

[FIRST] AMENDMENT TO  
TULARE COUNTY AGREEMENT NO. 28256

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**THIS [FIRST] AMENDMENT** ("Amendment") to Tulare County Agreement Number 28256 (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between the **COUNTY OF TULARE** ("COUNTY") and **Aspiranet** ("CONTRACTOR") as of \_\_\_\_\_, with reference to the following:

- A. The COUNTY and CONTRACTOR entered into the Agreement on August 22, 2017, for the purpose of retaining a case management post adoption services that is strength based, child and family centered and needs driven;
- B. COUNTY and CONTRACTOR now wish to amend the Agreement in order to increase the maximum amount of the agreement and update Exhibits A, A-1, A-2, A-3 and B to reflect the increase in funding.

**ACCORDINGLY, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR** agree as follows:

- 1. This [First] Amendment becomes effective as of February 1, 2018.
- 2. Exhibits A, A-1, A-2, A-3, and B are hereby replaced with the attached Exhibits A, A-1, A-2, A-3 and B.
- 3. Except as provided above, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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THE PARTIES, having read and considered the above provisions, indicate their agreement by their authorized signatures below.

ASPIRANET


Date 3/28/18

By 

Print Name Vernon Brown

Title CEO

Date 3/28/18

By 

Print Name John Reiber

Title CFO

[Pursuant to Corporations Code section 313, County policy requires that contracts with a Corporation be signed by both (1) the chairman of the Board of Directors, the president or any vice-president (or another officer having general, operational responsibilities), and (2) the secretary, any assistant secretary, the chief financial officer, or any assistant treasurer (or another officer having recordkeeping or financial responsibilities), unless the contract is accompanied by a certified copy of a resolution of the corporation's Board of Directors authorizing the execution of the contract. Similarly, pursuant to California Corporations Code section 17703.01, County policy requires that contracts with a Limited Liability Company be signed by at least two managers, unless the contract is accompanied by a certified copy of the articles of organization stating that the LLC is managed by only one manager.]

COUNTY OF TULARE

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: MICHAEL C SPATA  
County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board  
of Supervisors of the County of Tulare

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved as to Form:  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

Matter # 2018377

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REACH

**Budget Line:** 001-142-6043-7043  
**Fiscal Years:** July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018  
**Fund Amount:** \$130,000

**Services to be Performed and Location**

Contractor to perform a community-based pre- and post-adoptions family support program to help children and families prepare for adoption and offer post-adoption support to families. Supports and services shall be strength-based, child and family-centered, needs-driven, and evidence-based or promising practice as applicable. Contractor shall leverage community resources and collaborate with community organizations such as, but not limited to, Tulare County Child Welfare Services (CWS), CASA of Tulare County, and family resource centers.

Contractor shall operate the **REACH** (Resources, Education, Advocacy, Crisis Intervention and Hope) program in a manner consistent with the Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF) requirements. Contractor shall provide and case-manage all pre- and post-adoption support service activities designed to help adoptive families address post-adoption needs and help children and families prepare for adoption. Contractor shall assist adoptive parents in making a lifetime commitment to their children; design services to encourage and expedite more adoptions out of the foster care system; and support families with existing adoptions. Contractor shall provide services to post-adoptive parents to improve parenting skills with respect to matters such as child development and coping with stress, increase parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, and afford children a safe, stable and supportive family environment. Services shall include, but not be limited to, direct services and activities provided to the adoptive parent and child; parent education and support; information and referral services; individual, family, and group counseling; and health education for children and parents. Services shall be provided in English and Spanish and be culturally appropriate. Contractor shall provide an interpreter to clients that speak a language other than English or Spanish. Contractor shall serve all families in Tulare County who have adopted a child or are interested in adopting a child.

Through this partnership, CWS shall:

1. Provide administration oversight of the program; and
2. Meet with the Contractor monthly to provide support and monitor outcomes.

## Exhibit A

Through this partnership, Contractor shall provide pre-adoptive services to include, but not be limited to:

1. Preparation of families for adoption;
2. Preparation of child for adoption;
3. Support groups for pre and post adoption youth and families;
4. Work with CWS children in foster care to develop personable Child Available summaries to include photos of the children. These summaries will be available at matching meetings and listed on the secured website [www.cakidsconnection.com](http://www.cakidsconnection.com).
5. Coordinate a quarterly local matching meeting for Tulare County. This includes securing a neutral facility and inviting local adoption agencies to bring and present information about families looking for a child to adopt. Tulare County will present information about children available for adoption at these meetings. The contractor shall provide all of the information packets necessary.

Through this partnership, Contractor shall provide post-adoptive services to include, but not be limited to:

1. Telephone or in-person information and referral services to post-adoptive parents;
2. Mental health crisis intervention services not to exceed six one-hour sessions per family;
3. Follow-up services to families who received services through the information and referral service and the crisis intervention service no later than thirty days following the delivery of these services to determine if additional services are needed;
4. Counseling services;
5. Monthly post-adoptive parent support/education groups and concurrent child care/play groups;
6. Quarterly "transition" groups for families in adoptive placement who are awaiting finalization;
7. Develop and maintain a resource list of therapists in Tulare County who have adoption training;
8. Link post-adoptive parents to therapists in Tulare County who have adoption training;
9. Develop and distribute a quarterly newsletter for post adoptive parents;
10. Maintain an adoption specific resource library and provide a resource directory to post-adoptive families once initial contact is made;
11. Develop and maintain an adoptive website with information on community resources, links to other websites, and educational information on adoption related issues.

Through this partnership, Contractor shall perform the following additional activities:

1. Outreach and educate community partners on adoption related topics;
2. Outreach to the community to educate them on services available through the REACH Program;
3. Collaborate with community partners, County staff, and pre- and post-adoptive families to better understand and develop needed post-adoptive services in Tulare County;
4. Develop, coordinate, and provide formal and informal supports and services; and
5. Employ and train sufficient staff as necessary to conduct services outlined in this proposal. Staff providing direct services to pre- and post-adoptions families must, at a minimum, possess a Masters degree in Social Work.

## Exhibit A

### **Evidence-Based/Promising Practice**

Contractor shall provide, but not limited to the following evidence-based/promising-practice services, as appropriate, to clients:

1. Adoptive Parent Preparation Project, Phase 1: Meeting the Mental Health and Developmental Needs of Adoptive Children;
2. Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency (ARC); and
3. Other appropriate evidence-based/promising-practice practices.

Contractor shall administer the following evidence-based/promising-practice assessment tools, as appropriate, to clients:

1. Adverse Childhood Experiences Study;
2. Parent Stress Index;
3. The Protective Factor Survey; and
4. Other appropriate evidence-based/promising-practice assessment tools.

Contractor shall ensure that REACH Program staff members are properly trained in all applicable evidence-based and promising-practice models they are delivering.

### **Target Population**

The target population of the REACH program is Tulare County residents interested in adopting (pre-adoption) and /or have already adopted (post-adoption) a child from the foster care system. Contractor shall serve the entire geographical area of Tulare County.

### **Program Participants or Clients to be Served**

Contractor agrees to deliver services to program participants described in Table 1 below. Contractor shall maintain all necessary sign-in sheets and program documentation.

Table 1

	Children 0-5	Children 6-18	Children Special Needs	Adults	Families
Newsletter					800
Pre Adopt	20	35	5	25	20
Post Adopt	35	55	10	40	35

### **Goals**

Contractor shall meet the following goals of the REACH Program:

1. Connect at-risk children and families to evidence-based services and programs in their community by linking families to appropriate resources and support services based on specific needs;
2. Connect children, families, and transitional age youth with ongoing, long-term supports and services as needed;
3. Increase awareness of the need for adoptive families;
4. Increase the number of families willing and able to adopt foster children;
5. Support existing adoptive families thus decreasing the amount of families relinquishing adopted children; and

## Exhibit A

6. Families express satisfaction with the efficacy of the Pre- and Post-Adoption Support Program.

### **Outcomes**

Contractor shall measure client satisfaction and engagement outcomes, as required by the County Three Year Child Abuse Prevention Plan. Contractor shall measure short-term, intermediate, and long-term client outcomes and maintain outcome tools and surveys on file for inspection by the County Liaison and representatives of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Contractor shall develop a tracking mechanism to monitor the REACH Program short-term, intermediate, and long-term outcomes listed below, and outlined in the logic model (Exhibit A-1). Outcome measures must be quantifiable and must be evaluated using pre and post evidence-based or promising-practice tools whenever appropriate. Contractor shall research, train and implement the use of the Protective Factor Survey and report on all five protective factors during this fiscal year. Contractor shall develop a Child Protection Outcomes Matrix (approved by the County) to report on the outcomes below. The outcomes of the REACH Program are (County may adjust outcome measures as baseline data is collected):

1. Contractor shall refer 90% of families to appropriate resources;
2. Contractor shall follow up with families to ensure 50% of families are engaged in services;
3. Contractor shall ensure that 70% post-adoptive families receiving services will show an increase in family functioning and resiliency;
4. Contractor shall work with the county to ensure 70% of youth receiving services through the REACH Program will not re-enter the foster-care system through removal, placement into a group home, or any other means. However, contractor shall refer any expected cases of child abuse or neglect without penalization on this measure;
5. Contractor shall demonstrate a 50% increase in all Five Protective Factors within the population of completed participants; and
6. Contractors shall maintain an 85% client satisfaction rate.

### **Deliverables**

Contractor shall submit the following reports documenting program progress and clients completing services at mid year, no later than January 15, 2018:

1. Program Narrative report
2. Service Goals and Outcomes Summary report (Exhibit A-2)
3. OCAP Report (Exhibit A-3)
4. Child Protection Outcomes Matrix
5. Protective Factor Survey report

Contractor shall submit the following reports documenting program progress and clients completing services at year end, no later than July 15, 2018:

1. Program Narrative report
2. Service Goals and Outcomes Summary Report (Exhibit A-2)
3. OCAP Report (Exhibit A-3)
4. Child Protection Outcomes Matrix
5. Protective Factor Survey Report

Exhibit A-1

REACH Logic Model

<p><b>Program Name:</b> REACH Tulare County - Pre and Post Adoption Services</p>		<p><b>Program Vision:</b> Offer pre and post adoption services in our community which strengthen, empower and support adoptive families.</p>	
<p><b>Population Served:</b> Families residing in Tulare County adopting from the child welfare system, including foster parents, kinship and relative care providers.</p>		<p><b>Population Needs to be Addressed by Services:</b> Adoption is a life-long process, and as such, the needs of children and families do not end when a child is placed or an adoption is finalized. Families may at times need access to Resources, Education, Advocacy, Crisis intervention and Hope to prepare for adoptive parenting or continue permanency for children who were adopted.</p>	
<p><b>Services:</b></p> <p>Pre Adoption Services – Family preparation through education and training, child preparation through assessment of needs and linkage to services, support groups, Child Available Summaries, facilitation of matching meetings</p> <p>Post Adoption Services – Information and referral services, crisis assessment and intervention services, follow up services, support/educational groups, counseling services, therapist linkage/resource list, newsletter, resource library, adoption website</p> <p>Other Adoption Services – Participation on PRIDE panels, community educational trainings, community outreach, employment of adoption competent staff</p>		<p><b>Assumptions:</b></p> <p>Best practice standards indicate parental preparation, education and support are crucial for the stability of an adoption and the long-term emotional well-being of all family members.</p> <p>Practices based on trauma-informed treatment, the attachment field and developmental psychology have been shown to reduce symptoms associated with adoption disruption.</p>	
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>90% of families that are in need of services are referred to appropriate resource</p>		<p><b>Indicators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoptive parents access services and supports to help their child with emotional/developmental/social/behavioral issues as needed.</li> <li>▪ Adoptive parents utilize resource directory to become more familiar with local adoption competent services and access as needed</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>Measurement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aspiranet REACH Recap Report</li> </ul>	

Exhibit A-1

<p>50% of families are engaged in services</p> <p>70% post-adoptive families receiving services will show an increase in family functioning and resiliency</p> <p>50% of families will show an increase in all Five Protective Factors within the population of completed participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoptive parents access services and supports that can help their child work through issues related to traumatic experiences, attend to attachment issues and address developmental concerns.</li> <li>▪ Adoptive parents report a decrease in crisis episodes and strengthened attachment to their children.</li> <li>▪ Levels of family stress will decrease after accessing REACH services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent Stress Index</li> <li>▪ Protective Factor Survey</li> </ul>
<p>70% of youth receiving services through the REACH Program will not re-enter the foster-care system through removal, placement into a group home, or any other means. However, contractor shall refer any expected cases of child abuse or neglect without penalization on this measure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adoptive families will be linked to and access intensive support services and community resources stabilizing the family system and keeping families intact</li> <li>▪ Adoptive parents will access crisis intervention services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aspiranet REACH Recap Report</li> </ul>
<p>Contractors shall maintain an 85% client satisfaction rate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Families will report satisfaction with timeliness, supportive/family-friendly services, cultural competency, expertise of staff, and knowledge of/linkage to community resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Client Satisfaction Survey</li> </ul>



# Service Goals and Outcomes Summary

## County Fiscal Year 2017/2018

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please provide the following requested information.  
 Check box designating a report for CAPIT, CBCAP, PSSF, or CTF  
 Mid-Year Report is due by January 15, 2018  
 Final Report is due July 15, 2018  
 CAPIT and CBCAP grantees must file an OCAP 150 Report with Final Report

Grantee Aspiranet      CAPIT       CBCAP   
 PSSF       CTF

Time Period	Funds Expended	PROJECTED GOALS						ACTUAL OUTCOMES							
		Total Number Of Clients to be served						Total Number of clients completing services							
		Children		Adults		Families		Children		Adults		Families			
0-5	6-18	w/disabilities	0-5	6-18	w/disabilities	0-5	6-18	w/disabilities	0-5	6-18	w/disabilities	0-5	6-18	w/disabilities	
July 1 – December 31															
January 1 – June 30															
Total - Newsletter															
Total – Pre-Adoption		20	35	5	25	20	800								
Total – Post-Adoption		35	55	10	40	35									

## OCAP MID/YEAR END REPORT - PSSF Adoptions Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Agency Name:

**Aspiranet**

	Total Number of Clients Completing Services				
	Children			Adults	Families
	0-5 Years	6-18 Years	with disabilities		
<b>Services</b>					
Adoptive Parent Recruitment					
Basic needs, concrete supports					
Behavior health, mental health services					
Casae Management					
Childcare					
Family Resource Center					
Financial literacy education					
Health services					
Livescan Fees					
Parenting education					
Peer support					
Respite Care					
Team Decision Making					
Transportation					
Youth programs					
Other					
<b>Client Characteristics</b>					
White					
Black					
Asian					
American Indian or Alaska Native					
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander					
Other					

## Exhibit B

### **Payment Amount and Fee Schedule**

Contractor shall invoice County monthly. The maximum amount payable for this agreement is \$130,000. Payment for service shall be on a reimbursement basis for adequately documented costs associated with cost principles and standards of OMB circular A-87.

- Costs shall be adequately documented
- Direct cost shall be specifically identified to services performed
- Employees shall be compensated for time specifically identified to service performed
- Travel expenses shall be specifically identified to service performed

A standard indirect cost allowance may be used in lieu of determining actual indirect costs of service.

### **Budget Reductions**

In the event the contractor anticipates that funds shall not be expended in full by the end of each fiscal year, contractor shall give Tulare County HHSA immediate written notice and negotiate a budget reduction so that the PSSF funds can be reallocated and expended by year-end.

### **Case Management Requirements**

Contractor shall comply with the provision of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10850, the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policy and Procedures, Division 19 Regulations, the federal statutes and regulations to assure (in partial summary) that all records concerning an individual shall be kept confidential and shall not be open to examination for any purpose not directly connected with administration, performance, compliance, monitoring or auditing of the agreement.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act**

The California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law are currently found in Penal Code (P.C.) Sections 11164-11174.31. The primary intent of the reporting law is to protect an abused child from further child abuse. Child abuse must be reported when a mandated reporter, "in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect." (P.C. 11166 (a))

Contractor shall notify CWS in all instances where there is suspected child abuse in the home of a CWS client and contractor shall further carry out their duties as a mandated reporter under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Law.

### **Publications**

Materials published by Contractor shall ensure all publications funded through this contract will include acknowledgement of the Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services.