RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-284

MEETING: June 17, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: Infant/Child Enrichment Services, Inc. (ICES) 2015 Child Care Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an agreement with Infant/Child Enrichment Services (ICES) to provide child care services in an amount not to exceed $67,281, and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement.

The Department of Human Services, Social Services, Employment Services unit, contracts with ICES for child care services for parents participating in the Welfare to Work program. The Department contracts with ICES for Stage One Child Care Services for CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) recipients who are participating in an approved employment activity such as, but not limited to: employment, job search, and attending training or school. Stage One child care begins upon entry of a person into the CalWORKs assistance program, while Stage Two may begin when the County determines stability, or when a recipient is transitioning off aid. Stage Two child care is usually paid by ICES out of separate funding they receive.

In eleven months of fiscal year 2013/2014, we have served an average of nine (9) families per month and thirteen (13) children per month, at a total average cost of $4,701.00 per month.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The existing agreement was approved by the Board on June 25, 2013 by Resolution 2013-266.

The Board entered into an agreement with ICES in 1998 (Resolution 98-281) and has continued to renew this contract for services annually since that time.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
In order to comply with Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Department of Human Services Welfare to Work program must provide for paid child care to recipients participating in employment activities. Without the services of this contractor, the Department would be challenged to provide child care services efficiently.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This contract is budgeted in the FY2014-2015 budget for Social Services 001-0501 line item 04-42. There is no financial impact to the County’s General Fund.
ATTACHMENTS:
ICES Contract 2015  (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO  6/10/2014

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES:  Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier