



Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

**Agenda Item No. 5
May 5, 2010 Meeting**

DATE: April 27, 2010

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Early Learning Program Funding Renewals

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County identified early education as a priority and has invested in programs that support preparing young children for school. The Commission developed partnership with the school districts that serve the kindergarten population and funded school readiness coordinators. This program was enhanced by the statewide First 5 Commission's program to fund low-performing school districts, as well as individual school districts and community organizations developing enhancement programs that have been funded by the Commission. The Bridgespan Group is currently assessing the early learning programs and will provide a recommendation to maximize the investment in this area. In the meantime, renewing the Early Learning program agreements for one year is recommended.

School Readiness Program

The Commission has funded school readiness coordinators at the 25 elementary school districts and the Orange County Department of Education since 2000. The school readiness coordinators have provided early care and education opportunities for all children by coordinating outreach to the community regarding best practices for programs and services, providing parent education classes, developing community linkages for community integration of related services, providing information and referrals, building early care and education capacity, and implementing early literacy opportunities. Renewing the agreements with the school districts at the current funding level is recommended, but with a change to allow the school districts with the flexibility to provide core and additional services (Attachment 1) in the most effective manner, and not solely through School Readiness Coordinator positions. Total annual funding for the School Readiness Program will not exceed \$2,510,625.

State School Readiness Program

First 5 California has complemented the School Readiness Program with additional annual funding of approximately \$4 million for low-performing school districts since 2001. Thirteen school districts in Orange County have an Academic Performance Index (API) under three and qualified for the additional funds and expanded services. The State Commission funding was not renewed and will no longer be available at the end of June 2010. The Orange County Commission provided matching funds that were primarily used to support expanded health programs. Renewing the agreements with the 13 school districts to continue the health investments for a total amount not to exceed \$3,200,000 is recommended.

Early Learning Programs

In addition to the School Readiness programs, the Commission funds Early Learning programs at participating schools and community organizations. Sixteen program agreements are recommended for a one-year renewal. The organizations include eight school districts that provide enhanced school readiness services; one high school district program that supports teen mothers so they can graduate; and four community organizations that provide early literacy, math, and school readiness programs. The Early Learning program descriptions are included on Attachment 2. Renewing the 16 agreements for a total amount new funding not to exceed \$3,118,500 is recommended.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This program has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and is consistent with Early Learning goal. This funding request is for \$8,829,125 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Funding for this item is included in the FY 2010-11 Budget within the Early Learning budget category.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- April 2010 - Adopt the Annual Operating Budget for FY 2010-11
- February 2010 – Budget Workshop – Established baseline for Early Learning budget category

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution (Attachment 4) authorizing Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate Amendments to Current Agreements to provide Early Learning Program services for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 with the organizations, in the amounts and on the conditions as described in Attachment 3 to this Agenda Item.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Local School Readiness Programs
2. Early Learning Program Agreement Descriptions
3. Early Learning Funding Recommendations
4. Resolution

Contact: Kelly Pijl

LOCAL SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS

The final agreements for the School Readiness services will include services from the categories listed below. The narrative descriptions will be adapted to community needs.

CORE REQUIREMENTS	
Capacity Building/Leveraging	Grant submittals, expansion of state and federally funded programs.
Community Training and Technical Assistance	Training of early education providers (preschool, kindergarten, family childcare, faith-based) on strategies to improve child outcomes (early literacy, math, health, and safety).
Kindergarten Transition	Collecting and linking data on young children to district data collection system for long-term tracking of school readiness outcomes.
Early Developmental Index (EDI)	Implementation of EDI in participating school districts.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Early Learning, Early Literacy and Math	Early literacy programs such as Raising a Reader, book distribution, literacy events, parent/child classes, kindergarten readiness information, and distribution of early learning materials.
Speech Intervention	Implementation of approved speech intervention programs for children with mild to moderate speech delay, assessment of speech development, implementation of speech development activities in early childhood setting.
School Nurse Support	Physical activity and nutrition programs for children and families; developmental screenings and health fairs; community and parent programs to promote physical, behavioral and dental health.

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM AGREEMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Anaheim Expansion Project

Anaheim City School District (FCI-SR-01) and Magnolia School District (FCI-SR3-10)

The city-based school readiness project expands child development and health opportunities for preschool children in collaboration with the Anaheim City School District and Magnolia School District. The program provides services for four-year old children in a variety of public and private settings.

Learning Link

Capistrano Unified School District (F12-RL-06), Irvine Unified School District (F10-RL-06), and Saddleback Valley Unified School District (F02-RL-06)

Increase the number of special need, and at-risk children through age 5 learning and ready for school with quality early education programs, health screenings, comprehensive school readiness assessments, speech therapy, counseling and parent education through an interactive center.

Early Identification for Early Intervention Opportunities

Centralia Elementary School District (F05-RL-06)

Provide services to increase the number of children learning and ready for school. Services include developmental assessments and extended school readiness classes for children from birth through 5.

LEAPS (Learning, Early Intervention/Parent Support Project)

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (FCI-SR-20)

A Special Needs Project Site at Pomona Elementary School to improve school readiness for children with disabilities and other special needs and their families, promotes strategies and practices that improve early identification and intervention for children from diverse backgrounds with disabilities, behavioral/mental health concerns and other special needs; and produced evaluation results for evidence-based practices that serve as a foundation for future program improvement and advocacy efforts.

HOPE Health Clinic

Newport-Mesa Unified School District (F03-HC-06)

Integrated service system to ensure children receive primary health care services at the appropriate intervals, with well child exams and immunizations to children 0 – 5 years of age and who reside in the Newport Mesa Unified School District and surrounding areas.

Extra Steps

Ocean View Elementary School District (F15-RL-06)

In-home parent training and training sessions for families with children from birth through thirty-six months, and a school readiness program for children while parents are participating in adult education classes.

School Readiness/Readiness on the Road

Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove (FCI-BG-03)

Provide parent education services, train preschool staff in the use of appropriate school readiness strategies and curricula and provide a site for parent education, early childhood education, and children's assessment services; and the "Readiness on the Road" (ROR) mobile school readiness program for young children and their caretakers that rotates weekly between participating Boys and Girls Club and community sites. ROR school readiness services include developmentally

appropriate classes for children, parenting education, health screenings, health education, and other family support services.

Assessing, Accelerating Children Toward Tomorrow (AACTT)

Fullerton Joint Union High School (F01-HC-06)

Developmental assessments and monitor achievement of appropriate childhood milestones young children of parenting teens enrolled in the Fullerton Joint Unified High School District and refer for services as appropriate; screen pregnant teens for medical and financial homes; and provide child development and parent education for parenting teens.

Early Literacy Program

Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PS-56)

The Early Literacy Program (ELP) is the infrastructure for volunteer recruitment, training, book storage and distribution, and program coordination to support the implementation of model early literacy programs including Reach Out and Read, HABLA and Raising a Reader.

Home-based Activities Building Language Acquisition (HABLA)

Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PS-57) and The Regents of University of California, Irvine (F17-RL-04)

HABLA is the home-based school readiness/preparedness training for parents of young children. The home-based modeling for parents of methods of facilitating language use and home literacy, HABLA utilizes strategies developed by the Parent-Child Home Program. HABLA provides services for children attending El Sol Academy in Santa Ana, utilizing strategies developed by the Parent-Child Home Program, adapting them for use in a classroom setting.

Early Literacy Development

THINK Together (FCI-ELN-05)

Expansion of early literacy programs, initially within targeted areas of Santa Ana to families with young children. The targeted areas are within the geographic boundaries established by the California Endowment's Building Healthy Communities initiative.

School Readiness Expansion/Child Care Injury Prevention

Children's Home Society (FCI-SR2-99)

Support countywide School Readiness programs in a variety of public and private settings by providing expanded and comprehensive early learning and health opportunities to children and families, and support the development of new and improved programs that meet quality standards. Also, provide voluntary, injury prevention and safety training to students seeking an early childhood child development teaching permit, newly licensed childcare providers and childcare providers that are implementing corrective action plans.

Early Learning Funding Recommendations
Term: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Organization	Program	Contract Number	New Funds 2010-11
Anaheim City SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-01	202,000
Centralia Elementary SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-03	170,000
Fullerton Elementary SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-07	125,000
Magnolia SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-10	260,000
Ocean View Elementary SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-11	232,000
Westminster Elementary SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-13	177,000
Capistrano Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-15	231,000
Garden Grove SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-16	138,000
Newport-Mesa Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-20	304,000
Orange Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-21	84,000
Placentia Yorba-Linda Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-22	257,000
Santa Ana Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-24	820,000
Tustin Unified SD	State School Readiness	FC-SR2-25	200,000
Total			\$ 3,200,000
Anaheim City SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-01	175,100
Buena Park Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-02	87,550
Centralia Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-03	87,550
Cypress Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-04	43,775
Fountain Valley Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-06	43,775
Fullerton Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-07	87,550
Huntington Beach City SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-08	87,550
La Habra City/Lowell Joint SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-09	131,325
Magnolia SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-10	87,550
Ocean View Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-11	87,550
Savanna Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-12	43,775
Westminster Elementary SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-13	87,550
Brea-Olinda Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-14	43,775
Capistrano Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-15	175,100
Garden Grove SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-16	175,100
Irvine Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-17	87,550
Laguna Beach Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-18	43,775

Early Learning Funding Recommendations

Term: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

Organization	Program	Contract Number	New Funds 2010-11
Los Alamitos Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-19	43,775
Newport-Mesa Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-20	87,550
Orange Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-21	175,100
Placentia Yorba-Linda Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-22	87,550
Saddleback Valley Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-23	175,100
Santa Ana Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-24	175,100
Tustin Unified SD	School Readiness	FCI-S4-25	87,550
OC Superintendent of Schools	School Readiness	FCI-S4-26	103,000
Total			\$ 2,510,625
Anaheim City SD	Anaheim Expansion Project	FCI-SR-01	145,000
Capistrano Unified SD	Learning Link	F12-RL-06	75,000
Centralia Elementary SD	Early Identification for Early Intervention Opportunities	F05-RL-06	100,000
Irvine Unified SD	Learning Link	F10-RL-06	75,000
Magnolia SD	Motel Nurse (\$75,500)/Anaheim Expansion	FCI-SR3-10	220,500
Newport-Mesa Unified SD	LEAPS (Learning, Early Intervention/Parent Support Project)	FCI-SR-20	200,000
Newport-Mesa Unified SD	HOPE Health Clinic	F03-HC-06	85,000
Ocean View Elementary SD	Extra Steps Project	F15-RL-06	75,000
Saddleback Valley Unified SD	Learning Link	F02-RL-06	75,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove	School Readiness/Readiness on the Road	FCI-BG-03	402,000
Fullerton Joint Union High School	Assessing, Accelerating Children Toward Tomorrow	F01-HC-06	123,500
Children's Home Society of CA	School Readiness Expansion/Child Care Injury Prevention	FCI-SR2-99	42,500
PHFE	Early Literacy Program	PS-56	650,000
PHFE	HABLA	PS-57	118,000
The Regents of UC - UCI	HABLA	F17-RL-04	332,000
THINK Together	Early Literacy Development	FCI-ELN-05	400,000
Total			\$ 3,118,500
Early Learning Grand Total			\$ 8,829,125
<i>Final agreements may include unexpended contract balances in limited circumstances</i>			

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-10-C&FC

May 5, 2010

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 EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM SERVICES; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH 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 April 1, 2009 and September 2, 2009 Commission authorized the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into Amendments to Agreements with designated organizations to provide Early Learning services through June 30, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to enter into Amendments to Agreements with each of the Organizations for the terms and in amounts specified in Attachment 3 to the May 5, 2010 staff report for this Agenda Item, hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” in each of the Amendments to Agreements authorized herein; 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 Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the May 5, 2010 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed 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 amounts specified in Attachment 3 to the May 5, 2010 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 specified in Attachment 3 to the May 5, 2010 staff report for this Agenda Item, to provide Early Learning Program services consistent with the May 5, 2010 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 Agreements by the Commission Chair and delivery thereof to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the Amendments to Agreements with the Contractors, and for the terms and in the amounts, specified in Attachment 3 to the May 5, 2010 staff report for this Agenda Item to provide Early Learning Program services as specified in the May 5, 2010 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 Amendment to 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.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on May 5, 2010 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, 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.

DARLENE J. BLOOM
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: ___-10-C&FC

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

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

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