



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
FOR CHILDREN

## CASA of Mendocino and Lake Counties

Date: June 7, 2016  
To: Anne Molgaard, PCCY Chair  
From: Sheryn Hildebrand, CASA Director  
Re: CTF Funding of \$3000

Anne,

CASA (CONTRACTOR) CASA, having a nonprofit 501(c)(3) status, will be the fiscal agent supporting the Children's Action Committee (CAC). CASA is a member of this committee as well as an appointed commissioner to the Policy Council on Children and Youth (PCCY) and would like to formally request that the \$3000 set aside by PCCY to support educational opportunities for our community specific to the prevention of child abuse be distributed to CASA of Mendocino and Lake Counties. This funding will be used to support training in the form of Mandated Reporter Trainings to both the public at large as well as individual programs and agencies at their sites during fiscal year 2016-2017.

Each training lasts between 2-3 hours depending on the size of the audience. All trainings include an extensive tool kit for each participant including sharing of PowerPoint presentation materials for personalization so as to support subsequent trainings by participants themselves. Included in the year will also be a facilitation of a 5 hour training of the trainer for Mandated Reporting.

CASA of Mendocino and Lake Counties delivers this training in coordination with the Children's Action Committee and is the fiscal agent for this funding.

**CONTRACTOR** proposes to fiscally support CAC in the following activities:

- a) **Parental Resilience**: Promoting public awareness of the problem of child abuse and resources to address it. This will be accomplished through trainings to stakeholders specific to Mandated Reporting and how to recognize child abuse with a targeted population being educators throughout Mendocino County.
- b) **Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development**: Mandated Reporter Training will support the understanding of who is a mandated by law to report suspected

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child abuse, how to make a report and why it can make all the difference to an abused or neglected child. This training is for those who have had zero to minimal training on the mandated reporting laws. Upon successful completion of this training, the participant should be able to: 1. Identify who is mandated by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect; 2. Recognize general forms of abuse and neglect; 3. Understand how the law both directs and protects mandated reporters; 4. Understand the process of reporting suspected abuse or neglect; and 5. Know where to go to get answers to questions that may come up when confronted with suspected child abuse or neglect.

- c) **Outreach Materials**: Child abuse prevention materials to support mandated reporting trainings/ presentations about Child abuse prevention.

Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions.

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