



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** August 27, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc.

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Parenting Network, Inc. for the provision of a Parent Partner services program in an amount not to exceed \$304,876, retroactive from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to delays in finalizing the budget; making it impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the agreement on July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date.
3. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the agreement.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency's (HHSA) Child Welfare Services Division (CWS) is requesting to contract with Parenting Network, Inc. to provide Parent Partner services. This proposed agreement provides mentor support services to families referred to CWS and Resource Families. Services intend to increase parent's confidence while navigating the child welfare system to successfully reunify with their children and provide support to resource families who have children placed in their care.

Parent Partners are parents who have had personal experience with the child welfare system in Tulare County. As a mentor, Parent Partners provide emotional support, attend court hearings, and provide healthy role modeling. The Resource Family mentor will connect with new resource families before and after the licensing process to provide guidance and support. Parent Partners and Resource Family mentors will build a

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supportive relationship with one another and implement strategies to bring together parents and resource families.

HHSA submitted a Foster and Relative Caregiver Recruitment, Retention and Support plan to the State of California in October 2015. The Foster and Relative Caregiver Recruitment, Retention and Support plan seeks to improve foster parents' partnership with CWS. It is intended to work together to building alleviative and quantitative capacity of the continuum of foster care placements.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal process because this vendor is the only vendor in the area with the ability to provide the required services under this proposed agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the Health and Human Services Agency 001-142 budget, line 4020-7043, Professional Special Services, in an amount not to exceed \$304,876, and is included in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget. Funding for this agreement is derived from 2011 realignment. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that encourages innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children in state and federally mandated programs. This agreement helps fulfill that obligation as it provides mentor support services to families referred to CWS and Resource Families.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Francena Martinez

Francena Martinez

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement