PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT AND

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 THROUGH 2027-2028

This Agreement, entered into this 27 day of ______, 2025, by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY," and Redwood Community Action Agency, a California nonprofit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR," is made upon the following considerations:

WHEREAS, COUNTY, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services – Child Welfare Services ("DHHS – Child Welfare Services"), desires to retain a qualified professional organization to provide temporary shelter services to eligible youth who are within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Sections 300 and/or 601 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code; and

WHEREAS, such work involves the performance of professional, expert and technical services of a temporary and occasional character; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY has no employees available to perform such services and is unable to hire employees for the performance thereof for the temporary period; and

WHEREAS, CONTRACTOR represents that it is adequately trained, skilled, experienced and qualified to perform the temporary shelter services required by COUNTY.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES:

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide the services described in Exhibit A – Scope of Services, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. In providing such services, CONTRACTOR agrees to fully cooperate with the DHHS – Child Welfare Services Director, or a designee thereof, hereinafter referred to as "Director."

2. TERM:

This Agreement shall begin on July 1, 2025 and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2028, unless extended by a valid amendment hereto or sooner terminated as set forth herein.

TERMINATION:

- A. <u>Termination for Cause</u>. COUNTY may, in its sole discretion, immediately terminate this Agreement, if CONTRACTOR fails to adequately perform the services required hereunder, fails to comply with the terms or conditions set forth herein, or violates any local, state or federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures or standards applicable to its performance hereunder.
- B. <u>Termination without Cause</u>. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon thirty (30) days advance written notice which states the effective date of the termination.
- C. <u>Termination due to Insufficient Funding</u>. COUNTY's obligations under this Agreement are contingent upon the availability of local, state and/or federal funds. In the event such funding is reduced or eliminated, COUNTY shall, at its sole discretion, determine whether this

- Agreement shall be terminated. COUNTY shall provide CONTRACTOR seven (7) days advance written notice of its intent to terminate this Agreement due to insufficient funding.
- D. <u>Compensation upon Termination</u>. In the event this Agreement is terminated, CONTRACTOR shall be entitled to compensation for uncompensated services provided hereunder through and including the effective date of such termination. However, this provision shall not limit any damages owed to COUNTY due to a breach of this Agreement by CONTRACTOR.

4. COMPENSATION:

- A. Maximum Amount Payable. The maximum amount payable by COUNTY for any and all services provided, and costs and expenses incurred, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement is One Million Eighty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,084,752.00). In no event shall the maximum amount paid under this Agreement exceed Three Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$361,584.00) per fiscal year for fiscal years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform any and all services required by this Agreement for an amount not to exceed such maximum dollar amount. However, if local, state or federal funding or allowance rates are reduced or eliminated, COUNTY may, by amendment, reduce the maximum amount payable hereunder or terminate this Agreement as set forth herein.
- B. <u>Schedule of Rates</u>. The specific rates and costs applicable to this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit B Schedule of Rates, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. <u>Additional Services</u>. Any additional services not otherwise set forth herein shall not be provided by CONTRACTOR, or compensated by COUNTY, without COUNTY's prior written authorization. Any and all unauthorized costs and expenses incurred above the maximum payable amount set forth herein shall be the responsibility of CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY, in writing, at least six (6) weeks prior to the date upon which CONTRACTOR estimates that the maximum payable amount will be reached.

5. PAYMENT:

CONTRACTOR shall submit to COUNTY monthly invoices substantiating the costs and expenses incurred pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement no later than thirty (30) days after the end of each month in which services are provided hereunder. CONTRACTOR shall submit a final invoice for payment within thirty (30) days following the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Invoices shall be prepared using a format that is substantially similar to Exhibit C – Sample Invoice Form, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. Payment for any and all costs and expenses incurred pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days after the receipt of approved invoices. Any and all invoices submitted pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be sent to COUNTY electronically at the following address:

COUNTY:

Humboldt County DHHS - Child Welfare Services

Attention: Financial Services

cwsfinancialrequests@co.humboldt.ca.us

NOTICES:

Any and all notices required to be given pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in writing and either served personally or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested,

to the respective addresses set forth below. Notice shall be effective upon actual receipt or refusal as shown on the receipt obtained pursuant to the foregoing.

COUNTY:

Humboldt County DHHS - Child Welfare Services

Attention: Amanda Winstead, Child Welfare Services Director

2440 Sixth Street

Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Redwood Community Action Agency

Attention: Val Martinez, Executive Director

904 G Street

Eureka, California 95501

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: 7.

- General Reporting Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide COUNTY with any and all reports that may be required by any local, state and/or federal agencies for compliance with this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall submit one (1) electronic copy of any and all reports required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in a format that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable local, state and federal accessibility laws, regulations and standards. Any and all reports required hereunder shall be submitted in accordance with any and all applicable timeframes using the format required by the State of California as appropriate.
- Quarterly Progress Reports. CONTRACTOR shall prepare, and submit to COUNTY, quarterly progress reports no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar quarter in which services are provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any and all quarterly progress reports provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be prepared using a format that is substantially similar to Exhibit D - Quarterly Progress Report Form, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- C. Annual Progress Reports. CONTRACTOR shall prepare, and submit to COUNTY, annual progress reports no later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each fiscal year in which services are provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any and all annual progress reports provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be prepared using a format that is substantially similar to Exhibit E - Annual Progress Report Form, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
- Report Submission. Any and all reports prepared pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be sent to COUNTY electronically at the following address:

COUNTY: Humboldt County DHHS - Child Welfare Services

Attention: Amanda Winstead, CWS Director

CWS-Contracts@co.humboldt.ca.us

8. RECORD RETENTION AND INSPECTION:

A. Maintenance and Preservation of Records. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to timely prepare accurate and complete financial, performance and payroll records, documents and other evidence relating to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and to maintain and preserve said records for at least three (3) years from the date of final payment hereunder, except that if any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is pending, the records shall be retained until resolution of all issues arising therefrom. Such records shall be original entry books with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits for the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- B. Inspection of Records. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 8546.7, any and all records, documents, conditions and activities of CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall be subject to the examination and audit of the California State Auditor and any other duly authorized agents of the State of California for a period of three (3) years after the date of final payment hereunder. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to make all such records available during normal business hours to inspection, audit and reproduction by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. CONTRACTOR further agrees to allow interviews of any of its employees who might reasonably have information related to such records by COUNTY and any other duly authorized local, state and/or federal agencies. Any and all examinations and audits conducted hereunder shall be strictly confined to those matters connected with the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the costs associated with the administration of this Agreement.
- C. <u>Audit Costs</u>. In the event of an audit exception or exceptions related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the party responsible for not meeting the requirements set forth herein shall be responsible for the deficiency and for the cost of the audit. If the allowable expenditures cannot be determined because CONTRACTOR's documentation is nonexistent or inadequate, according to generally accepted accounting practices, the questionable cost shall be disallowed by COUNTY.

9. MONITORING:

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that COUNTY has the right to monitor any and all activities related hereto, including, without limitation, the right to review and monitor CONTRACTOR's records, policies, procedures and overall business operations, at any time, in order to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with a corrective action plan, if deficiencies in CONTRACTOR's records, policies, procedures or operations are identified by COUNTY. However, COUNTY is not responsible, and shall not be held accountable, for overseeing or evaluating the adequacy of CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder.

10. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

A. <u>Disclosure of Confidential Information</u>. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to protect any and all confidential information obtained pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation: Division 19 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures – Confidentiality of Information; California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 827, 5328, 10850 and 14100.2; California Health and Safety Code Sections 1280.15 and 1280.18; the California Information Practices Act of 1977; the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act ("CMIA"); the United States Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH Act"); the United States Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") and any current and future implementing regulations promulgated thereunder, including, but not limited to, the Federal Privacy Regulations contained in Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("C.F.R.") Parts 160 and 164, the Federal Security Standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162 and 164 and the Federal Standards for

- Electronic Transactions contained in 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 162, all as may be amended from time to time.
- B. Continuing Compliance with Confidentiality Requirements. Each party hereby acknowledges that local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards pertaining to confidentiality, electronic data security and privacy are rapidly evolving and that amendment of this Agreement may be required to ensure compliance with such developments. Each party hereby agrees to enter into negotiations concerning an amendment to this Agreement embodying written assurances consistent with the requirements of HIPAA, the HITECH Act, the CMIA and any other applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations or standards.

11. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT:

- A. <u>Legal Compliance</u>. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable local, state and federal suspension and debarment laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards, including, without limitation, 7 C.F.R. Part 3017, 45 C.F.R. Part 76, 40 C.F.R. Part 32 and 34 C.F.R. Part 85.
- B. <u>Certification of Eligibility</u>. By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals, assignees and successors in interest:
 - 1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded by any federal department or agency.
 - 2. Have not, within a three (3) year period preceding the effective date of this Agreement, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against it, for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public transaction or contract at the local, state or federal level; violation of local, state or federal antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property.
 - 3. Are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a local, state or federal governmental entity with, commission of any of the offenses referenced herein.
 - 4. Have not, within a three (3) year period preceding this Agreement, had one (1) or more public transactions with a local, state or federal entity terminated for cause or default.
 - 5. Shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 C.F.R. Part 9, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in such transaction, unless specifically authorized to do so by the California Department of Health Care Services.
- C. <u>Construction of Provision</u>. The terms used herein shall have the meanings set forth in the definitions and coverage sections of the rules implementing Federal Executive Order 12549.
- D. <u>Effect of Non-Compliance</u>. Failure to meet any of the requirements set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement, upon which COUNTY may, in addition to any other available remedies, immediately suspend any and all payments due hereunder or terminate this Agreement as set forth herein.
- E. <u>Incorporation of Provisions</u>. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to include the provisions contained herein, without substantial modification, in all lower tier covered transactions as well as all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

12. NON-DISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE:

- A. Nondiscriminatory Delivery of Social Services. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the administration of public assistance and social services programs. CONTRACTOR hereby assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving local, state or federal financial assistance because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by any and all applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. COUNTY reserves the right to monitor the services provided hereunder in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of this provision.
- B. Professional Services and Employment. In connection with the execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate in the provision of professional services or against any employee or applicant for employment because of: race; religion or religious creed; color; age, over forty (40) years of age; sex, including, without limitation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions; sexual orientation, including, without limitation, heterosexuality, homosexuality and bisexuality; national origin; ancestry; marital status; medical condition, including, without limitation, cancer and genetic characteristics; mental or physical disability, including, without limitation, HIV status and AIDS; political affiliation; military service; denial of family care leave; or any other classifications protected by any and all applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the employment of unqualified persons.
- C. <u>Compliance with Anti-Discrimination Laws</u>. CONTRACTOR further assures that it, and its subcontractors, will abide by the applicable provisions of: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Food Stamp Act of 1977; Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the California Fair Employment and Housing Act; California Civil Code Sections 51, et seq.; California Government Code Sections 4450, et seq.; California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10000; Division 21 of the California Department of Social Services Manual of Policies and Procedures; United States Executive Order 11246, as amended and supplemented by United States Executive Order 11375 and 41 C.F.R. Part 60; and any other applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations or standards, all as may be amended from time to time. The applicable regulations of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Government Code Section 12990, set forth in Sections 8101, et seq. of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

13. NUCLEAR-FREE HUMBOLDT COUNTY ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it is not a Nuclear Weapons Contractor, in that CONTRACTOR is not knowingly or intentionally engaged in the research, development, production or testing of nuclear warheads, nuclear weapons systems or nuclear weapons components as defined by the Nuclear-Free Humboldt County Ordinance.

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to notify COUNTY immediately if it becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor as defined above. COUNTY may immediately terminate this Agreement if it determines that the foregoing certification is false or if CONTRACTOR subsequently becomes a Nuclear Weapons Contractor.

14. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION:

By executing this Agreement, CONTRACTOR certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace in accordance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (California Government Code Sections 8350, et seq.) by doing all of the following:

- A. <u>Drug-Free Policy Statement</u>. Publish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(1), a Drug-Free Policy Statement which notifies employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited, and specifies the actions to be taken against employees for violations.
- B. <u>Drug-Free Awareness Program</u>. Establish, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(2), a Drug-Free Awareness Program which informs employees about:
 - 1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - 2. CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - 3. Any available counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs; and
 - 4. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
- C. <u>Drug-Free Employment Agreement</u>. Ensure, as required by California Government Code Section 8355(a)(3), that every employee who provides services hereunder shall:
 - 1. Receive a copy of CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy Statement; and
 - 2. Agree to abide by CONTRACTOR's Drug-Free Policy as a condition of employment.
- D. <u>Effect of Non-Compliance</u>. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein may result in termination of this Agreement and/or ineligibility for award of future contracts.

15. INDEMNIFICATION:

- A. Hold Harmless, Defense and Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses of any kind or nature, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of, or in connection with, CONTRACTOR's negligent performance of, or failure to comply with, any of the duties and/or obligations contained herein, except such loss or damage which was caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of COUNTY.
- B. <u>Effect of Insurance</u>. Acceptance of the insurance required by this Agreement shall not relieve CONTRACTOR from liability under this provision. This provision shall apply to all claims for damages related to CONTRACTOR's performance hereunder, regardless of whether any insurance is applicable or not. The insurance policy limits set forth herein shall not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification or defense to be provided hereunder.

16. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This Agreement shall not be executed by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR is not entitled to any rights hereunder, unless certificates of insurance, or other sufficient proof that the following provisions have been complied with, are received by the Humboldt County Risk Manager or a designee thereof.

- A. <u>General Insurance Requirements</u>. Without limiting CONTRACTOR's indemnification obligations set forth herein, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors hereunder, shall take out and maintain, throughout the entire term of this Agreement, and any extensions thereof, the following policies of insurance, placed with insurers authorized to do business in the State of California with a current A.M. Bests rating of no less than A: VII or its equivalent against personal injury, death and property damage which may arise from, or in connection with, the activities of CONTRACTOR or its agents, officers, directors, employees, licensees, invitees, assignees or subcontractors:
 - Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Insurance at least as broad as Insurance Services Office Commercial General Liability Coverage (occurrence form CG 0001), in an amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) per occurrence for any one (1) incident, including, without limitation, personal injury, death, and property damage. If a general aggregate limit is used, such limit shall apply separately hereto or shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
 - Sexual Abuse or Molestation (SAM) Liability: If the CGL policy referenced above is not endorsed to include affirmative coverage for sexual abuse or molestation, Contractor shall obtain and maintain a policy covering Sexual Abuse and Molestation with a limit no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or claim.
 - Automobile/Motor Liability Insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage. Such insurance shall include coverage of all owned, hired and non-owned vehicles, and be at least as broad as Insurance Service Offices Form Code 1 (any auto).
 - 3. Workers' Compensation Insurance, as required by the California Labor Code, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per accident for bodily injury or disease. Said policy shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation against COUNTY and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
 - 4. Professional Liability Insurance Error and Omission Coverage including coverage in an amount no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence (Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) general aggregate). Said insurance shall be maintained for the statutory period during which CONTRACTOR may be exposed to liability regarding the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall require that such coverage be incorporated into its professional services agreements with any other entities.
- B. <u>Special Insurance Requirements</u>. Said policies shall, unless otherwise specified herein, be endorsed with the following provisions:
 - The Comprehensive or Commercial General Liability Policy shall provide that COUNTY, and its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers, are covered as additional insured for liability arising out of the operations performed by, or on behalf of,

CONTRACTOR. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers. Said policy shall also contain a provision stating that such coverage:

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- a. Includes contractual liability.
- b. Does not contain exclusions as to property damage caused by explosion or collapse of structures or underground damage, referred to as "XCU Hazards."
- c. Is the primary insurance with regard to COUNTY.
- d. Does not contain a pro-rata, excess only and/or escape clause.
- e. Contains a cross liability, severability of interest or separation of insureds clause.
- The above-referenced policies shall not be canceled, non-renewed or materially reduced in coverage without thirty (30) days prior written notice being provided to COUNTY in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein. It is further understood that CONTRACTOR shall not terminate such coverage until COUNTY receives adequate proof that equal or better insurance has been secured.
- 3. The inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to impair the rights of one (1) insured against another insured, and the coverage afforded shall apply as though separate policies had been issued to each insured, but the inclusion of more than one (1) insured shall not operate to increase the limits of the insurer's liability.
- For claims related to this Agreement, CONTRACTOR's insurance is the primary coverage to COUNTY, and any insurance or self-insurance programs maintained thereby are excess to CONTRACTOR's insurance and will not be used to contribute therewith.
- Any failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not affect the coverage provided to COUNTY or its agents, officers, officials, employees and volunteers.
- 6. CONTRACTOR shall furnish COUNTY with certificates and original endorsements effecting the required coverage prior to execution of this Agreement. The endorsements shall be on forms approved by the Humboldt County Risk Manager. Any deductible or self-insured retention over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be disclosed to, and approved by, COUNTY. If CONTRACTOR does not keep all required policies in full force and effect, COUNTY may, in addition to any other available remedies, take out the necessary insurance and deduct the cost of said insurance from the monies owed to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.
- COUNTY is to be notified immediately if twenty-five percent (25%) or more of any required insurance aggregate limit is encumbered, and CONTRACTOR shall be required to purchase additional coverage to meet the above-referenced aggregate limits.
- C. <u>Insurance Notices</u>. Any and all notices regarding the insurance required pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be sent to the addresses set forth below in

accordance with the notice requirements contained herein.

COUNTY:

County of Humboldt

Attention: Risk Management 825 Fifth Street, Room 131 Eureka, California 95501

CONTRACTOR: Redwood Community Action Agency

Attention: Val Martinez, Executive Director

904 G Street

Eureka, California 95501

lkeele@rcaa.org

17. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES:

It is understood that this Agreement is by and between two (2) independent entities and is not intended to, and shall not be construed to, create the relationship of agents, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or any other similar association. Each party hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to any benefits to which COUNTY employees are entitled. including, without limitation, overtime, retirement, leave or workers' compensation benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the acts and omissions of its agents, officers. employees, assignees and subcontractors.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

- General Legal Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal laws, regulations, policies, procedures and standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- Licensure Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all local, state and federal licensure, certification and accreditation standards applicable to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensure requirements set forth in Section 811-6(b) of the Humboldt County Code.
- Accessibility Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable accessibility requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, California Government Code Section 11135 and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, the federal accessibility standards set forth in 36 C.F.R. Section 1194.1, all as may be amended from time to time.
- Conflict of Interest Requirements. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable conflict of interest requirements set forth in the California Political Reform Act and any current and future implementing regulations, policies, procedures and standards promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, COUNTY's Conflict of Interest Code. all as may be amended from time to time.
- Humboldt County Local System of Care. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to comply with any and all applicable provisions of the Humboldt County Local System of Care, which is attached hereto as Exhibit F - Local System of Care and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW:

This Agreement is subject to any additional local, state and federal restrictions, limitations or conditions that may affect the terms, conditions or funding of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be read and enforced as though all legally required provisions are included herein, and if for any reason any such provision is not included, or incorrectly stated, the parties agree to amend the pertinent section to make such insertion or correction.

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20. REFERENCE TO LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS:

In the event any law, regulation or standard referred to herein is amended during the term of this Agreement, the parties agree to comply with the amended provision as of the effective date of such amendment.

21. PROTOCOLS:

Each party hereby agrees that the inclusion of additional protocols may be required to make this Agreement specific. All such protocols shall be negotiated, determined and agreed upon by each of the parties hereto.

22. SEVERABILITY:

If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason, such provision shall be severable and shall not in any way impair the enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

23. ASSIGNMENT:

Neither party shall delegate its duties or assign its rights hereunder, either in whole or in part, without the other party's prior written consent. Any assignment by CONTRACTOR in violation of this provision shall be void, and shall be cause for immediate termination of this Agreement. This provision shall not be applicable to service agreements or other arrangements usually or customarily entered into by either party to obtain supplies, technical support or professional services.

24. AGREEMENT SHALL BIND SUCCESSORS:

All provisions of this Agreement shall be fully binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties and to each of their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.

25. WAIVER OF DEFAULT:

The waiver by either party of any breach of this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such breach in the future, or of the breach of any other requirement of this Agreement. In no event shall any payment by COUNTY constitute a waiver of any breach of this Agreement which may then exist on the part of CONTRACTOR. Nor shall such payment impair or prejudice any remedy available to COUNTY with respect to the breach or default. COUNTY shall have the right to demand repayment of, and CONTRACTOR shall promptly refund, any funds which COUNTY determines were not expended in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

26. NON-LIABILITY OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES:

No official or employee of COUNTY shall be personally liable for any default or liability under this Agreement.

27. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended at any time during the term hereof upon the mutual consent of both parties. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties hereto.

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28. STANDARD OF PRACTICE:

CONTRACTOR warrants that it has the degree of learning and skill ordinarily possessed by reputable professionals practicing in similar localities in the same profession and under similar circumstances. CONTRACTOR's duty is to exercise such care, skill and diligence as professionals engaged in the same profession ordinarily exercise under like circumstances.

29. TITLE TO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS:

It is understood that any and all documents, information and reports concerning the subject matter of this Agreement prepared and/or submitted by CONTRACTOR shall become the property of COUNTY. However, CONTRACTOR may retain copies of such documents, information and reports for its records. In the event this Agreement is terminated, for any reason whatsoever, CONTRACTOR shall promptly turn over all such documents, information and reports to COUNTY without exception or reservation.

30. JURISDICTION AND VENUE:

This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any dispute arising hereunder, or relating hereto, shall be litigated in the State of California and venue shall lie in the County of Humboldt unless transferred by court order pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 394 or 395.

31. ADVERTISING AND MEDIA RELEASE:

Any and all informational material related to this Agreement shall receive approval from COUNTY prior to being used as advertising or released to the media, including, without limitation, television, radio, newspapers and internet. CONTRACTOR shall inform COUNTY of any and all requests for interviews by the media related to the services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement before such interviews take place. COUNTY shall be entitled to have a representative present at any and all interviews concerning the subject matter of this Agreement. Any and all notices required by this provision shall be given to Director in accordance with the notice requirements set forth herein.

32. SUBCONTRACTS:

CONTRACTOR shall obtain prior written approval from COUNTY before subcontracting any of the services to be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Any and all subcontracts shall be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the licensing, certification, privacy, security and confidentiality requirements set forth herein. CONTRACTOR shall remain legally responsible for the performance of all terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any and all services provided by third parties under subcontracts, whether approved by COUNTY or not.

33. ATTORNEYS' FEES:

If either party shall commence any legal action, including, without limitation, an action for declaratory relief, against the other by reason of the alleged failure of the other to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the party prevailing in said action shall be entitled to recover court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees, including, but not limited to, the reasonable value of services rendered by the Humboldt County Counsel's Office, to be fixed by the court, and such recovery shall include court costs and attorneys' fees on appeal, if applicable. As used herein, the term "prevailing party" means the party who dismisses an action in exchange for payment of substantially all sums allegedly due, performance of provisions allegedly breached, or other considerations substantially equal to the relief sought by said party, as well as the party in whose favor final judgment is rendered.

34. SURVIVAL OF PROVISIONS:

The duties and obligations of the parties set forth in Section 3(D) – Compensation upon Termination, Section 8 – Record Retention and Inspection, Section 10 – Confidential Information and Section 15 – Indemnification shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

35. CONFLICTING TERMS OR CONDITIONS:

In the event of any conflict in the terms or conditions set forth in any other agreements in place between the parties hereto and the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the terms and conditions set forth herein shall have priority.

36. INTERPRETATION:

This Agreement, as well as its individual provisions, shall be deemed to have been prepared equally by both of the parties hereto, and shall not be construed or interpreted more favorably for one (1) party on the basis that the other party prepared it.

37. INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION:

The titles of the sections and subsections set forth herein are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall be disregarded in construing or interpreting any of the provisions of this Agreement.

38. FORCE MAJEURE:

Neither party hereto shall be liable or responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from events beyond the reasonable control, and without the fault or negligence, of such party. Such events shall include, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, pandemics, acts of government, fire, power failures, nuclear accidents, earthquakes, unusually severe weather, acts of terrorism or other disasters, whether or not similar to the foregoing.

39. ENTIRE AGREEMENT:

This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties hereto and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind either of the parties hereto. In addition, this Agreement shall supersede in their entirety any and all prior agreements, promises, representations, understandings and negotiations of the parties, whether oral or written, concerning the same subject matter. Any and all acts which may have already been consummated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement are hereby ratified.

40. COUNTERPART EXECUTION:

This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) and the same agreement. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be signed by manual or electronic signatures in accordance with any and all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and standards, and such signatures shall constitute original signatures for all purposes. A signed copy of this Agreement, and any amendments hereto, transmitted by email or by other means of electronic transmission shall have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this Agreement and any amendments hereto.

41. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE:

Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered into this Agreement as of the first date written above.

TWO SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED FOR CORPORATIONS:

- (1) CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT, OR VICE PRESIDENT: AND
- (2) SECRETARY, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OR TREASURER.

REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY:

| By: Val Martinez Date: 2025.06.25 12:11:07 -07'00' | Date: |
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| Name: Val Martinez | _ |
| Title: Executive Director | |
| By: Mary Fountain Digitally signed by Mary Fountain Date: 2025.06.25 12:11:30 -07'00' | Date: |
| Name: Mary Fountain | - |
| Title: Fiscal Director | |
| COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT: | |
| By: Michelle Bushnell, Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors | Date: <u>JVIU</u> 22,2025 |
| INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREME | NTS APPROVED: |
| By: Oakley, Jennifer Digitally signed by Oakley, Jennifer Date: 2025.06.26 16:24:26 -07'00' | Date: 6/26/25 |
| Risk Management | |

LIST OF EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A - Scope of Services

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EXHIBIT A SCOPE OF SERVICES

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

1. SERVICES:

- A. <u>Temporary Shelter Services</u>. CONTRACTOR shall provide non-reserved temporary shelter services, as available and not to exceed six (6) placements on any given day, to eligible youth who are within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court pursuant to Section 300 or Section 601 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. The temporary shelter services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall include, without limitation, all of the following:
 - 1. Providing eligible youth with personal living quarters in safe and secure facilities which meet any and all applicable building, fire and health safety standards.
 - 2. Providing adequate supervision and care of eligible youth, including, without limitation, providing food, clothing, school supplies, personal incidentals, reasonable travel to a youth's home for visitation and reasonable travel necessary for a youth to remain in the school in which he or she is enrolled at the time of placement.
 - 3. Providing, in collaboration with DHHS Social Services staff, eligible youth with necessary support services, including, without limitation, crisis counseling, case management and aftercare services and family team meetings to discuss safety, current needs and service, treatment and discharge planning.
 - 4. Providing appropriate DHHS Social Services staff with monthly census reports which include, without limitation, the name and birth dates, if available, of each youth receiving temporary shelter or long-term transitional housing placement services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement during the applicable reporting period along with the number of times each youth has stayed at the shelter, including the date of the most recent stay.
 - Providing the DHHS Children and Family Services Placement Unit Supervisor with copies of any and all incidents reports involving youths receiving temporary shelter services provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. Program Planning and Coordination. CONTRACTOR shall designate a program representative who is authorized to speak for CONTRACTOR with respect to this Agreement. CONTRACTOR's program representative shall be responsible for attending, either by phone or video conferencing, any and all relevant program development and coordination meetings that are deemed necessary to plan, organize or coordinate the provision of the temporary shelter services required hereunder. CONTRACTOR shall notify COUNTY within fifteen (15) days of any changes to the temporary shelter services that will be provided pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

COUNTY shall be responsible for ensuring the continued provision of any and all supportive services, including, without limitation, the provision of annual clothing allowances, provided to youth receiving temporary shelter services pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

EXHIBIT B SCHEDULE OF RATES

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

| A. Personnel Costs | |
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| Title: Shelter Program Manager | |
| Description of Duties: Provides implementation and maintenance of the program's service plan goals; hiring, training, and supervision of staff; care and supervision of residents; provision of crisis intervention and case-management services; and supervision of the facility's maintenance per licensing and funder requirements. | \$403.00 |
| Title: Assistant Shelter Manager Description of Duties: Provides training, scheduling and supervision of staff; care and supervision of residents; oversight of staff documentation, prepares reports including HMIS submissions, provision of crisis intervention and casemanagement services; and supervision of the facility's maintenance per licensing and funder requirements. | \$190.00 |
| Title: Residential Staff Description of Duties: Provides: daily link with program clients/youth; assists with individual assessments; client goals; therapeutic, education and enrichment activities designed to assist the specific cognitive, physical, social, and emotional needs and development of client/youth. | \$2,472.00 |
| Title: Case Manager Description of Duties: Provides crisis intervention, case management services, client advocacy, life skills education, client documentation and information and referral services for clients/youth. | \$85.00 |
| Title: Community Services Director Description of Duties: Provides: staff hiring, overall supervision; developing program budget; monitoring finances; invoicing; timelines; quality control; subcontractors; representation of division to vendors, community partners and the media. | \$23.00 |
| Total Personnel Costs: | \$3,173.00 |
| B. Operational Costs | |
| Item: Residential Space Description: Residence/apartment for youth, office space for staff. | \$654.00 |
| Item: Utilities Description: Garbage/waste, electric/gas, wifi, cable, communications, water, for residence and office space. | \$199.00 |
| Item: Food Description: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, groceries, made available to youth 24/7. | \$266.00 |
| Item: Supplies Description: Cleaning and household supplies, bedding, kitchen utensils, etc. as needed for youth and office space. | \$44.00 |
| Item: Clothing Description: Sleep, school, work and lounge wear provided as needed. | \$55.00 |
| Item: Personal Necessities | |

| Annual Budget | \$361,584.00 |
|--|--------------|
| Monthly Budget with 6 youth in placement | \$30,132.00 |
| Monthly Administrative Fee - 10% | \$456.00 |
| Sum of Total Personnel and Total Operational Costs | \$4,566.00 |
| Total Operational Costs: | \$1,393.00 |
| Item: Recreation Description: Staff available to transport youth to and from recreational activities such as school gatherings, mentoring, physical activities (park, gym, hiking) movies, shopping, swimming, etc. when planned. | \$55.00 |
| Item: Transportation Description: Staff available to transport youth to and from school, medical and legal appts., career exploration, work, recreational activities, emergencies, etc. as needed including gas reimbursements. | \$65.00 |

^{*}Fluctuations of up to ten percent (10%) of salary calculation to account for wage increases, new hires, etc. are allowable if total amount of Personnel Costs category does not increase. Any shift of funds to or from the personnel category must be approved in writing by COUNTY. CONTRACTOR may shift up to twenty percent (25%) of budgeted amounts between all other budget categories without prior written approval by COUNTY.

^{*}Compensation shall be calculated at Five Thousand and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$5,022.00) per participant per month for a maximum of six (6) youth per month. The monthly rate of Five Thousand and Twenty-Two Dollars (\$5,022.00) will be prorated based on the number of days participant is in the program if less than a full month. The day of discharge is not to be included in the costs compensated by COUNTY.

EXHIBIT C SAMPLE INVOICE FORM

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

(Place on agency letter head)

INVOICE

Contractor Name Contract Reference Contractor Street Address City, State, Zip Code

> Invoice Date Invoice Period Invoice Number

Contact Name Contact Phone Number

| Date | Quantity | Description of Service | Rate | Total |
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| | | Total Inve | oiced Amount | |
| Contract term | Contract Cap | Amount expended previously | Invoice Amount | Contract Amount Remaining after this Invoice |

EXHIBIT D QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

| Reporting Due Dates | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Quarter | Dates Included | Report Due to DHHS | | |
| 1 | July 1 through September 30 | October 15 | | |
| 2 | October 1 through December 31 | January 15 | | |
| 3 | January 1 through March 31 | April 15 | | |
| 4 | April 1 through June 30 | July 15 | | |

Chart Below Represents __ Quarter Numbers Only Unless otherwise stated, numbers are snapshots as of the last day of the reporting period.

| | 的 10 | | Program Staffing |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------|
| Title | Ex: C Mana | CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF | |
| FTE | Ex: 1 | .0 | |
| Training Attended Staff | | 1. 2. | |

| · 2011年2月1日 - 1011年1日 - 1 | | Program Pa | rticipation | Mark State of | |
|---|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| Number of participants at end of each month in quarter | | 1 st Month | 2 nd Month | 3 rd Mo | onth |
| Percentage full | | % | | % | % |
| Number of referrals | | Number acce | pted | Number declir | ned |
| Reason for each decline | 1. | | | | |
| Number of ad | mits | | Numl | ber of discharges | |

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| Amount billed for each | 1 st Month | 2 nd Month | 3 rd Month |
| month in quarter | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Days billed for each month in quarter | | | ** |
| Billable days in each month in quarter | | | |
| Percentage full (Days billed over billable days) | | % | % |

| | | Participant 1 | 秦公益基础 的基础 |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Name | Birth Month and | Gender Identity | Entry Date |

| | Year | | | |
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| Independent Living Skills Provided | □ Career/Job Guida □ Education □ Home Manageme □ Health Care Management | | E :50 | ent/Vocational Training onal/Social Skills |
| | Brief Narrative Bulle | ets to d | lescribe the al | pove checked activities: |
| Fill below | only if discharged | 16 6 6 9 | | CENTRAL DE LA PRESENTATION DE LA PROPERTIE DE |
| Discharge Date Reason for discharge | | | | |

EXHIBIT E ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FORM

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

| Reporting Due Dates | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | Dates Included | Report Due to DHHS | | |
| Annually | July 1 through June 30 | July 30 | | |

Chart Below Represents Annual Numbers Only
Unless otherwise stated, numbers are snapshots as of the last day of the reporting
period.

| | Prog | gram Staffir | ng Averages | | CIAL AND AND AND AND ADDRESS. |
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| Title | | | | | The state of the s |
| FTE | | | | | |
| | P | rogram Par | ticipation | | ATTENDED TO |
| Number of CWS youth placed at er of: | | Quarter | 2 nd Quarter | 3 rd Quarter | 4 th Quarter |
| | 3. | | ' | | |
| | 1. | | | | |
| | 1. | | | | |
| Participant Number | Birth Month and Year | Gender | Entry Date | Exit Date | Time in Program |
| 1 | 1 | | | | |

| 6 | 1 | | | |
|------------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Total number of admits | | Total number of discharges | Average length of stay (months | |

Reason for 1. each 2. discharge

| | | Financ | ial | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | 1 st Quarter | 2 nd Quarter | 3 rd Quarter | 4 th Quarter | Total |
| Amount billed for each quarter in year | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

Narrative:

EXHIBIT F LOCAL SYSTEM OF CARE

Redwood Community Action Agency For Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2027-2028

Child services are part of the local System of Care ("SOC"), therefore CONTRACTOR will operate within all applicable principles of the local SOC:

- Providing effective, community-based services and supports for children and their families which coordinate with other systems to address their emotional, social, educational and physical needs, including, without limitation, traditional and nontraditional services as well as natural and informal supports.
- Provide individualized services in accordance with the unique potentials and needs of each child and family, guided by a strengths-based planning process and an individualized service plan developed in true partnership with the child and family.
- 3. Ensure that services and supports include evidence-informed practices and/or interventions supported by practice-based evidence, as agreed upon with COUNTY, to ensure the effectiveness of services and to improve outcomes for children and their families. This includes selecting, training and implementing practices with fidelity and tracking of outcomes associated with intervention using standardized outcome measurement tools.
- 4. Deliver services and supports within the least restrictive and most normative environments that are clinically appropriate.
- 5. Ensure that families, other caregivers and youth are full partners in all aspects of the planning and delivery of their own services. CONTRACTOR is also encouraged to include family and youth voice in development and implementation of policies and procedures that govern care for children and youth in their organization.
- 6. Ensure that services are well coordinated with other child-serving agencies with which the child and/or family may be involved to assure integrated care management.
- 7. Practice care management at the service level to ensure that multiple services are delivered in a coordinated and therapeutic manner and that children and their families can move through the system of services in accordance with their changing needs.
- 8. Provide developmentally appropriate mental health services and supports that promote optimal social and emotional outcomes for young children and their families in their homes and community when the CONTRACTOR serves children zero (0) to five (5) years of age.
- 9. Provide developmentally appropriate services and supports to facilitate the transition of youth eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age to adulthood and to the transition age youth and adult service systems as needed.
- 10. Encourage participation in local mental health promotion, prevention and early identification and intervention opportunities.
- Incorporate continuous accountability and quality improvement mechanisms to track, monitor and manage the quality, effectiveness and outcomes at the program level, practice level and child and family level.

- 12. Protect the rights of children and families and promote effective advocacy efforts.
- 13. Provide services and supports without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical disability, socio-economic status, geography, language, immigration status or other characteristics, and ensure that services are sensitive and responsive to these differences.