



**Agenda Item 4  
September 2, 2015**

DATE: August 24, 2015

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: First 5 California Early Education Programs

ACTION: Adopt resolution amending agreement with selected organizations to implement the extension of the Child Signature Program for Fiscal Year 2015/16; and receive update on the First 5 IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) Program

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**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County has received three years of (FY 2012 through FY 2015) funding from First 5 California to implement the Child Signature Program (CSP) to increase the quality of early learning programs and improve children’s healthy development and readiness for success totaling over \$8.9 million. The Commission received \$2.18 million for Fiscal Year 2015/16 to transition the CSP program to the new First 5 IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) program. This item requests approval to amend the program agreements to implement the CSP for one year, and provides an update on the First 5 IMPACT application process.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Child Signature Program Extension**

The Commission received a three-year funding award from First 5 California to implement the Child Signature Program (CSP) effective July 1, 2012. The purpose of CSP is to increase the quality of early learning programs and improve children’s healthy development and readiness for life success. The Commission, in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), CHOC Children’s and 11 school districts, implements the CSP program in Orange County. The CSP provides high-quality early learning programs that promote children’s healthy development and school readiness at 29 sites and 33 classrooms in high need areas.

First 5 California approved a one-year extension of the CSP funding at a 50 percent reduction of the FY 2014/15 amount. In May 2015 the Commission submitted an action plan to address the funding reduction, and alignment with the local Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) that is managed by the Orange County Department of Education. Orange County received a funding award of \$2,186,600 from First 5 California for Fiscal Year 2015/16 to transition the CSP program to the new First 5 IMPACT.

Authorization to amend the agreements with the partnering organizations that implement the Child Signature Plan for one additional year is requested. Due to the reduced funding allocation from First 5 California, the funding amounts are less than previous years and the agreements with the nine

school districts that had provided direct services and training have not been renewed. This transition year will move from providing direct services to some schools sites to developing a systems-level model to improve quality early learning countywide.

### **First 5 IMPACT**

First 5 California approved a statewide, five-year, \$190 million program to support a network of local quality improvement systems to better coordinate, assess, and improve the quality of early learning settings. Orange County is eligible to receive a total of approximately \$5.1 million over the next five years. There are two phases to the application process. The application for the first phase of referred to as “base layer” funding totaling \$1.9 million was submitted in August 2015.

The second phase, to receive an additional \$3.1 million, is due November 2015. The second phase requires a high-quality action plan describing how First 5 IMPACT funds will support building a quality system for early learning as measured by progress against the Statewide and County Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). The Commission and the Orange County Department of Education are collaborating on the application with a goal to strengthen the regional system of support targeting family child care providers, and children and families that are not in any formal or informal care. The intent is to use the QRIS as a guide to inform quality improvement investments and to ensure integration and coordination across systems. Informal and formal child care and preschool settings will serve as the platform for connecting with children and families with assessments and appropriate services to improve the targeted outcomes. The program will be accessible countywide, but will specifically target communities that are identified as high-need through the Commission’s recent analysis of school district special education data and the latest Early Development Index (EDI) results.

Regular updates on the status of the First 5 IMPACT program and application process will be provided throughout the term of the program. Commission staff will provide an update on the phase two application no later than the December meeting.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

The recommended action has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Commission’s Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Early Learning goal. The Child Signature Program Extension funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget.

### **PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS**

- April 2015 - Approved the submittal of the Child Signature Program (CSP) Extension, Fiscal Year 2015/16 Action Plan to First 5 California
- May 2014 – Received First 5 California Matching Fund Program updates and approved proposed program and budget modifications to the CSP3 program
- September 2013 – First 5 California Child Signature Program Update and approval of revised contract amounts
- July 2013 – Approved agreements for Child Signature Program RFA 3
- May 2013 - Authorized submitting an application for participation in the First 5 California Child Signature Program RFA 3, consistent with the terms outlined in the staff report

- May 2012 – Authorized funding application and contracts to implement Child Signature Program 2

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

1. Adopt resolution amending agreements with selected organizations for the term of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 for the specified amounts to implement the extension of the Child Signature Program for Fiscal Year 2015/16.
2. Receive update on the First 5 IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs so All Children Thrive) Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Child Signature Program Extension Term Sheet
2. Resolution for the Child Signature Program Extension Agreement Amendments

**Contact:** Kelly Pijl

**CHILD SIGNATURE PROGRAM EXTENSION  
TERMS & CONDITIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2015/16**

Agreement Number	Organization	Child Signature Program Scope	<i>Extension First 5 CA Funding 2015/16</i>
FCI-CSP-01	Children’s Hospital of Orange County and The Regents of the University of California (University of California, Irvine)  <i>Help Me Grow Child Behavioral Pathways</i>	Provide positions and services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Specialists</li> <li>• Family Support Specialist Supervisor</li> <li>• Mental Health Specialist</li> <li>• Psychologist/Clinical Director</li> <li>• Enrollment Coordinator</li> <li>• Database Manager</li> <li>• Cope Facilitator</li> <li>• Child Life Educator</li> <li>• Social Skills Class Program Supervisor</li> <li>• Social Skills Class teaching Staff</li> <li>• Social Skills Class – Training and Materials</li> <li>• HMG Supervisor</li> <li>• Help Me Grow Manager</li> <li>• Direct Project Expenses</li> </ul>	\$1,237,280
FCI-CSP-03	Rancho Santiago Community College District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Materials and Individualized Training, Staff Training Release Time Budget <i>2 Classrooms</i></li> <li>• Infant Toddler Training Budget <i>1 Classroom</i></li> </ul>	\$44,000
FCI-CSP-04	Orange County Head Start, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Materials and Individualized Training, Staff Training Release Time Budget <i>2 Classrooms</i></li> <li>• Infant/Toddler Training Budget <i>1 Classroom</i></li> </ul>	\$11,000
FCI-FS-04	Fullerton-Joint Union High School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom Materials and Individualized Training, Staff Training Release Time Budget <i>2 Classrooms</i></li> <li>• Infant Toddler Training Budget <i>2 Classrooms</i></li> </ul>	\$16,500
FCI-SD-01	Anaheim City School District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Support Specialists * (5.5 FTE)</li> <li>• Classroom Materials and Individualized Training, Staff Training Release Time Budget <i>8 Classrooms</i></li> </ul>	\$206,365

FCI-CSP-05	Orange County Superintendent of Schools	Provide positions and services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Evaluator</li> <li>• Early Education Experts</li> <li>• Dietician Contract</li> <li>• Dietician</li> <li>• Nutrition/Physical Activity Materials</li> <li>• OCDE Supervisor</li> <li>• Administrative Support</li> <li>• Direct Project Expenses</li> </ul>	\$556,455
C-289	Arlene Turner	Provide Physical Activity and Nutrition Training and Coaching	\$55,000
C-291	Jennifer Burrell <i>Knowledge, Ideas, Dedications &amp; Solutions, Inc.</i>	Program Manager *– Provide require 1 FTE programmatic oversight for CSP3 project implementation. <i>See note below.</i>	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL First 5 California/CSP Extension Funding</b>			<b>\$2,186,600</b>

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-15-C&FC**

**September 2, 2015**

**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 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE EXTENSION OF THE CHILD SIGNATURE PROGRAM FOR FY 2015/16; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AMENDMENTS 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**, the Commission desires to prepare and negotiate an Amendment to Agreement with each of the organizations, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractors” and “Grantees”, identified in the staff report for the September 2, 2015 Commission meeting to implement the extension of the Child Signature Program for FY2015/16 for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 1 therein; and

**WHEREAS**, each Contractor and Grantee desires to enter into the First Amendment to their respective agreements in furtherance of the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan on the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the September 2, 2015 Commission meeting relating to the scopes 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 First Amendments with each of the Contractors and Grantees for the terms and in the amounts and on the conditions as specified in Attachment 1 to the September 2, 2015 staff report for this Agenda Item.

**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 an Amendment to Agreement with each of the Contractors and Grantees as described in Attachment 1 to the September 2, 2015 staff report for this Agenda Item to implement the extension of the Child Signature Program for FY2015/16 for the terms and in the amounts consistent with the September 2, 2015 staff report and scope of services referenced therein.

**Section 3** The form of any Amendment with the Contractors and Grantees, for the terms and in the amounts specified in Attachment 1 to the September 2, 2015 staff report for this Agenda Item shall be substantially similar to an Amendment to the standard Operational or Consultant Agreements, subject to minor, non-substantive revisions as reviewed and approved by the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel. The approval by the Executive Director or designee of the Amendment shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such Amendments 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 and Grantees as described in Attachment 1 to the September 2, 2015 staff report for this Agenda Item to implement the extension of the Child Signature Program for FY2015/16 for the terms and in the amounts as specified in the September 2, 2015 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 Agreements on behalf of the Commission.

**Section 6** A copy of each 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 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 Amendments(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.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on September 2, 2015 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, ROBIN STIELER, Interim Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

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Robin Stieler  
Interim Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission  
of Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

ROBIN STIELER, Interim Clerk of the Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION**

(Attach copy(ies) of final executed Agreements)