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County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner

24373

**To:** Board of Acquisition and Contract

**From:** Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner of Social Services

**Date:** January 18, 2012

**Re: Authority for the County to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 15, 2012 through February 13, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,770, payable pursuant to an approved budget**

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Authority is requested from your Honorable Board to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc. (“NAFI”) to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 15, 2012 through February 13, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,770, payable pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriations.

The PLL program combines a six-week parent education and group therapy program with four or more individual family therapy sessions for adolescents and their parents. The proposed Agreement will benefit youth between 10 and 18 with extreme emotional or behavioral problems such as running away, extreme disrespect, chronic truancy, depression, drug or alcohol abuse. It is expected that the proposed PLL program will reduce the length of time that adolescents remain in foster care which both benefits the affected children and their biological parents as well as reduces costs to the County. Reducing length of stay is possible, as implemented by NAFI, through high parent and community involvement, before and after discharge, by lowering the measurable risk levels in both the parent and the youth simultaneously. The program is intended as a demonstration of one approach to reducing the length of stay in foster care and thereby

reducing the cost of such care to the County. Should the demonstration prove successful, an RFP with more ambitious goals in terms of families served would be issued by the Department.

The agreement with NAFI would serve the public purpose of providing youth between 10 and 18 in foster care with extreme emotional or behavioral problems such as running away, extreme disrespect, chronic truancy, depression, drug or alcohol abuse with parent education and group therapy programs and with four or more individual family therapy sessions for adolescents and their parents. These services would be geared toward reducing the length of stay of youth in foster care and reduce their rate of recidivism.

The agreement with NAFI will be monitored using the performance measurement indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. NAFI will submit monthly statistics and performance reports in a format approved by the Department. The Program Office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking their achievements. During the contract period, DSS program staff maintains ongoing phone and face-to-face contact with the vendor. Because this is a new initiative, the Department has no outcomes to list at present.

The proposed agreement with NAFI is exempt from the County's Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a)xiv, xvii and xviii thereof.

A resolution is annexed hereto, which I recommend for your favorable consideration.

KMM/DI  
Attachment

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with North American Family Institute, Inc., 10 Harbor Street, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923, to provide the Parenting with Love and Limits Program (“PLL”) to include parent education and group therapy as well as family therapy for parents and adolescents in foster care, for the term February 15, 2012 through February 13, 2013 in the total amount not to exceed \$242,770 payable pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this contract is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (“State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State budget and/or adoption of a State budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s) to conduct an analysis of the impact of any such budget(s) on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement, or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor then the Contractors shall have the right to terminate the agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2012	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$212,424
2013	101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$ 30,346

Budget Funding Year(s) : 2012 – 2013      Start Date: 02/15/2012\_End Date: 02/13/2013  
 (must match resolution)

Funding Source                      Tax Dollars: 41%

State Aid: 30%

Federal Aid: 29%

\$242,770  
 (must match resolution)

Other:

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 02/23/2012 - JOMARY PERA, SECRETARY