MARIPOSA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BY: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
PHONE: 966-2442

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: POLICY ITEM: YES ( ) NO (X )

SEE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

SEE ATTACHED

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted CURRENT FY $36,336
B. Total anticipated costs ____________________________
C. Required add'l funding ____________________________
D. Internal transfers ________________________________
   SOURCE: ( ) 4/5's vote required
   A. Unanticipated revenues $_________________________
   B. Reserve for Contingencies $_____________________
   C. Source description: __________________________________________________________
   Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $____________________________

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Resolution No.: 02-387
Ordinance No.: ____________________________
Vote: Ayes: ___ Noes: ___ Absent: ___ Abstain: ___

( ) Approved ( ) Denied
( ) Minute Order attached.
( ) No Action Necessary.
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ____________________________

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board,
County of Mariposa,
State of California

BY: ____________________________
Deputy

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number pages accordingly:

Board Memo
Personal Services Agreement

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on Agenda as: _______Recommended _______Returned for further action
______Not recommended _______Submitted w/ comment
______Policy determination

Comment: ____________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________________
July 11, 2002

To: Members, Board of Supervisors  
From: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly  
Re: Child Welfare and Probation / Contract for Independent Living Program

**Recommendation**

On behalf of the Probation Department and Child Welfare Services (CWS/CPS), it is respectfully recommended that your Board approve the Personal Service Agreement with David Apilado for services delivered to the Independent Living Program (ILP) for fiscal year 2002-2003.

**Background**

Foster children most often do not have the emotional support and financial resources that are available to other young people as they transition to adulthood. These youngsters suffer barriers, many of which are emotional as well as academic. These obstacles prevent them from entering colleges, trade schools and securing jobs with training and promotional opportunities.

The State Department of Social Services provides money for an Independent Living Program (ILP). That program is available to foster children over 15 ½ year old to help them prepare to live independently. Services can be offered to children who have been returned to their parents or caretakers, as well as those who have been emancipated.

As your Board is aware, we are providing counseling to children in foster care to assist them with the emotional problems they carry as a result of maltreatment. If some of their emotional pain is alleviated, the children will have a better opportunity to learn in school and through related educational programs.

**Current Situation**

The ILP program was contracted out because, due to the nation wide shortfall of MSWs, we have difficulty recruiting staff. We have been able to attract some of these professionals due to your Board authorizing stipends, however, we are not fully staffed at this time. We expect to hire staff by the end of this fiscal year, thus making this the last year the program will be contracted.

The ILP is a team effort between County staff and the contractor to individualize services based on the needs of the young person. Services range from identifying readiness skills, to building self-confidence. It involves basic educational assistance with driver's education, learning to budget money, purchasing household items, assessing universities and trade schools, and purchase of books and school supplies. These services are to be offered prior to the youth leaving the foster care system so that these young adults are self sufficient and confident before living on their own. Services are also offered to those youth who have been returned to their
natural parents and/or have already emancipated and need encouragement and assistance. These are very intensive services.

We have contracted with David Apilado in the past. The current plan outlines the services to be provided, the responsibilities of the departments compared to those of the contractor, the number of hours the contractor will devote and requires strong linkage to the successful CalWORKs Employment Training Program. It is anticipated that fifteen (15) young people will receive these intensive services. The contract staff is specified and any modifications require the approval of the department.

Financial

We have asked for a one year contract for continued services while we continue recruitment of the staff necessary to provide these services. The contact is for the fiscal year 2002/2003, at $36,336, ($3,028 per month) with the option to include an increase of 3% dependent upon review of allocation levels and contractors service delivery. There are no local dollars involved in this program.