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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of a 12-month contract with CHILD INC., Austin, TX, to provide childcare services for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, in an amount not to exceed \$84,928.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$63,696 is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) Department Special Revenue Fund, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG – 29th year). Funding for the final three months of the contract is subject to available CDBG funding.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Health and Human
DEPARTMENT: Services

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION:** David Lurie

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: : July 17, 2003, Council approval of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office Action Plan (Resolution No. 030717-26).

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background:

In 1997, Child, Inc., the federal Head Start grantee for Travis County, was awarded a federal Early Head Start grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding has provided a portion of the required local matching funds (20%) for the grant since 1997. The contract provides childcare services for low-income, working families with children up to three years of age. Based on the consolidated plan and service availability, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) recommends continuing to support funding for this program with Child Inc. as the only Early Head Start provider in Austin.

The contract period is for twelve (12) months from January 1 through December 31, 2004. A three-month administrative extension contract for \$21,232 was executed for the period of October 1 through December 31, 2003, as part of a plan to move all social service contracts to a coordinated, calendar-year process. Approval for additional childcare contracts will be brought forward based on Neighborhood Housing and Community Development's 5-year planning process.

HHSD recommends approval of this contract because (1) it provides a valuable community service; (2) the City-provided funds leverages \$339,712 in federal grant funding; and (3) Child Inc. is the only Early Head Start grantee in Austin/Travis County.



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Performance Measures:

HHSD Departmental Goal: Prevention/Provision: Social Services - Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

NHCD Consolidated Plan Goal: Increase opportunities for self-sufficiency.

<u>Outcomes/Outputs:</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Percent of clients satisfied with childcare services (outcome)	85%
Number of children provided childcare services (unduplicated)	36
Number of full-time childcare spaces (average)	24
Number of parents provided training and/or technical assistance (unduplicated)	36
Number of parents served (unduplicated)	36
Number of parents in school/work training/employment as a result of subsidized childcare (monthly average)	24

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