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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To The Board of Education
From Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent
 By: Maria Santos, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction, Leadership & Equity-in-Action
 Vernon Hal, Deputy Superintendent, Business & Operations

Board Meeting Date 4/25/12
(To be completed by Procurement)

Subject Professional Services Contract -
Lincoln Child Center Oakland CA (contractor, City State)
Laurel School (site/department)

Action Requested Ratification of a professional services contract between Oakland Unified School District and Lincoln Child Center. Services to be primarily provided to Laurel School for the period of 07/01/2011 through 06/30/2012.

Background
A one paragraph explanation of why the consultant's services are needed.
 On the CST in 2010-11, 43% of the students at Laurel scored FBB-B in ELA. In addition, 29% of the students scored FBB-B in math. The Opportunity Schools programs provided school based mental health interventions to children who demonstrate disruptive or other behaviors that put them at high risk for dismissal from class or suspension from school. A student who is not in class is not able to benefit from instruction.

Discussion
One paragraph summary of the scope of work.
 Ratification/Approval by the Board of Education of a professional services contract between the Oakland Unified School District and Avo Tarakjian (Lincoln Child Center) for the following to provide Mental Health Services. Mental health professionals will conduct individual assessments, develop treatment plans, and provide therapeutic support throughout the day. Intervention specialists will provide in class and out of classroom support in therapeutic activities such as conflict resolution and social skill development. Both will consult and collaborate with school personnel around classroom behavior management for \$5,000 from 7/1/2011 through 6/30/12.

Recommendation Ratification of professional services contract between Oakland Unified School District and Lincoln Child Center. Services to be primarily provided to Laurel School for the period of 07/01/2011 through 06/30/2012.

Fiscal Impact Funding resource name (please spell out) General Purpose
not to exceed \$5,000.00

- Attachments**
- Professional Services Contract including scope of work
 - Fingerprint/Background Check Certification
 - Commercial General Liability Insurance Certification
 - TB screening documentation
 - Statement of qualifications



Consultant Contract between Oakland Unified School District, Laurel Elementary and Lincoln Child Center

This consultant contract outlines the agreement between the Lincoln Child Center School-Based Program and Oakland Unified School District – Laurel Elementary from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Laurel Elementary & OUSD agrees to:

1. Pay in the amount of **\$5,000.00** for services to be provided for the school year 2011 -2012. The school's financial contribution will cover operational expenses and the provision of additional support services based on particular school priorities. These support services will be negotiated with individual principals so as to meet the needs of their particular schools.
2. 2 payments of **\$2,500.00** are to be paid directly to Lincoln Child Center (3/1/12 and 6/1/12.)
3. Provide a confidential staff office with a phone, internet access, printer and locking file cabinet, and when possible, a second, confidential, therapy room.
4. Provide referrals to the Lincoln Child Center School-Based Program.
5. Provide client data regarding attendance, suspensions, and involvement in other intensive services [special education, Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) process, Learning Opportunities Program (LOP), etc] at the end of each semester.
6. Complete annual satisfaction surveys and administrator questionnaires regarding efficacy of Lincoln's programs.
7. Participate in, at minimum, monthly meetings between the school Principal and the Program Director.

Lincoln Child Center School-Based Program agrees to:

1. Provide Mental Health services for up to **20** clients that meet program eligibility requirements.
2. Monitor Medi-Cal eligibility on a monthly basis.
3. Provide **8** hours/week of support services (non-Medi-Cal) at the schools. This may include, but is not limited to: crisis intervention, teacher trainings, group counseling sessions, individual therapy sessions, & Student Success/Study Team (SST) and Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings.
4. Provide a monthly report of service provision to principals.
5. Work with school administrators to develop crisis plans for the school as requested.
6. Meet with school Principal on a quarterly basis, to provide service updates.

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Consultant Contract with Lincoln Child Center

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Confidentiality of Health Information:

All information and records obtained in the course of providing services pursuant to this Agreement shall be confidential and are protected from disclosure by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5328, et seq. and other applicable federal and state law.

Contractor is a Covered Entity within the meaning of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and shall provide services in conformance therewith.

Notification Information:

Contact Person & Title:	John Stangl, Principal
School Address:	3750 Brown Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619
Phone #:	510.879.1310
Fax #:	510.879.1319
Email Address	John.Stangl@ousd.k12.ca.us

All parties must agree to additions or deletions to this MOU.

This supercedes all previous MOU agreed to for 2011/12 school year.

*AS
11-28-11*

[Signature]

John Stangl, Principal
Laurel Elementary School

11/28/11

Date

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~~Christine Stoner-Mertz, President/CEO~~
Lincoln Child Center
AVO TARAKJIAN, CFO

11/17/11

Date

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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
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PRODUCER LIC #0877964 1-415-365-8000
Integro Insurance Brokers
One Bush Street
Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94104

CONTRACT NAME:	
PHONE (A/C No. Ext):	FAX (A/C No.):
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE	
INSURER A: Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company	NAIC #
INSURER B:	
INSURER C:	
INSURER D:	
INSURER E:	
INSURER F:	

INSURED
Lincoln Child Center
4368 Lincoln Ave.
Oakland, CA 94602

COVERAGES CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 19737399 REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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	RETENTION \$						
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	If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A				E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
A	Prof Liability (Occurrence)			PHPK683904	02/15/11	02/15/12	Each OCC: 1,000,000 Aggregate: 2,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required)

Oakland Unified School District, its School Board, The State Trustee, its officers, agents and employees are named additional insured as respects to liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Named Insured.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Oakland Unified School District
Josephine Alvarado-Mena
1025 2nd Avenue, Portable 15
Oakland, CA 94606

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CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

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Lincoln Child Center
4368 Lincoln Ave.
Oakland, CA 94602

INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE		NAIC #
INSURER A:	Commerce Industry Insurance	
INSURER B:		
INSURER C:		
INSURER D:		
INSURER E:		

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		AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY				COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Eo Occurrence) \$
		<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (Per Person) \$
		<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (Per Occurrence) \$
		<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per Accident) \$
		<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS				
		<input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS				
		Garage Liability				AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$
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A		WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY	WC0999656	03-01/11	03/01/12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
		ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED?				EL EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000
		If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below				EL DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
		OTHER				EL DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT/SPECIAL PROVISIONS
Project: As on file with the insured.
*Except 10 days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Lincoln Child Center
Laurel Elementary School
3750 Brown Avenue
Oakland, CA 94619

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ROUTING FORM 2011-2012

Basic Directions

Additional directions and related documents are in the School Operations Library (<http://intranet.ousd.k12.ca.us>)

Services cannot be provided until the contract is fully approved and a Purchase Order has been issued.

- Contractor and OUSD contract originator (principal or manager) reach agreement about scope of work and compensation.
- Ensure contractor has OUSD Vendor Number and meets the consultant requirements (including insurance and background check)
- Contractor and OUSD contract originator complete the contract packet together and attach required attachments.
- OUSD contract originator creates the requisition.
- Within 2 weeks of creating the requisition the OUSD contract originator submits complete contract packet for approval.

Attachment Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/> For individual consultants: HRSS Pre-Consultant Screening Letter for current fiscal year
	<input type="checkbox"/> For individual consultants: Proof of negative tuberculosis status within past 4 years
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For All Consultants: Statement of qualifications (organization); or resume (individual consultant)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For All Consultants: Proof of Commercial General Liability insurance naming OUSD as an Additional Insured
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For All Consultants with employees: Proof of workers compensation insurance

OUSD Staff Contact *Emails about this contract should be sent to:* Dorothy Rose

Contractor Information

Contractor Name	Lincoln Child Center	Agency's Contact	Juliet Diangson		
OUSD Vendor ID #	I003181	Title	Contract Administrator		
Street Address	4368 Lincoln Avenue	City	Oakland	State	CA Zip 94602
Telephone	(510) 531-3111	Email	julietdiangson@lincolncc.org		
Contractor History	Previously been an OUSD contractor? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Worked as an OUSD employee? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Compensation and Terms – Must be within the OUSD Billing Guidelines

Anticipated start date	01/01/2012	Date work will end	06/15/2012	Other Expenses	
Pay Rate Per Hour (required)	\$ 25.00	Number of Hours	200.00	Total Contract Amount	\$ 5,000.00

Budget Information

If you are planning to multi-fund a contract using LEP funds, please contact the State and Federal Office before completing requisition.

Resource #	Resource Name	Org Key	Object Code	Amount
0000	General Purpose	1311110101	5825	\$ 5,000.00
			5825	\$
			5825	\$
Requisition No.	R0202482		Total Contract Amount	\$ 5,000.00

Approval and Routing (in order of approval steps)

Services cannot be provided before the contract is fully approved and a Purchase Order is issued. Signing this document affirms that to your knowledge services were not provided before a PO was issued.

OUSD Administrator verifies that this vendor does not appear on the Excluded Parties List (<https://www.epls.gov/epls/search.do>)

1.	Administrator/Manager (Originator)	Name	John Stangl	Phone	(510) 531-6868
	Site / Department		Laurel School	Fax	(510) 531-6725
	Signature			Date Approved	4/28/11
2.	Resource Manager , if using funds managed by: <input type="checkbox"/> State and Federal <input type="checkbox"/> Quality, Community, School Development <input type="checkbox"/> Complementary Learning / After School Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Scope of work indicates compliant use of restricted resource and is in alignment with school site plan (SPSA)			
	Signature			Date Approved	
	Signature (if using multiple restricted resources)			Date Approved	
3.	Regional Executive Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Services described in the scope of work align with needs of department or school site			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant is qualified to provide services described in the scope of work			
	Signature			Date Approved	2/24/12
4.	Deputy Superintendent Instructional Leadership / Deputy Superintendent Business Operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant Aggregate Under \$50,000			
	Signature			Date Approved	3-2-2012
5.	Superintendent, Board of Education <i>Signature on the legal contract</i>				
Legal <i>Required if not using standard contract</i>	Approved		Denied - Reason		Date 12/16/11
Procurement	Date Received		PO Number	P1206164	

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LETTER FROM THE CEO



Dear Friends of Lincoln Child Center,

It is a special gift to end a year and begin a new one with a renewed and focused vision. Over the past year, Lincoln's senior staff and Board of Directors worked diligently to determine an organizational structure and strategic vision for the short- and long-term. The result is a five year business plan that focuses and defines our efforts through 2015. Lincoln aims to continue providing an array of services from preventative to intensive and to expand our school based and community based programs.

Building on past successes and identifying areas that we need to adjust or reconfigure services, Lincoln aspires to reach the most vulnerable of youth and families and design programs that improve educational skills, reduce the effects of mental illness, increase access to services, and reduce the effects of trauma. Taking a targeted, deep approach to impacting neighborhoods in which youth and families live, bringing resources and services to them and their communities, and building the supports that enable them to ultimately be independent will result in lasting change for these youth and for the community.

Lincoln Child Center has seen significant changes in the fields of child welfare, mental health and education over the past 20 years. Since its inception in 1883, Lincoln has maintained a strong and stable presence in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, and specifically in the Oakland community. With a history of providing services for children who were orphaned, and whose educational needs could not be met in public schools, Lincoln has expanded its programs to serve children and youth within the community during the last ten years.

We look forward to the years to come and reporting back highlights and challenges to our loyal supporters. Thank you to our friends, partners and supporters for joining us in our mission *to enable vulnerable and emotionally troubled children and their families to lead independent and fulfilling lives.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Stoner-Mertz'.

Christine Stoner-Mertz, LCSW
President & CEO



PRINCIPLES OF CARE

STRENGTHS-BASED: We honor the diversity, resiliency, and uniqueness of the children, youth, and families we serve. We view them as having interests, abilities, and skills from which we draw and build upon in our collaborative approach. We also provide support in identifying and building resources within themselves, their families, and their communities.

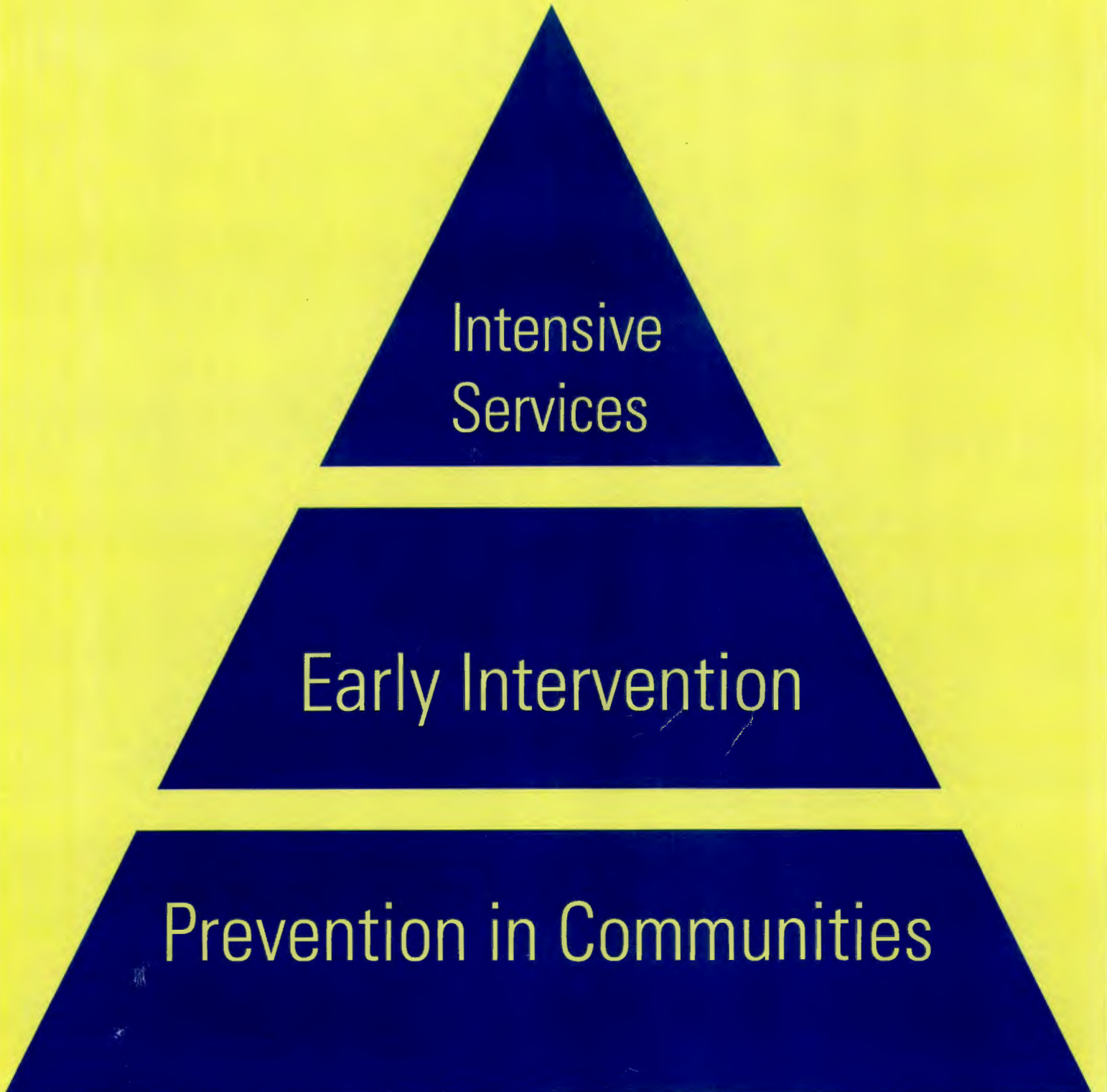
FAMILY-CENTERED: We will actively engage and partner with people important in the lives of the children, youth, and families we serve. We will ensure that parents/caregivers are active participants in the planning and delivery of services. We are committed to children and youth being connected to their families of origin whenever possible.

BEST PRACTICES: We will utilize best practices, including evidence-based, emerging and promising practices that are sensitive to diverse cultures and communities. We will regularly evaluate our methods for efficacy and relevance to achieve positive outcomes for the children, youth, and families we serve.

TEAM-BASED AND INTEGRATED CARE: We are committed to providing an array of services based on the unique needs of children, youth, and families that embrace a team approach to service provision. We value the richness and diversity gained by the multiple perspectives of care team members, including family members, program staff, and community partners.

EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION: We are committed to providing early intervention and prevention services that work toward strengthening families and communities to support resiliency, stability, independence, and growth.

WHAT WE DO



Intensive
Services

Early Intervention

Prevention in Communities

LINCOLN CHILD CENTER'S KINSHIP PROGRAM

2009/10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Through this past year, Lincoln developed organizational values, a vision for the future, and continued its critically important work in its intensive, school-based and community-based programs. Our Intensive, campus-based programs transitioned to a new crisis intervention model and implemented new models of problem-solving with students. In our school-based programs, Lincoln's staff began planning for the use of "whole school" approaches that impact school culture rather than focus just on a few students at a time. Our community-based programs have continued to provide services that assist in returning children to a family living situation or helping them to remain with relatives in our Kinship Program.

As Lincoln looks towards the future, we intend to expand our service provision in the communities we serve, reaching more families in vulnerable neighborhoods and impacting children earlier in order to ensure each family's success in the long term.

Read on for an in-depth description of one of our community programs serving southern Alameda County.



BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

In Alameda County alone, approximately 33,000 (or about 37%) of children in foster care are being raised by a relative or kin caregiver.

As a result of this staggering statistic, Lincoln Child Center began offering Kinship Support Services Program ("Kinship") in 2001 to all relative caregivers, their children who are under the age of 18, the kin children they are raising, and the children's birthparents that live in central, eastern, and southern Alameda County. Kinship is a community-based, family-centered support and resource program for relatives who are raising another family member's children, thereby keeping children within their own families, communities, and cultures.

Through the program, caregivers and their kin children are eligible to receive an array of home and community support services, specially designed to reduce the need for children to enter the child welfare system, encourage family placements, and support kin families who exit the child welfare system to accept legal guardianship of their relative children.

Lincoln's Kinship services include, but are not limited to:

- Case management, individual needs assessment, and service planning.
- Information, referral and advocacy for housing, legal services, in-home services, child care, finances, respite care, mental health and substance abuse counseling, education and health care.
- Support groups for caregivers and their children and/or kin.

Lincoln Child Center's Kinship Program Continued...

- Social and recreational outings, activities and events for all.
- Educational seminars (on topics such as finances, parent effectiveness training, child development, stress reduction, job and college readiness, and other client requested topics.)
- Community service projects for the whole family unit.

Kinship services are crucial. While children in informal Kinship care face many of the same risks as children in formal foster placements, they and their caregivers are ineligible for most of the established supports available to those families with a formal foster care arrangement. These factors tend to lead to an increased risk of poor health and ongoing poverty.

When Kinship began in 2001, there were 30 families who actively participated in the programs, and since then, we have grown to serve over 120 families throughout central, eastern and southern Alameda County. Currently, Lincoln's Kinship is the only program in place to serve Kinship families in that area—an area comprising approximately 1,000 square kilometers and encompassing five regional cities.

RISK FACTORS FOR KIN AND THEIR FAMILIES

The overall trends in relative care giving are that caregivers are often older, single, and low-income. Relative caregivers are also more likely to have less education, be in poorer health or disabled, lack health insurance, and experience household food insecurity. In Lincoln's program, 74% of our caregivers are between 50 and 70 years of age, about 11% are over 70, and approximately 70% are low income. Even caregivers not considered low-income shoulder a significant financial burden as they unexpectedly enter child-rearing.

Most of the children in our program have survived neglect, substance abuse exposure, and/or physical,

mental, or emotional abuse. Many are diagnosed with attention deficit disorders, asthma, or learning disabilities. Special needs are also very common in kin, as at least 25% of our kinship youth are special education students. In conjunction with all of the above, approximately 60% of our youth have missed schooling or had other educational obstacles due to their family issues before coming to live with their relatives.

BENEFITS OF KIN CARE

There are many reasons why Kinship services are needed.

According to census statistics, children living with relatives are more likely to remain in the same home for five years or more. Many of our families who are now raising adolescents have cared for the children since birth and over 90% of children in our program remain with their kin caregivers, maintaining not only a stable home life, but also consistent school attendance. By comparison, 73% of children placed in foster care for at least four years had moved a minimum of three times.

It's also important to note that research indicates that youth who feel more connected to their schools, homes and communities are less likely to engage in delinquent or gang activities. A recent survey administered by Kinship to our families indicates gang activity and neighborhood safety are concerns for our Kinship youth and their caregivers. Such prevention measures are more cost effective and have a greater positive effect on families and neighborhoods.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Kinship office in Hayward is open and staff are available to provide information and assistance from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and Saturdays 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

If you know of anyone who could use the support of Kinship services, please contact Dynell Garron at 510.583.8026.



IMPACT OF LCC'S PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE:

- In the schools where Lincoln Child Center provides services, our presence helped raise Academic Performance Index scores by 29 points on average.
- In Lincoln's Residential Treatment Facility there is an 80% success rate of transitioning children to a lower level of care or family setting.
- In Lincoln's Conyes Academy/Day Treatment program, 88% of students are stabilized and transitioned into a similar or less intensive school and treatment environment.
- In Lincoln's Project Permanence Program, 82% of the children served are stable in family placements six months after they were discharged from LCC's program.
- Over 90% of Lincoln Child Center's client families reported that they were satisfied with the services they received.



Lincoln Child Center enables
vulnerable and emotionally
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families to lead independent
and fulfilling lives.

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