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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 11, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tex Ritter**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Nevada Joint Union High School District (NJUHSD) for the provision of CalLearn Program Services in the maximum amount of \$70,000, not to exceed \$35,000 each fiscal year, for the contract term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funds for services are derived from California Department of Social Services CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) and CalLearn funding. CalLearn is a statewide program for pregnant and parenting teens in the CalWORKs Program. Services are included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of this renewal Agreement is to arrange for professional services to assist pregnant and parenting CalLearn teen parents. A CalLearn participant is an eligible teen parent who is receiving CalWORKs and is under the age of 19, who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent, resides with his/her child or has a verified pregnancy. Services include assessments, case management, counseling, preventative supportive services and education services. NJUHSD will serve all eligible CalLearn teens in the County regardless of their educational status, school of attendance or geographical location.

The Contractor will provide a part-time Youth Services Coordinator who will use the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) client-centered, comprehensive case management model with the ultimate goal of helping participants achieve economic

independence and self-sufficiency and enhancing the health, social and educational well-being of pregnant and parenting adolescents and their children in Nevada County. The case management services for CalLearn participants will include support and/or referrals to address the following:

- Life skills
- Assessment of living situation, including physical and emotional health and safety of the teen parent and child.
- Parenting skills
- Prenatal health
- Study skills
- Budgeting
- Emotional health
- Educational/career training
- Risk assessment (drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, abuse, depression) & appropriate follow up and referrals.
- Empowerment
- Family communication skills, including an effective ongoing relationship between the teen parent, the noncustodial parent and the child.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement, as the CalLearn Program services have proven to be a successful strategy for reducing teen pregnancy rates and long-term welfare dependency. The intensive case management services provided assists teen parents to become self-sufficient adults and responsible parents.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Social Services