



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Health and Human Services Agency

**Meeting Date:** June 8, 2021

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

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

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc., in the Amount of \$225,608, to Provide Child Care Navigation and Trauma-Informed Care Trainings for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc., in the amount of \$225,608, to provide child care navigation and trauma-informed care trainings for the Period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023; authorize the Health and Human Services Agency Assistant Director/ Social Services Director to sign any future amendments that do not exceed the annual maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

June 18, 2019, BOS Agreement 19-161, Item No. 4(ad); April 23, 2019, BOS Agreement 18-135 A1, Item No. 4 (r)

**Summary of Request:**

Health and Human Services Agency, Family and Children's Services, requests Board approval of the Agreement with North Coast Opportunities, Inc., to ensure availability of specific support services for foster children and their caregivers.

Starting January 1, 2018, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) gave counties the option to opt-in to the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for foster children. The Bridge Program requires counties to contract with their local Child Care Resource and Referral programs to provide child care navigation and trauma-informed care training and coaching. North Coast Opportunities, Inc. (NCO) is the only Child Care Resource and Referral program in Mendocino County.

The proposed Agreement with NCO provides funds for child care navigators and trauma-informed care trainings. Child care navigators assist eligible families with finding a child care provider, securing subsidized child care placement, completing child care applications, and developing a plan for long term child care. Trauma-informed care training for child care providers includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based, trauma-informed best practices. This program has been serving an average of 15 to 20 resource families (caregivers) per month who have been caring for 20 to 25 foster children per month. In Fiscal Year 20/21, NCO provided three trauma informed care trainings with three participants and

nine coaching sessions with 25 participants. Coaching sessions have focused on health and safety particularly focused on COVID-19, resiliency and self-care, integrated germ management, concrete supports and technical assistance.

CDSS issued the 2020-21 minimum State General Fund allocation letter for the Bridge Program on August 3, 2020 (County Fiscal Letter No. 20/21-08). This Agreement reflects the allocation from Fiscal Year 2020-21 and will be amended if the allocation letters for Fiscal Years 2021-22 and/or 2022-23 result in a higher or lower State General Fund amount for child care navigation and/or trauma-informed trainings.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

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

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** State General Fund, Title IV E  
**current f/y cost:** \$112,804 (\$225,608 for two years)  
**annual recurring cost:** \$112,804  
**budget clarification:** N/A

**budgeted in current f/y:** Yes  
**if no, please describe:**  
**revenue agreement:** No

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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**Executed By:** Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

**Date:** June 9, 2021

**Final Status:** Approved

**Executed Item Type:** Agreement **Number:** 21-110

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements  
Returned to Dept: 0 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?  
No

