



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.14

MEETING DATE: 06/10/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Yolanda Beltran

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Tracey Belton

SUBJECT:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY - T.BELTON

Approve contract with Go Kids, Inc. for Child Care Bridge Program beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, in the amount of \$149,901.00 for childcare navigation, emergency childcare vouchers for children involved in the Child Welfare System, and to provide trauma-informed care training to childcare providers, and authorize chair to sign contract.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Go Kids, Inc. is the sole provider of Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) Programs in San Benito County.

The lack of access to childcare is one of the top barriers to finding homes for young foster children and is especially acute for relative caregivers who answer the call to take in a child at short notice. Many subsidized childcare programs have complicated enrollment processes with short enrollment windows that may not align with the timing of a child's foster care placement. For resource families and relatives who work or go to school, taking in a child can put their family in financial jeopardy. The services provided by this contract will allow access to childcare for local resource families who work and request childcare in order to accept new or the continued placements of young children. Assisting these resource families with childcare will result in placement stability for the child and increased caregiver recruitment and retention.

Senate Bill (SB) 89 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2017) established the Emergency Child Care Bridge

Program for Foster Children, which aims to:

- (1) increase the number of foster children successfully placed in homebased family care settings;
- (2) increase the capacity of childcare programs to meet the needs of children in foster care; and,
- (3) maximize existing local, state and federal childcare.

The Bridge Program consists of three components:

1. Emergency childcare voucher or payment: Eligible families may receive a time-limited childcare voucher or payment to help pay for childcare costs for foster children birth through age 12, children with exceptional needs, and severely disabled children up to age 21.
2. Child Care Navigator: Provides child care navigator services to eligible families. The navigator will assist with finding a child care provider, securing a subsidized childcare placement if eligible, completing childcare program applications, and developing a plan for long-term child care appropriate to the child's age and needs.
3. Trauma-informed care training and coaching: Child care programs participating in the Bridge Program will receive access trauma- informed care training. The training includes, but is not limited to, infant and toddler development and research-based, trauma-informed best care practices. Child care providers will also receive access to coaching, through the Contractor, to assist them in applying training curriculum and learn strategies for working with children in foster care.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

Contracted with Go Kids, Inc. since May 1, 2018.

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

\$126,166.00

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019, \$54,968; amended to extend through June 30, 2021, and increased to a total of \$116,085. Data on the number of children served for this period of time is not obtainable.

July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021, Covid restrictions were in place and there was not a contract in place.

January 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, \$55,407. The number of children assisted in the period were: 4 youth for extended periods of time.

July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025, \$126,166; The number of children assisted in the period were: 5 youths for extended periods of time. This included child care vouchers and ongoing childcare navigations support.

The vendor also provided annual trauma informed care trainings to childcare providers.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

No

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

No

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Non-general Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

221.80.2285.1000.619.250

CURRENT FY COST:

\$0.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Go Kids Contract FY25-28](#)