

April 19, 2004

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR SCHOOL READINESS AND SMART START INITIATIVES

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve the contracts with the Yuba City Unified School District for the School Readiness and Smart Start Programs.

BACKGROUND: The Sutter County Children & Families Commission has identified a strategic goal of children being ready for kindergarten. The School Readiness program and the Smart Start program will provide services to children that are specific to this goal. The Sutter County Children & Families Commission's School Readiness application to the State CFC was approved in December 2003. The Sutter County Children & Families Commission approved the expansion of the Smart Start program at the January 23, 2004 Commission meeting.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The Yuba City Unified School District has indicated its willingness to act as fiscal and administrative agent for the School Readiness and Smart Start Programs. The contracts define the responsibilities of the Commission and the District.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: As previously discussed and approved by the Commission the Smart Start program has been allocated \$150,000 for the 2003/2004 fiscal year and the School Readiness program requires a match from Commission funds of \$135,498.00 per year for four years.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Commission approval of the contracts.

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