



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**From:** Social Services

**Meeting Date:** June 25, 2024

**Department Contact:** Rachel Ebel-Elliott

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$300,000, to Provide Emergency Support Services for High Needs Children Detained by the Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services, Effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with Redwood Community Services, Inc., in the amount of \$300,000, to provide Emergency Support Services for high needs children detained by the Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; authorize the Department of Social Services Director or designee to sign any future amendments that do not increase the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

Ongoing Agreement; most recent action on July 11, 2023, Item 3ai), approval of Agreement No. BOS-23-122.

**Summary of Request:**

In Mendocino County, the placement and care of children who have been removed from the custody of their parents or guardians under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 300 is the responsibility of the Mendocino County Department of Social Services, Family and Children's Services (FCS). FCS has contracted with Redwood Community Services, Inc. (RCS) in the past to help provide these services. Between the period of July 1, 2023, and January 9, 2024, FCS provided a total of 100 days of direct care and supervision for 5 foster youth, with the assistance of ESS provided by RCS, while locating appropriate foster care placements for these youth.

Through the proposed Agreement, RCS will continue to provide ESS staff 24/7, to assist FCS social workers with placement and care of children when needed. RCS ESS staff will assist in the immediate care and supervision of detained children, while FCS locates a foster care placement. If a foster care placement option is not immediately available for any foster youth, RCS ESS staff will assist FCS staff in providing child supervision, comfort and emotional support for foster youth, pending foster care placement.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling

**Strategic Plan Priority Designation:** A Safe and Healthy County

**Supervisorial District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** Federal, State, Realignment - 5010, 86-3133, SSEC

**current f/y cost:** \$300,000 for the term of the Agreement.

**budget clarification:** N/A

**annual recurring cost:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y (if no, please describe):** Yes

**revenue agreement:** No

**AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL:** Yes

**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Senior Deputy Clerk

Date: June 25, 2024

Final Status: **Approved**

Executed Item Type: Agreement

Number: 24-110

