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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

Urgent

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AGENDA DATE January 27, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Authorization to Accept a Grant from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center - Community Services Agency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the acceptance of a grant from the National Children's Alliance for the Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center.
2. Authorize the Community Services Agency Director, or her Assistant Director Designee, to sign the agreement not to exceed the total contract amount of \$10,000 for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the grant award is \$10,000. Appropriations and corresponding revenues will be included in the Community Services Agency's Service and Support Budget submission for 2009-2010. There is no cost to the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-73

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The Child Abuse Interview, Referral and Evaluation (CAIRE) Center is a project of the District Attorney, the Community Services Agency (CSA)-Child & Family Services and all of the law enforcement agencies of Stanislaus County, as well as various other community partners. The CAIRE Center provides forensic interviewing services on child abuse cases; the services are available to any child in the County who is a victim of or a witness to a crime. The goal of the CAIRE Center is to prevent retraumatization of children by minimizing the number of investigative interviews to which they must be subjected, and to provide a professional video and audio taped interview for the investigators. Children are interviewed by a forensic interviewer while other members of the investigating team observe out of sight in an observation room. After the interview, the child and their family are provided behavioral health treatment and referral services.

Approximately eight years ago the CAIRE Center began the process to become accredited through the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in Washington DC. NCA is a nationwide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote and support communities in providing a coordinated investigation and comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse. NCA requires best practice standards be provided in order to receive accreditation.

One of the many benefits of being accredited through NCA is the ability to apply for a \$10,000 noncompetitive grant each calendar year to support child advocacy center services. This grant is offered through collaboration between the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and National Children's Alliance. In November 2008 CSA applied on behalf of the CAIRE Center for the grant and was awarded \$10,000 for Calendar Year 2009.

The grant money will be used to send a team of CAIRE Center partner staff, including a representative from the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, a forensic interviewer, and advocate to a forensic interview/child advocacy center training in August 2009. Training money has always been limited for many CAIRE Center partners. CSA has been able to help many of these partners, but as training funds have become more limited this year they are no longer able to help. Training is quite vital to the continued growth and success of the CAIRE Center. Being able to learn new and innovative information is essential to practicing culturally competent best practices.

The Agency is requesting authorization to accept this grant for Calendar Year 2009.

POLICY ISSUES:

Acceptance of this grant supports the Board's priorities of *A safe community*, *Effective partnerships* and *Efficient delivery of public services* by supporting continued

collaboration to coordinate investigation and provide a comprehensive response to victims of severe child abuse.

STAFFING ISSUES:

There are no staffing issues associated with this report.



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 202 548 0099 facsimile

Grantee Agreement (GA)

This form is for National Children's Alliance (NCA) 2009 approved grant applicants. This is an official agreement between your agency and NCA acknowledging that your agency accepts the funding awarded by NCA through a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Justice and will follow all requirements: below, outlined in the grant award letter, NCA Grant Guidelines, and Request for Proposals.

All future inquiries regarding your grant will be made to the appropriate designee at your agency. Please carefully consider who should be the appropriate grant designee. The grant designee will receive all updates. Her/his email address would be used for sending notifications. All funding will be disbursed in the agency name only. These funds will not be disbursed to those affiliated with the agency including the programmatic or fiscal contact person listed on this agreement, consultants or multidisciplinary team members. Funding checks will be mailed to the address indicated on this form only. If this information changes at any time during the grant period, promptly notify National Children's Alliance in writing. **Please only mail the original (faxed copies will not be accepted) and make a copy for your files.**

Type of Grant Awarded:

Award Identification Number: 086-MODE-CA-PS09

(use the information is provided in your award letter)

Physical Address	Mailing Address (including checks) Fill out only if different from the physical address
Agency name: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency	Agency name/Fiscal Agent: Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
Address: PO Box 42	Address: PO Box 42
City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95353	City/State/Zip: Modesto, CA 95353

Authorized Agency Representative (Executive Director/Chapter State Coordinator)

Name/Title: Christine Applegate

Phone: 209 558-2500

Fax: 209 558-2558

E-mail Address: applegatec@stancounty.com

Main Contact for the Grant (Fill out only if different from above)

Name/Title: Christine Soeth

Phone: 209 558-2353

Fax: 209 558-2558

E-mail Address:soethch@stancounty.com

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the conditions outlined in the award letter, the Request for Proposals, NCA Grant Guidelines, and below, required for the receipt of grant funding from National Children's Alliance. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to comply with the requirements outlined in the grant award letter, NCA Grant Guidelines, and herein. I understand the term of this grant is January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

- I certify that the recipient agency is a member in good standing with National Children's Alliance. I understand that remaining in good standing is a requirement of receiving these funds. This includes the timely submission of statistical reports as a condition of membership, in January and July, 2009.
- I agree to submit, on deadline, all required fiscal and narrative reports as required in NCA Grant Guidelines. I understand that failure to submit timely reports will result in forfeiture of funds.
- I understand that National Children's Alliance can only reimburse federally allowable expenses that fit within the NCA Grant Guidelines, NCA RFP, and as designated by the U.S. Dept. of Justice. Submissions that fall outside these constraints will be disallowed. NCA may change its requirements regarding allowable expenses at any time to reflect changes in federally allowable costs or policies approved by the NCA Board of Directors. Grantees will be promptly notified of any changes.
- I understand that budget modifications are granted at NCA's discretion and must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the end of the grant period.
- I understand that grant extensions are rarely granted, but that to request one I must submit that request at least 30 days prior to the end of the grant period. These are approved at NCA's sole discretion.
- By my signature I am committing to meet the goals and objectives outlined in the grant and approved by National Children's Alliance.

Authorized Agency Representative/Title:

Christine C. Applegate Director

Signature: Christine C. Applegate

Date: 1/28/09

If grant agent is different than the above signed, please complete this section. A signature denotes agreement with all aforementioned conditions.

Grant Contact Name:

Christine Soeth

Signature: Christine Soeth

Date: 1/28/09

Sincerely,

Teresa Huizar

Teresa Huizar
Executive Director
National Children's Alliance

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STANISLAUS COUNTY COUNSEL

BY Irina V. Hein 1/28/09

Irina V. Hein

Irina V. Hein
Director of Member Relations & Grants
National Children's Alliance

Please sign and return to the address below by December 18, 2008:

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