



**Mendocino County
Department of Social Services**

Healthy People, Healthy Communities

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Memorandum

Date: 8/22/2023

Division: EFAS

Contract Info: Vocational Services provided by Ford Street Project to California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Job Services participants.

Amount: \$103,680

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

History:

Mendocino County Department of Social Services, CalWORKs Job Services has partnered with Ford Street project to offer vocational and living skills workshops for CalWORKs Job Services participants since 2015. Ford Street Project provides a total of 20 workshops throughout the contract period and offer 20 hours of available instruction each month. The workshops offered focus on: Rental Rights; Credit Repair; Rental Decision-Making; Employer Expectations; Employer/Employee Rights; Employment Skills; Family & Relationships; Gardening Skills & Education; Commercial & Home Kitchen Skills; Home Budgeting; and Food Service Certification. These workshops help strengthen and expand participants' skills and knowledge.

Funding:

Family Stabilization Program

Numbers served through this agreement:

During the calendar year 2022, CalWORKs Job Services had approximately 484 Welfare-to-Work participants per month, with 76 participants assigned to Job Readiness activities each month. The workshops offered through this contract meet the requirements of a job readiness activity and will allow for participants to gain vital skills, that will lead to self-sufficiency.