



**Agenda Item No. 3
March 2, 2011 Meeting**

DATE: February 18, 2011

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Funding Renewals

SUMMARY:

Developmental and behavioral disabilities, delays and risks are more prevalent in early childhood than widely recognized. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 17 percent of children in the United States have a developmental or behavioral disability such as autism, mental retardation, and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Additionally, many other children have delays in language or other areas that can detrimentally impact their readiness for school. Despite the prevalence of developmental delays and disabilities in early childhood, CDC reports that less than 50 percent of children experiencing delays are identified as having a problem before starting school. The failure to identify delays early results in missed opportunities for effective and less costly treatment.

Since 2000, the Commission has sustained investments in developmental services and screening activities across multiple service delivery systems and sectors. These programs screen children for developmental milestones and link them to comprehensive early intervention services. Several programs have a specific focus on foster children, homeless children and other at-risk populations that have a higher rate of these conditions than children in the general population. This report recommends continued funding for the Commission's portfolio of Family Support - developmental screening and early intervention programs.

Family Support Programs

Staff is recommending continued funding for the following programs consistent with Commission's policy direction last year:

- *Developmental Screenings- Family Support Network-* provides community based developmental screening and mental health services. Comprehensive developmental screening is provided for children at various school and community based Orange County sites in order to identify children with symptoms of developmental, cognitive or speech delays, and/or lack of healthcare coverage and refer them for further evaluation, intervention, and linkage to care.
- *Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) - Child Guidance Center -* provides parent training to families with young children at risk of abuse. Training includes the therapist observing behind a one-way mirror coaching the parent through a "bug-in-the-ear" device. The

therapist provides specific behavioral instruction to the parent to strengthen the parent-child relationship and helps the parent recognize and reinforce the child's positive behaviors.

- *Childcare Health Consultant Services-YMCA of Orange County* - provides a multidisciplinary team approach to provide consultations, training and access to quality health and behavioral health services to young children in support of the early care and education service provider community.
- *Parent Education Project – Down Syndrome Association of Orange County* – provides parent education to help families and caregivers of young children born with Down Syndrome to improve physical and mental development of children and better prepare them for success in school.
- *Speech and Language Development Services – Providence Speech and Hearing Center* – implement interventions with parents acting as their child's therapist, to address mild-to-moderate speech and language delays in young children. Curriculum includes “Building Blocks of Communication” and technical support provided by Speech Language Pathologists.
- *Early Childhood System of Care – County of Orange, Social Services Agency* – collaborative project of the Commission, County Children and Families Services, and Health Care Agency to focus on developmental services for children in the foster care system.

Attachment 1 includes specific information regarding the recommended funding amounts, terms, and conditions for FY 2011/12. Two of the programs, the YMCA of Orange County and the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, had specific conditions related to their FY 2010/11 funding term. Staff recommends continued funding of these projects contingent on an Ad hoc Committee review of progress related to the prior term provisions. Total funding for Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program services would be reduced by 13 percent which is consistent with the Commission's multi-year revenue forecast.

Western Youth Services

Current Services - Staff is recommending a revised scope of work with no additional funding for Western Youth Services. The Commission began working with Western Youth Services, Inc. in fiscal year 2003/04 to develop a specialized Early Childhood Mental Health Services Program for young children in partnership with the County of Orange Health Care Agency. To date, Western Youth has successfully leveraged Commission funds to receive over \$2.4 million in Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Medi-Cal revenue to support services. In addition to providing over 25,000 behavioral health treatment hours, Western Youth has participated in the development of a 0-5 Behavioral Health Network of community providers by providing training and education on early childhood treatment options, networking opportunities, and referral resources to increase access to services. Over the past three years the agency has also worked to develop additional treatment modalities including Triple P and Parent Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT).

Proposed New Scope of Services - Western Youth Services would like to further leverage their work with the Commission to expand services to reach more members of the community. In order to facilitate the development of this additional scope of service, the Board of Directors created a separate non-profit entity, Western *Family Services*, to segregate costs and program activities for services offered through insurance reimbursement and fee for services programs. Services to be provided in a south county location would include: psychological assessment, developmental screenings, parenting classes, consultation to preschool and day care centers, PCIT, Incredible Years, and Triple P interventions and traditional individual and family therapy. A new treatment option, an Intensive Outpatient Program, would also be offered for children needing intensive interventions.

Authorization has been requested to amend their current agreement to include the additional scope of work with no new funds added. Reprogrammed funds from the existing contract would provide the starting funds to support a program director/coordinator and other costs to build the necessary infrastructure and continue the development of the Behavioral Health Network.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments have been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and are consistent with the Strong Families goal, among others. This funding request is for the amount of \$910,000 with providers and terms as specified in Attachment 1. Funding for this item would be included in the FY 2011/12 Proposed Budget within the Strong Families budget category.

PRIOR COMMISISON ACTIONS:

- July 2010 – Authorized funding with Providence Speech and Hearing Center
- May 2010 – Authorized funding for Family Support programs
- May 2010 – Authorized funding for Early Childhood System of Care Program
- July 2008 – Authorized funding with the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County
- January 2008 – Joint meeting of the Commission and Pediatric Health Services Committee received the Developmental Services Pathways Model and provided policy direction.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Authorize amended scope of work to current agreement with Western Youth Services.
2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 2) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the Amendments to Agreements with the designated organizations to provide Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program services for the terms and amounts and conditions as described in Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Summary of Family Support - Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program, FY 2011/12 Funding Recommendations
2. Resolution for Family Support - Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program, FY 2011/12 Funding Recommendations

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Attachment 1

**Summary of Family Support – Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Services
FY 2011/12 Funding Recommendations**

Agreement Number	Agency/Program Name	Current Annual Budget	Recommended FY 2011/12 Funding	New Agreement Term	Funding Terms
029-AP-01	Mental Health Counseling - Western Youth Services, Inc.	\$135,000	\$0	N/A	Authorized revised scope with current contract term ending June 30, 2011.
F01-SF-06	Developmental Screening Program - Family Support Network	\$356,000	\$356,000	July 1, 2006- June 30, 2012	Continue to provide in collaboration with Commission partners
F03-SF-06	Parent Child Interaction Therapy - Child Guidance Center	\$150,000	\$150,000	July 1, 2006- June 30, 2012	Continue to participate in leveraging activities
F07-HC-06	Childcare Health Consultation – Young Men’s Christian Association of Orange County	\$210,000	\$210,000	July 1, 2006- June 30, 2012	Funding contingent on Commission Ad Hoc Committee review of progress related to prior term provisions to review program design and maximize administrative efficiency.
F09-RL-06	Parent Education Project - Down Syndrome Association of Orange County	\$50,000	\$50,000	July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2012	Funding contingent on Commission Ad Hoc Committee review of progress related to prior term provision to developed integrated work plan and subcontract with the Down Syndrome Foundation.
FCI-DP-01	Speech and Language Developmental Services - Providence Speech and Hearing Center	\$50,000	\$50,000	April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012	Continue to provide in collaboration with Commission partners
FCI-SSA-02 *	Early Childhood System of Care – County of Orange, Social Services Agency	\$94,000	\$94,000	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012	
TOTAL FUNDING		\$1,045,000	\$910,000		

*County Memorandum of Understanding with annual term of renewal

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-11-C&FC

March 2, 2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM SERVICES; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the “Act”) implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County (“Commission”); and

WHEREAS, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County’s children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, On July 2, 2008 and May 5, 2010 and July 7, 2010 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to negotiate and enter into Agreements with designated organizations to provide Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Services through June 30, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Amendments to Agreements with each of the Organizations, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” in each of the Amendments to Agreements authorized herein, to provide Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 1 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, each Contractor desires to enter into the applicable Amendments to Agreements in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Amendments to Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the March 2, 2011 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendments to Agreements are in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission’s Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Commission desires to authorize the Commission Chair and Commission Clerk to execute the Amendments to Agreements with each of the Contractors, for the terms and in the

amounts and on the conditions specified in Attachment 1 to the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2 Commission authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, for the terms and in the amounts described in Attachment 1 to this Agenda Item to provide Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, consistent with the March 2, 2011 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the Amendments to Agreements shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendments to Agreements by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendments to Agreements with each of the Contractors as described in Attachment 1 to this Agenda Item to provide Developmental Screening and Early Intervention Program Services for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions, as specified in the March 2, 2011 staff report for this Agenda Item.

Section 5 The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Amendments to Agreements on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of each final Amendment to Agreement when executed by the Commission Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Commission shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibit A to this Resolution. Exhibit A is hereby fully incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference and made a part hereof. Each final executed Amendment to Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

Section 7 In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director, or designee, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Agreement(s), (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement(s), and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement(s) in the furtherance thereof.

Section 8 The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy(ies) of final executed Amendments to Agreements)