



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 10, 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 Family Services of Tulare County

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

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Family Services of Tulare County for the In-Home Parent Education Program in an amount not to exceed \$273,741, retroactive from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This agreement is retroactive due to extended budget negotiations; 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 as of 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) Behavioral Health Branch has collaborated with Family Services of Tulare County since 2013 to provide mental health services under the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention In-Home component for the Parent Education Program.

The In-Home Parent Education Program is designed to stabilize and strengthen the family unit, promote parenting knowledge and skills, parent/child bonding, increase access to prevention and early intervention services for children and families at risk of child abuse or neglect, increase family resiliency, and improve coping skills. Services will include new or enhanced techniques that utilize evidence-based curriculum to provide short-term, low-intensity support services and link families to appropriate community resources. It is estimated that at least 230 families will receive services through this

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proposed agreement in Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Family Services of Tulare County subcontracts with community partners and support agencies for additional leveraged resources to maximize the services provided to Tulare County clients.

This agreement did not include a Request for Proposal because Family Services of Tulare County is the only qualified provider of In-Home Parent Education services in the County and has been providing services for this program since July 9, 2013.

The following term deviates substantively from the standard County boilerplate: Subcontracting is permitted under this agreement.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The budgeted costs associated with this agreement are included in the HHSA budget 001-142-3332, line 7043 professional services, in an amount not to exceed \$273,741 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025. The estimated annual cost per consumer is \$1,190. The estimated cost may vary based on actual utilization. This agreement is paid through the Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention funding. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

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

The County's five-year plan includes the Quality of Life initiative to promote and encourage the provision of quality supportive services for individuals in Tulare County. This agreement will contribute to that initiative by providing mental health services to otherwise unserved or underserved families in Tulare County.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Gilberto Rivas OBO  
Natalie Bolin, DSW, LCSW  
Director of Mental Health

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement