

September 14, 2004

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE YUBA SUTTER CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION RETENTION INCENTIVE PROJECT

BACKGROUND: At the regularly scheduled May 22, 2003 Sutter County Children and Families Commission meeting the request to apply for matching funds for Retention Incentives for Early Care and Education Providers was approved.

The State Commission approved \$19 million dollars for the next two-years (FY2003-2005) to continue the retention incentive program, related technical assistance and data analysis.

The key purpose of the incentive is to improve quality and stabilize the early learning workforce by rewarding professionals who have demonstrated a commitment to the field through education, continued professional development, and years of experience by providing incentives and compensation for staff to stay in the field.

The program year end evaluation is attached.

The attached agreement is for the second year of this program.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: It is requested the Commission approve the attached agreement with the Yuba Sutter Child Care Planning Council. The term of the agreement is November 1, 2004 to October 30, 2005.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: The cost of the proposed program is \$94,542.90 per year with Commission share of match of \$50,000 per year for two years (FY2003-2005).

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve the agreement with the Yuba Sutter Child Care Planning Council.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of recommendation.

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