

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 6/12/02  
**Department Name:** General County Programs  
**Department No.:** 990  
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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown, County Administrator

**STAFF CONTACT:** Eileen Monahan, Early Care & Education Coordinator  
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**SUBJECT:** Child Care Coordinator Funding to City of Santa Maria and City of Lompoc

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Agreement with City of Santa Maria and the Office of Early Care and Education for Child Care Coordinator funds in the amount of \$10,000.
2. Approve Agreement with City of Lompoc and the Office of Early Care and Education for Child Care Coordinator Funds in the amount of \$4,000.
3. Approve amendment to Agreement with City of Santa Maria for Child Care Coordinator services in the Santa Maria Valley from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

*{Double-click here}* The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1. An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

In 1991, the County Board of Supervisors entered into Agreements with the cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc to each hire a child care coordinator to “promote the development of quality, affordable child care and youth services...and address the needs of both City and County residents and employers”. This Agreement has continued through the year 2000-2001, and has included a yearly contribution of \$10,000 to Santa Maria, and \$4,000 to Lompoc, toward the coordinator positions.

With the establishment of the Santa Barbara County Office of Early Care and Education (OECE) this year, the city child care coordinator funds, formerly distributed through County Human Services, were transferred to the Office of Early Care and Education. The ECE Coordinator is now responsible for the yearly granting

of these funds to both Santa Maria and Lompoc. New agreements have been prepared for the Board's consideration as Attachments 1 & 2. An application and reporting process will be instituted next year so that the effects of these funds on the communities may be documented.

In this fiscal year, 2001-02, the child care coordinator position in the City of Santa Maria was eliminated and United Way of the Central Coast created a child care coordinator position in their organization. United Way received a planning grant for the 2001-2002 fiscal year from the Children and Families Commission to develop a child care strategic plan for Santa Maria through a collaborative effort (The Office of Early Care and Education participated in this collaborative). Both United Way and the City believed the child care coordinator would be most effective working with the collaborative group under United Way, and both requested that the city coordinator funds from the County be transferred to United Way for this year.

After much research and consultation with County Counsel, it was determined that a transfer of these funds to United Way of the Central Coast does not meet the intent of the Agreement between the County Board of Supervisors and the City of Santa Maria. Therefore, the funds cannot be transferred under the current Agreement. The Office of Early Care and Education is requesting that an exception be made to the Agreement for this year, with the following provisions:

- The Office of Early Care and Education will grant \$10,000 to the City of Santa Maria for a Santa Maria Valley Child Care Coordinator position, which has been subcontracted to United Way of the Central Coast (along with the \$15,000 which the City of Santa Maria contributed towards the position).
- The Child Care Coordinator will work toward coordination of child care services and capacity-building in Santa Maria Valley, and will act as a child care resource to the community (accomplished)
- The Coordinator will be a member of the Santa Barbara Child Care Planning Council (accomplished)
- The City will receive quarterly updates from United Way (accomplished)
- The City will continue to actively participate in the Santa Maria Child Care Collaborative (accomplished)
- The County Early Care and Education Coordinator will act as liaison between the Santa Maria Valley Coordinator and the County of Santa Barbara (accomplished)

Discussions are now taking place regarding the placement of the Santa Maria City Child Care Coordinator position after this year, and the Early Care and Education Coordinator is involved. The Board will be updated on the results of those discussions, and a new agreement or amendment may be proposed for fiscal year 2002-2003.

The Santa Maria City Coordinator position is critical to the implementation of the Santa Maria Child Care Strategic Plan, and to the work of the Office of Early Care and Education; and county funds for the position are essential in ensuring the inclusion of families in the unincorporated areas of Santa Maria Valley.

A proposed Amendment to the Agreement is attached for the Boards' consideration as Attachment 3.

**Mandates and Service Levels:** This is not a mandated program.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Funds have been budgeted in the ECE Coordinator's budget for the continuation of supporting the Cities of Santa Maria and Lompoc for child care coordinator services. The allotment is shown on page D406 of the new budget and is contained within the Early Care and Education Cost Center in the estimated actual 01-02 fiscal year.

**Special Instructions:** Direct the Clerk of the Board to return a copy of the minute order and approved Agreement and Amendment to the Office of Early Care and Education, Attn: Eileen Monahan.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Proposed 2001-2002 Agreement with City of Lompoc

Attachment 2 – Proposed 2001 – 2002 Agreement with the City of Santa Maria

Attachment 3 – Proposed Amendment to 2001-2002 Agreement with the City of Santa Maria for FY 01-02