

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2012-0040

Sponsored by: **County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood and Councilmember Conwell**

A Resolution authorizing a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,832,782.00 for administration of the Special Needs Child Care Program for the period 1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Community Initiatives/Office of Early Childhood has submitted a request to contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,832,782.00 for the administration of the Special Needs Child Care Program for the period 1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012; and

WHEREAS, the Special Needs Child Care Program is designed to increase the inclusion of children with identified disabilities, challenging behaviors, medical needs, and children who are at risk of not being served in typical child care settings; and

WHEREAS, the primary goals of this project is to provide system coordination and administration of the Special Needs Child Care Program including child assessments, technical assistance, training, special equipment, and resources for families who are in need of specialized child care for their children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, there will be three (3) components to the contract as follows: (a) Starting Point will subcontract with at least six (6) Training and Technical Assistance providers; (b) Starting Point will provide service coordination including training and technical assistance, and link families to appropriate service providers, school districts, and community resources; and (c) Starting Point will administer the program; and

WHEREAS, Starting Point has been designated by the State of Ohio as Cuyahoga County's child care resource and referral agency and is RFP exempt; and

WHEREAS, the contractor for this project is Billie Osborne-Fears, Executive Director, Starting Point, 4600 Euclid Avenue, Suite 500, Cleveland, Ohio 44103; Council District 7; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded 94.52% by the Health and Human Services Levy, and 5.48% by donated funds. The schedule of payments will be monthly by invoice; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project's term has already begun. The reason for the delay in this request is due to the need to ensure that funds were allocated to the Office of Early Childhood budget to cover the expenses of the contract and to negotiate the scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the County Council hereby authorizes a contract with Starting Point in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,832,782.00 for administration of the Special Needs Child Care Program for the period 1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012.

SECTION 2. That funds have been certified and encumbered sufficient to fund this contract.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective because the project's term has already begun. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective up the signature of the County Executive.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Germana, Gallagher, Schron and Connally


Nays: None


County Council President

3/13/12
Date


County Executive

3/14/12
Date


Clerk of Council

3/13/2012
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: February 28, 2012
Committee Assigned: Health, Human Services & Aging

Additional Sponsorship Requested: March 1, 2012

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