



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
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**Department Name:** Social Services  
**Department No.:** 044  
**Agenda Date:** December 16, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Choose an item.

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Daniel Nielson, Social Services Director  
Contact Info: Marianne Reagan, Adult and Children's Services  
Operations Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Third Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba  
Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County

Signed by:

*Daniel Nielson*  
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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute Third Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara (local vendor), to provide Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children to increase the total contract amount not to exceed to \$1,523,832 for the period of July 1, 2024 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 Third Amendment to the Agreement with Santa Barbara Family Care Center dba Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County (CRR) to provide the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program (ECCBP), increasing the contract amount by \$239,016 for a total contract not-to-exceed to \$1,523,832 for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The ECCBP aims to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in

home-based family care settings, increase capacity of child care programs to meet the needs of foster children in their care, and maximize funding to support the child care needs of eligible families. The contract increase is to fully utilize the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocation for the ECCBP program.

### **Discussion:**

The Department of Social Services allocation from the CDSS for the ECCBP program was higher than anticipated and budgeted for the contract term from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. This third amendment is to increase the contract amount to fully utilize the CDSS allocation. (CFL 25/26-04).

### **Background:**

One of the primary barriers to potential families serving as a resource family is child care, especially immediately following the child's removal and placement. Senate Bill 89 (SB89) was passed in 2017 and allows counties to participate in the ECCBP for foster children. This contract shall provide ECCBP services for children ages 0-5 placed on an emergency basis or placed for a compelling reason by the County. Also at the discretion of the County and based on available funding, child care may be provided to children up to age 12. The ECCBP has been a critical component in ensuring that children in foster care are able to maintain safety and stability in their respective placements.

The ECCBP consists of three main components:

1. **Emergency child care voucher/payment** – Provide emergency time-limited child care vouchers in six (6) month increments for child care services. At the discretion of the County, the child care voucher can be extended on a case-by-case basis for up to 12 months.
2. **Child care navigator**- Child care navigator services shall assist families with finding a child care provider, securing a subsidized child care placement if eligible, completing necessary applications, and developing a plan for long-term child care.
3. **Trauma-informed care training and coaching** - Trauma-informed care training which includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based trauma-informed best care practices as well as access to coaching to assist them in applying trauma curriculum and learning strategies working with children in foster care.

The California Child Care Resource and Referral Network (R&R Network) will develop and coordinate the training content to be used by Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County.

SB89 and All County Welfare Letter (ACL) #18-73 mandates that counties enter into an agreement with the local Resource and Referral (R&R) Contractors for the provision of the ECCBP. Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County is the only R&R in Santa Barbara County. As a result, the Agreement is a sole source with Children's Resource and Referral of Santa Barbara County. In accordance with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Manual of Operations, Regulations 23-650.1.15 contracts may be negotiated without formal advertising for which it is impractical to secure competition when services can only be obtained for a single source.

### **Performance Measure:**

The following performance measures are included in the Agreement:

- A. CRR shall serve all Child Welfare Services (CWS) families referred for EBBP services. Every effort shall be made to serve referrals received during the funding period.

- B. CRR shall provide Child Care Navigator Services to a minimum of 40 referred CWS children.
- C. CRR shall provide at a minimum four (4) Trauma-informed Child Care Training group sessions for all interested child care providers in Santa Barbara County, including follow-up and one-on-one coaching at child care provider locations using curriculum provided by CRR.
- D. CRR shall offer Trauma-informed Child Care Training to a minimum of 45 child care programs including license-exempt providers, licensed family child care providers, and licensed child care staff.
- E. CRR will provide monthly invoices to DSS by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the provision of services.

### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2024-25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund			
State	\$748,233.22	\$775,598.78	<b>\$1,523,832</b>
Federal			
Fees			
[Other Source]			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$748,233.22</b>	<b>\$775,598.78</b>	<b>\$1,523,832</b>

Approval and execution of this contract will result in total direct contract expenditures of no more than \$1,523,832 for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26. Appropriations and associated funding for FY2024-26 are included in the Department of Social Services adopted budget under the Social Service Programs division. This contract contains a non-appropriation clause in the event funds are not appropriated.

#### **Staffing Impacts:**

None

#### **Special Instructions:**

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

DSS Procurement and Contracts Unit  
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#### **Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Third Amendment – CRR – ECCBP 25-26

**Attachment B** – Minute Order and Executed Agreement and Amendments 1-2 - CRR – ECCBP

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