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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rachel Peña**

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 \$67,593 for the contract term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

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 2025-26 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 teen parents. A CalLearn participant is an eligible teen parent who is receiving CalWORKs and is under the age of nineteen, 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 geographic 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 contract, which also includes state required attachments. 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 assist teen parents to become self-sufficient adults and responsible parents.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services