

May 16, 2005

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION
FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: CHILDCARE PROVIDER WORKSHOPS

BACKGROUND: A discussion was held at the Commission December 2004 study session meeting regarding childcare provider education opportunities. In response, I have researched possible educational opportunities for Sutter County childcare providers that could be provided quarterly.

UCD, The Center for Excellence in Child Development has several workshop topics that would be beneficial to our childcare providers; they include Building Blocks of Learning, Partnering with Parents, Culturally Consistent Care and Keys to Serving Children with Special Needs. The university will provide the instructors, curriculum, hand outs, registration and officially enroll the participant in the university for credit. The workshops are approximately 6-7 hours in length.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The Commission would host quarterly workshop training opportunities on Saturday's for Sutter County childcare providers. The workshops will be provided by UCD. The Commission is a government entity and would receive a 15% discount on the cost. Workshop attendance would be limited to approximately 30 individuals.

Childcare Workshops Budget	
Item	Amount
Qtrly Workshops \$2890 each	\$11560.00
Workshop lunch/misc expense	\$1500.00
Outreach/Advertisement	\$1500.00
Total	\$14560.00

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: \$14560.00 05/06 FY budget.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve funding for Quarterly Childcare Provider workshops.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Executive Director's recommendation.

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