



**Health & Human Services  
Agency  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
District One  
PETE VANDER POEL  
District Two  
AMY SHUKLIAN  
District Three  
EDDIE VALERO  
District Four  
DENNIS TOWNSEND  
District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** June 4, 2019 REVISED

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, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) 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. Your Board 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 occur. Additionally, supervised visitations are an opportunity for trained staff to

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

**DATE:** June 4, 2019

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.

This agreement does not deviate from the standard County boilerplate.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this contract were included in the Human Services 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, professional services, for \$230,931. These services are paid through 2011 realignment funds. This agreement is for a total of \$230,931 which is included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget. There is no net cost to the 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 preserves family ties and provides education to the parent so that they may successfully reunify with their children.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Timothy W. Lutz  
Agency Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY SERVICES ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
OF TULARE COUNTY )  
)

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: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

\* \* \* \* \*

1. Approved 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and
2. Authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign two (2) copies of the agreement.