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CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9  
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**SUBJECT:** Approve execution of a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Austin, TX, to provide childcare quality improvement and training services in an amount not to exceed \$140,485, with two 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$140,485 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$421,455.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$70,717 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department and funding in the amount of \$34,647 is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Special Certification Fund. The term of the Agreement is for the period of January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Funding for the remaining three months of the Agreement and renewal options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vince Cobalis, Asst. Director for Human Services, 972-5011; Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, 972-5028; Linda Terry, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5023

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** Approved 2004-2005 Operating Budget, September 13, 2004.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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**Background:**

The Interlocal with Austin Community College (ACC) Child Development Department provides childcare quality improvement services and training for childcare employees. Two programs will be provided through the Agreement. The Quality Improvement Program (QIP) assists childcare providers in improving program quality and moving toward meeting voluntary quality standards as set by the state and/or the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Teacher/Director TRAC Program provides scholarships and academic guidance for childcare teachers and directors taking college child development courses. These childcare quality programs are part of the Social Services Investment Plan, and are being done in coordination with the Travis County Health and Human Services & Veterans Services Department. Travis County social services funding will also support the QIP and Teacher/Director TRAC Programs contingent on approval by the Travis County Commissioners Court.

A Request for Application process for childcare quality funding was conducted in coordination with Travis County in August and September 2004. Four applications were received and reviewed. Three agencies are recommended for funding in contracts that begin January 1, 2005. The recommendations



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are:

ACC Child Development Department - \$140,485

Austin Families, Inc. dba Family Connections - \$664,375

WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board - \$39,804.

The recommendation for a contract with Austin Families, Inc. dba FamilyConnections is contained in a separate Request for Council Action. The recommendation for a contract with WorkSource Greater Austin Area Workforce Development Board will be processed administratively by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD).

**Performance Measures:**

**Related Departmental Goal**

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

**Outcomes**

- |  | Goals |
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| • Percentage of early childcare programs community-wide that meet quality standards                                      | 13%   |
| • Percentage of child development programs, served by QIP, that improve in the level of quality standards that they meet | 80%   |
| • Percentage of scholarship recipients completing credit coursework with a “C” grade or better                           | 75%   |

**Outputs**

- |  | Goals |
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| • Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance | 157   |
| • Hours of staff training/coaching provided  | 781   |
| • Number of scholarships provided  | 113   |

**Requested Council Action:**

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