



# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** February 20, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Rachel Peña

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the Nevada County's System Improvement Plan (SIP) 2021.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** These services are mandated. The Child Welfare Services (CWS) augmentation to existing program funding has been made available to Nevada County from CDSS to advance Child Welfare Service program improvement within the County.

**BACKGROUND:** The System Improvement Plan (SIP) is developed every five years by CWS and Probation after a County Self-Assessment is completed. The SIP is a state and federal requirement for all agencies receiving funding for foster care. Ways to improve are created in partnership with the local community, prevention partners, foster youth, foster parents, and birth parents. The SIP is a guide for how CWS and Probation will improve outcomes for children and families.

The SIP was delayed several years due to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to remain in compliance with federal standards, timelines have been pushed back. There are also fewer strategies so goals can be completed in shorter timeframes. Timely exits from foster care, supporting and recruiting foster parents, and preventing children from reentering foster care once they have exited were selected for improvement for Nevada County CWS. Family finding for youth to increase family supports was selected for Probation. CWS and Probation provide annual updates to the state on progress towards goals for improvement.

**Item Initiated by:** Nicholas Ready, Program Manager

**Approved by:** Rachel Peña, Director of Social Services