



# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
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**DATE OF MEETING:** March 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment #1 to the Contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) to increase the maximum contract obligation from \$120,000 to \$135,000 (an increase of \$15,000) for the provision of Independent Living Program (ILP) Services for the contract term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Federal monies provided the County under the ILP Program allocation and Child Welfare Services 2011 Realignment funds. The contract is for a two year term and pursuant to this amendment the maximum amount for fiscal year 2014/15 is being increased from \$60,000 to \$75,000 for a revised total maximum of \$130,000 for the entire contract period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. This additional \$15,000 in contracted services will be reflected in the third County-Wide Consolidated Budget Amendment. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Per Resolution No. 13-300, the Board approved the renewal contract with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for services pertaining to the Independent Living Program. This program is designed to facilitate the transition for foster care children to emancipated lifestyles and enable them to become independent. ILP services are available to youth (ages 16 through 21) currently in foster care or those who have recently exited foster care. Youth who emancipate out of the foster care system face enormous challenges and are at a much higher risk than their counterparts for incarceration, unemployment, substance abuse, and homelessness. Fewer youth who age out of the foster care system in America go on to complete their college education and the ILP Program offers life skills classes and critical one-on-one support to mitigate these negative outcomes for Nevada County youth.

The ILP Program provides individual assessment and develops a transitional living plan for each participant. Included in the program is training assistance to obtain a high school diploma or its

equivalent, higher education, career planning, learning daily living and self-sufficiency skills, money management, locating and maintaining housing, assistance in obtaining personal records and documents, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, etc. Referrals are made for individual/group counseling, when appropriate, and to other community resources.

In order to sustain the level of services to meet the demands of youth currently enrolled in the program the attached amendment is needed to be processed to increase funding for fiscal year 2014/15. It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it enables continuation of a quality ILP Program for Nevada County's foster care youth.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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