

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

For the Agenda of:
September 11, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report Back On What CPS Programs Could Be Restored If An
Additional \$1M Was Transferred From TOT To General Fund

Supervisory
District: All

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BACKGROUND

During the September 8, 2009 Budget Hearing, the Department of Health and Human Services was requested to report back on what Child Protective Services programs could be restored if an additional \$1M was transferred from TOT to General Fund.

DISCUSSION

The \$1 million will restore a total of 26.1 FTE's in the following programs.

Emergency Response (2 Supervisors and 12 Social Workers) – The Swing Shift and Weekend Shift units will provide round-the-clock responses to children suspected of suffering abuse and neglect and prevent them from waiting in unsafe situations for social workers to respond.

SAFE Center (0.5 Sup, 2 (0.8) Social workers and 1 Office Assistant) – The unit will provide services to investigate trauma to child victims (470 per year) and eliminate duplicative interviews by multiple investigative agencies involved in sexual abuse investigations, thus resulting in successful prosecution and juvenile court protective interventions for children at risk of harm.

Family Reunification (1 Court Officer) - The Court Officer will act as a representative for the Social Worker assigned to the case, who cannot always be present for the hearings, to ensure quality assurance and all legal responsibilities are met.

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Court Services (1 Senior Legal Transcriber) - The Senior Legal Transcriber provides on-site supervision or lead for legal transcribers filing reports with the Juvenile Court within legal, regulatory timeframes, to avoid financial sanctions and court ordered extensions of services and additional foster care cost to the County.

Independent Living Program (1 Program Planner, 1 Supervisor, and 5 Social Workers) - The ILP staff will engage, prepare and support youth as they transition into adulthood and out of the dependency system. These are mandated services consisting of outreach to youth, life skills assessments, personal growth and living skills workshops, education planning, employment services, and housing assistance. Youth who do not receive ILP services are more prone to unemployment, homelessness, and overrepresentation in the mental health, alcohol and drug, and justice systems upon emancipation exacting huge fiscal tolls on many other County systems.

Respectfully submitted,

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