surveyed will express overall satisfaction with the FURS response.

Contract Renewals:

Renew Agreement with Casa Pacifica for SB 163/FURS for fiscal year (FY) 2025/2026. Casa Pacifica is meeting the performance measures contained in the Agreement. The new annual contract amount is \$1,027,947.78 or 28.1% less than the FY 2024/2025 contract.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26	Total
General Fund	352,215.47	352,215.47
State	440,921.99	440,921.99

Federal		
Fees		
2011 Realignment	234,810.32	234,810.32
Total	1,027,947.78	1,027,947.78

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$1,027,947.78. Appropriations and funding for FY2025-26 are included in the DSS recommended budget under the Social Programs division. This contract will be funded with 43% state, 23% State 2011 Realignment and 34% local funds.

DSS is mandated to fund placement costs of Wraparound using 60% County funds and 40% State 2011 Realignment. The FURS program is fully funded by the state. Therefore, this Agreement does not require additional appropriations for this program. The Agreement contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

Special Instructions:

Please scan, email and send one (1) duplicate original Agreement, and a copy of the minute order to:

DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit
C/O Tricia Beebe
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Santa Maria, CA 93455
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Attachments:

Attachment A – Agreement – Casa Pacifica – CWS SB 163 Wraparound Services & FURS

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