The County of Yuba

Health and Human Services Department

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Vasquez, Director
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Health and Human Services Department

SUBJECT: Approve Agreement with Yuba Community College for the Foster care Education Program

DATE: August 22, 2023

NUMBER: 427/2023

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the Agreement between Yuba County, on behalf of its Health and Human Services Department, and Yuba Community College, for the Foster Care Education (FCE) Program for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, and authorize the Chair to execute.

Background

Foster Care Training and Recruitment Allocation funds are provided by the State to counties to enhance and expand existing foster care education, training and recruitment programs for prospective Resource Families. Resource Families are required to complete 21 hours of Resource Family Pre-Approval training, as well as complete First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes to become and remain a Resource Family home for foster children/youth. Yuba Community College provides these training classes as part of their Foster and Kinship Care Education and Support program.

Discussion

The Health and Human Services Department has contracted with Yuba Community College to provide Foster Care Education services since 2005 as part of its Resource Family recruitment efforts. The program focuses on skills in areas such as parenting, permanency planning, reunification, emancipation and working with the child welfare system. The program also addresses specialized areas such as trauma-informed care, developmental disabilities, substance abuse and medically fragile children/youth. Recently, Turning Dreams into Degrees workshops have been offered, which empower caregivers and resource families to discuss the value of higher education with the youth in their care and provide ideas for how they can play an active role in supporting these youth to college. From July 2021 to May 2023, Yuba Community College has successfully provided 27 pre-approval training series (567 hours total) and 129 ongoing education classes (265 hours total) to 964 Yuba County Foster Care Education Program participants.

Committee Action:

The Human Services Committee was by-passed as this is a routine request with no General Fund impact.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget

- Included in the FY 2023-2024 Budget Appropriation

Total Projected Cost

- 3 year contract at $22,932.00 per year, total cost of $68,796.00

Source of Funds

- Non-General Fund $68,796.00 State and Federal Funding
  - Continuum of Care Program

Attachments

427/2023 FCE Agreement - Yuba College 2023-2026