



Mendocino County
Department of Social Services
Healthy People, Healthy Communities



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Memorandum

Date: September 25, 2023

Division: Family & Children's Services

Contract Info: Bekkie Emery, 707-463-7761
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Amount: \$277,000

Meeting Date: October 17, 2023

History:

Since 2007, Mendocino County Family and Children's Services has contracted with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS), to provide a Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) program for former foster youth ages 18 to their 25th birthday for up to thirty-six cumulative months. RCS is the only agency in Mendocino County approved by the California Department of Social Services to provide THP-Plus housing and services. These services include furnished housing, educational support, job readiness training and support, assistance in securing affordable longer-term housing, case management support, crisis support, support to access health care and mental health services and linkage to additional community resources. The last agreement and amendment covered the period of July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

New to this agreement is the addition of funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development which can be used to support young adults ages 18 to their 25th birthday who were not formerly in foster care, although priority must be given to former foster youth.

Funding:

Federal, State and Realignment funding.

Numbers served through this agreement:

Under the previous agreement and amendment, RCS served a total of seven unduplicated young adults and an average of two young adults per month in the program. Although the young adults can come in and out of the program throughout their thirty-six months of eligibility, lengths of stay during the last agreement period ranged from less than one month to ten months.