



# Health & Human Services Agency COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 15, 2018

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Anita Ortiz PHONE: 624-8000

**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Family Services of Tulare County

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Family Services of Tulare County in the amount not to exceed \$230,931 for the provision of Supervised Visitation services to families whose children have been placed in out-of-home care effective from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) is requesting to contract with Family Services of Tulare County to provide an intensive supervised visitation program for children in out-of-home care throughout Tulare County. HHSA has contracted with Family Services of Tulare County to provide supervised visitation services since Fiscal Year 2009/2010, and Family Services of Tulare County has demonstrated the capacity and operational ability to provide these services. Through this agreement, services will be provided to an estimated one hundred and ninety (190) adults and three hundred (300) children.

Visitation is very important as this allows the parent and the child to see each other and maintain their relationship. Intensive visitation during the first four (4) months is crucial to reunification. Studies show that the more a parent and child can visit, the sooner they can be reunified. It is especially important when an infant is involved, as parents need to be allowed multiple visitation opportunities in order for bonding to

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occur. Additionally, supervised visitations are an opportunity for trained staff to monitor all interactions between the child and parent and provide feedback to CWS. This feedback gives CWS objective information regarding the parent-child relationship and interaction.

This agreement did not include a Request For Proposal because Family Services of Tulare County is the only provider in Tulare and Kings Counties that has a Supervised Visitation Center and provides this service. Additionally, Family Services of Tulare County is the only authorized organization for Tulare and Kings Counties on the "Supervised Visitation Network" used by the Judicial Council of California, Administration of the Courts.

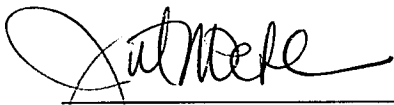
**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

This agreement is for a total of \$230,931 which will be included in the Fiscal Year 2018/2019. The authority to pay for Child Welfare Services such as the Supervised Visitation Program is found in Welfare and Institutions Code 16501. These services are provided on behalf of a child alleged to be the victim of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation and is included in the child's case plan. The share of cost for this contracted service is 70% State General Fund and 30% County. The County share of cost is funded through 1991 Realignment funds which is derived from a portion of State sales tax collections and a portion of Vehicle License Fees. There is no additional net cost to the County General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The Tulare County Strategic Business Plan in the Safety and Security Initiative and the Quality of Life Initiative encourages innovative provision that support services for at-risk adults, youth, and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement to provide supervised visitation services increases the ability to fulfill those obligations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Juliet Webb  
Director of Human Services

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Agreement

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY SERVICES  
OF TULARE COUNTY**

) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
)  
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UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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