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Honorable Judge Keith Self
Collin County Title IV-E Legal Services
200 S. McDonald St., Ste. 300
McKinney, TX 75069-7603

**RE: FY 09 Contract – Title IV-E Legal Services
Contract Number Change**

Dear *Honorable Judge Self*:

This letter is to inform you of a contract number change on your *Collin County IV-E Legal Services* contract. This change is necessary for the Department to accurately report associated expenses under the correct contract.

Enclosed is page one of Form 2282CLIVE that reflects this change. Please reference your modified contract number on all future correspondence and billings.

If you have any questions please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Amy J. Burney
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Contract Manager

cc: Karen R. Parson, Contracts Program Director

Contract #~~23397461~~ 23379896

THIS INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT (Contract) is entered into by and between the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS or the Department) and Collin County (County), pursuant to the authority granted and in compliance with the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.

SECTION I. STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

A. Statement of Need

DFPS is the single state agency responsible for the administration of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act related to Child Welfare Services and the Federal Payments for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance.

In accordance with Government Code Section 40.0566, County Outreach Program, DFPS and the County desire to enter into this Contract to provide a mechanism to allow counties providing Title IV-E allowable services the opportunity to obtain federal funding. DFPS will make IV-E funds available to counties to increase the amount of legal staff and services available to process child welfare cases. "Legal services" are activities performed by attorneys, paralegals, investigators, and clerical or other legal support staff on behalf of the county, in accordance with professional legal judgment, pertaining to children who have been abused or neglected or placed in out-of-home care or children at risk of placement in out-of-home care, including pursuing terminations of parental rights and otherwise assisting children in achieving permanence. Under this Contract, allowable services include the following as described herein and as qualified in 5000 Section of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Title IV-E Finance Handbook (Handbook), as currently in effect and as subsequently modified. The Handbook is incorporated herein by this reference:

1. Costs directly related to the administration of the foster care program are deemed allowable if they are necessary and reasonable, incurred while providing proper and efficient services to Title IV-E eligible children, and are in accordance with OMB A-87, 45 CFR §95.507, and 45 CFR §1356.60(c).
2. Training Expenditures for Title IV-E training costs associated with attending or participating in IV-E approved training.

B. Statement of Work

1. County's Responsibilities:

- a. The County will assist the Department in providing fair, adequate and expeditious judicial determinations regarding children eligible for services under Subtitle IV-E of the Social Security Act. Such services will be in accordance with the attached Cost Allocation Plan and with Subtitle IV-E of the Social Security Act. The County shall ensure the provision of allowable Title IV-E Services to children referred by DFPS in accordance with the Handbook;
- b. The County shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (i) Assist DFPS in identifying and meeting the needs of the children in the County who are referred by DFPS;
 - (ii) Develop an estimated annual budget for the operations of child welfare services and recommend an estimated budget to the Commissioners' Court and appear in support of same at budget hearings;
 - (iii) Authorize the expenditure of County funds and other special funds on behalf of the children in the County referred by DFPS and;
 - (iv) Review on a monthly basis child welfare expenditures and receipts, as well as a summary of services delivered during the month.