



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

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AGENDA DATE: June 9, 2020

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 an 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, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), 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. Tulare County 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

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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.

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. Aforementioned resolution and purchasing policies and procedures allow for the request for proposal process to be waived if it fits one of seven categories. One of the categories is "Vendor is sole source."

This agreement does not deviate from the standard County boilerplate.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement will be included in the HHS 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, professional services, for \$230,931. This agreement is for a total of \$230,931 which will be included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget. 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 preserves family ties and provides education to the parent so that they may successfully reunify with their children.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Director of Human Services

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN)
AGREEMENT WITH FAMILY SERVICES) Resolution No. _____
OF TULARE COUNTY) 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: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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