



# Health & Human Services Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** June 29, 2021

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 a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools for the Intern Education Case Manager Program, effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. There are no costs associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign one (1) copy of the Memorandum of Understanding.

### **SUMMARY:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 490 went into effect in January 2004. AB 490 created new rights and duties related to the education of dependents in foster care. Future laws proceeded to expand these requirements, including AB 81 (2009), AB 12 (2010), AB 1933 (2010), AB 1878 (2014), Senate Bill 1353 (2010), the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, and the federal Uninterrupted Scholars Act of 2013. With the inception of these laws both, Child Welfare Services (CWS) and schools have made great strides in working together to ensure academic success for foster youth.

The purpose of this MOU is to establish procedural guidelines authorized by Tulare County and the Tulare County Superintendent of Schools (TCOE) to provide school-linked child welfare services to improve the education, mental health, and social

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outcomes of children served. The MOU will strengthen Child Welfare Services (CWS) commitment to protect children from abuse and neglect and support families with needed services as well as TCOE's commitment to provide academic services to children and to support children to achieve academic success with family support for parents, counseling services for children in need, school readiness, parenting education, and social service resources and/or referrals for continued collaboration of services and the sharing of appropriate information by all parties.

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), CWS Division is proposing to partner with TCOE by establishing an Intern Education Case Manager Program to provide school linked child welfare services to improve the education, mental health, and social outcomes of foster children. The Intern Education Case Manager Program is designed to increase communication between CWS and schools to address issues such as: 1) behavior difficulties; 2) attendance; 3) social skills; 4) placement stability; and 5) academic success. The program will place County Social Worker III's as interns at TCOE schools throughout the County. The interns will be overseen by County Title IV E Program Managers or TCOE Foster Youth Liaisons.

A Title IV-E student intern is a part-time student and a full-time CWS Social Services Worker III employee who is seeking hours for a degree in social work. CWS is encouraged to designate projects that provide exposure to particular functions and/or programs in an innovative approach for the Title IV-E student intern to gain work experience within the HHSA, CWS Division Social Work Intern Program.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The contract contains a mutual indemnification clause; and 2) Either party may terminate the agreement with 30 days written notice.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no cost associated with this Memorandum of Understanding, therefore, 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 strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative that will support academic success for foster youth. This Memorandum of Understanding will encourage and support an innovative provision of quality supportive services for at-risk youth and children enrolled in TCOE. The quality of life for these at-risk youth and children will be improved with the support of academic assistance to succeed in school.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/Anita Ortiz

Anita Ortiz

Director of Human Services

Cc: County Administrative Office

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Attachments: Memorandum of Understanding