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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of Amendment No. 3 to the 12-month contract with AUSTIN FAMILIES, INC. d/b/a FAMILYCONNECTIONS, Austin, TX, for childcare quality improvement and childcare services to increase the contract by \$75,851, for a total 12-month contract amount not to exceed \$740,226, with one 12-month extension option in an amount not to exceed \$740,226, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,480,452.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$536,420 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Health and Human Services Department Sustainability Fund and \$25,000 is available in the Special Revenue Fund, Certification. The contract period is January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. There is no specific grant period for the Certification Fund, and no match is required. Funding for the remaining three months of the contract and extension option 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
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: Approved initial contract, December 16, 2004; Approved 2005-2006 Operating Budget, September 12, 2005.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

Background

Austin Families, Inc. dba FamilyConnections was awarded a contract for childcare quality improvement services as a result of a Request for Applications process held in 2004. The contract amount was \$664,375, and was approved by City Council for calendar year 2005 with two extension options. The calendar 2005 contract was amended administratively to add \$12,500 for the last half of the contract year for funding to prevent children from being dropped from child care by providing temporary gap child care funding. The gap funding is used only if needed; therefore, no performance goals are established for the gap funding. However, the performance is reported. In addition, in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget, the Council included a restoration of the 5.16% cuts, and added a 3% Cost of Living increase to the Social Service contracts, for a total increase of 8.16%. This action incorporates the three increases that total \$75,851, for a total, annual contract amount of \$740,226. The increase includes: the 5.16% restoration at \$30,019; the 3% Cost of Living increase at \$20,832; and Child Care Gap funding (annualized) at \$25,000. City Council approval is requested for the increase for the first extension option (Amendment No. 3) for January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006, and the remaining second extension



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option.

Performance Measures

Performance has increased in some measures due to funding increases and projections from calendar 2005 actual performance. The one decrease, in the number of packets delivered to parents of newborns, is because the packets are delivered in face-to-face visits with parents. The visits are taking longer and are more intense due to the needs of the new parents; therefore, the number of estimated visits was reduced.

Related Goals

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

Outcomes

	Goals	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Percentage of early child care programs community-wide that meet quality standards	13%	14%
Percentage of parents satisfied with childcare resource and referral services	90%	90%
Percentage of teachers retained in same classroom after 12 months.	85%	85%

Outputs

	Goals	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Number of low-income families provided childcare resource and referral services (unduplicated)	2,700	2,900
Number of centers visited by mobile resource van (unduplicated)	200	250
Number of parent visits to resource center	3,000	3,895
Number of early childhood development staff receiving training or technical assistance	450	480
Number of parents of newborns receiving parent education packets	7,000	6,500
Number of early childhood classroom teachers receiving stipends (unduplicated)	100	100

Output (report only)

Number of childcare, full-time enrollment days for gap child care. Used only as needed. No goal.
Estimated maximum use of 978 enrollment days.

Requested Council Action

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