



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**For Agenda Of:** 12/13/22  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
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Contact Info: Barbara Finch, Children and Adult Network Director, 681-4678  
**SUBJECT:** **Agreements with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County and St. Vincent's Institution for Community-based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services**

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**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 Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County to provide community-based child abuse and neglect prevention services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$820,000 for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
- b) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with St. Vincent's Institution to provide community-based child abuse and neglect prevention services for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,500 for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024; and
- c) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee to adjust the Line Item Budget of the Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center Agreement without exceeding the total contract amount; and
- d) Authorize the Director of Social Services or designee to adjust the Line Item Budget of the St. Vincent's Institution Agreement without exceeding the total contract amount; and

- e) 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 and authorize the Chair to execute Agreements with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County dba Santa Maria Valley Youth and Family Center (FSA) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$820,000 and Brothers of the Christian Schools and Affiliates dba St. Vincent’s Institution (SVI) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$40,500 to provide Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Services (CANP) for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

The objective is for FSA and SVI to provide an array of trauma-informed and evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention services to families in Cuyama, Guadalupe, the Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc, Santa Ynez Valley, Goleta, Carpinteria, and the South Coast. Services will reduce risks and build protective factors, providing targeted support to parents and primary caregivers of young children, and will address the underlying causes of general neglect, including mental health needs, parental substance abuse and intimate partner violence. Services will include but are not limited to referrals and linkages for basic needs support, home visitation, parent education, mental health services, case management, and parent leadership development.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services (DSS) is committed to providing family-centered, strength-based CANP services in collaboration with its community partners. DSS is also committed to ensure that the available funding is used in the most strategic and integrated fashion to promote a comprehensive system of care that addresses the need for early identification and prevention services that are open and accessible to all families, while linking parents and children to intervention and treatment services as needed.

FSA, in collaboration with CALM, Guadalupe Little House by the Park, Carpinteria Children’s Project, Cuyama Valley Family Resource Center, Isla Vista Youth Projects, and Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People, will provide CANP services throughout Santa Barbara County. SVI will provide CANP services in South County. Specific services include case management, evidence-based parent education, home visitation, information and referrals, and mental health services for families at-risk of child abuse and neglect.

In 1983, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2994, which authorized the creation of the County’s Children’s Trust Fund (CTF), a local fund specifically designated in law for community-based child abuse and neglect prevention activities. The purpose of the CTF is to fund child abuse prevention and intervention programs. Revenue sources for the CTF consist of fees from birth certificates, pursuant to Section 18968 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and fees from special license plate sales. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (BOS) is responsible for approving all funding recommendations for the CTF (Welfare and Institutions Code 18697). DSS is responsible for administering all funds at the local level, with oversight from various community councils, including the Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council and the KIDS Network.

In addition to the CTF, three federal and state funding sources are available to the County for child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention. Federal funds include Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) funds, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) CBCAP funds, and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) grants. Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) funds are state realignment funds.

As in prior funding cycles, federal, state and local child abuse prevention funds available for community-based services were integrated into one request for proposal to align services along priority outcomes based on the Five-Year Plan for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. The Five-Year Plan was accepted by the California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention on April 24, 2018, and was approved by the BOS as part of the 2017 Santa Barbara County System Improvement Plan on May 15, 2018.

A request for proposals was released on August 25, 2022 for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Santa Barbara County, with an emphasis on community-wide coordination and collaboration, evidence-based programming and measurable community impact. As a result three (3) proposals for funding were received by the submittal due date of October 6, 2022. Following a comprehensive evaluation, contracts are being awarded to FSA and SVI.

**Performance Measure:**

***FSA Performance Measures***

1. 75% of case-managed families who score in-crisis or at-risk will show measurable improvement on at least one follow-up assessment, as measured by the Family Development Matrix.
2. 85% of referrals will result in successful access to services.
3. 85% of parents receiving home visitation services will maintain or improve positive parenting attitudes related to reduced risk of child abuse, including appropriate developmental expectations, positive parent-child roles, positive beliefs against corporal punishment, and empathy for their children following six months of treatment as measured by any one domain on the Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory (AAPI-2).
4. 65% of caregivers receiving home visitation services will report an increase in protective factors that mitigate risk for child abuse and neglect as measured by the Protective Factors Survey.
5. 65% of participants in home visitation will report reductions in symptoms within six months of treatment as measured by the appropriate symptom inventory.
6. 85% of parents participating in parent education programs will maintain or improve positive parenting attitudes related to reduced risk of child abuse, including appropriate developmental expectations, positive parent-child roles, positive beliefs against corporal punishment, and empathy for their children following six months of treatment as measured by any one domain on the AAPI-2.
7. 65% of caregivers participating in the PC-Care program will report reductions in their child's behavioral intensity scores as measured by the Eyberg Child Behavior Inventory.

8. 65% of caregivers participating in the PC-Care program will report reductions in stress as measured by the Parent Stress Index- Fourth edition short form.
9. 65% of clients receiving behavioral health services will report reductions in symptoms within 6 months of treatment as measured by the appropriate symptom inventory.

Additional performance measures may be developed in collaboration with DSS.

***SVI Performance Measures***

1. 80% of women in the Family Strengthening program will show progress or remain within normal range in one or more areas of mental and physical health on the Duke Health Profile scoring after 6 months of weekly therapy.
2. 75% of women surveyed after 6 months in the program will indicate a positive level of satisfaction with services received as indicated by the Parent Satisfaction Survey.
3. 75% of women admitted to the program will show improvement and/or strength in at least 8 out of 15 items on the Protective Factors Survey when they exit the program.
4. 85% of women will be employed after receiving 3 months of case management and wraparound services.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>1/1/23 - 6/30/23</u></b>	<b><u>FY2023/2024</u></b>	<b><u>Total Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State - 2011 Realignr	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 180,500.00
Federal	\$ 146,833.00	\$ 399,603.00	\$ 546,436.00
Fees	\$ 91,500.00	\$ 42,064.00	\$ 133,564.00
Other:			
Total	\$ 286,833.00	\$ 573,667.00	\$ 860,500.00

Narrative:

Approval and execution of these funding recommendations will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$860,500. Appropriations and funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 and FY 2023-2024 are included in DSS’ adopted and recommended budgets, respectively, under the social programs division. The Agreement will be fully funded in part by the 2011 State Realignment through the CAPIT funds, by federal funds through the PSSF and CBCAP grants, and by funds from the Children’s Trust Fund (CTF). Execution of the contracts will not result in additional General Fund contributions. The Agreements include a clause that allows the County to reduce the contracted “not-to-exceed” amount if revenues are not realized at the DSS’s anticipated level.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that FSA is a medium risk vendor. The County has experience with FSA and is confident of its ability to provide services. The risk assessment worksheet has been completed and DSS has determined that SVI is a medium risk vendor.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**Special Instructions:**

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

DSS Contracts Unit

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**Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – Agreement – FSA – CANP
2. Attachment 2 – Agreement – SVI – CANP

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