

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Protective Services Division, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, The Lancaster Police Department, The Pickerington Police Department, The Fairfield County Juvenile Court, The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, The Fairfield Area Humane Society, The Harcum House, and The Fairfield County Coroner's Office.**

**WHEREAS**, Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, The Lancaster Police Department, The Pickerington Police Department, The Fairfield County Juvenile Court, The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, The Fairfield Area Humane Society, The Harcum House, and The Fairfield County Coroner's Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this service agreement among Fairfield County Job and Family Services - Protective Services and community partners that delineates roles and responsibilities for referring, reporting, investigating, and prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases. The MOU also identifies procedures for collaborative service provisions needed to ensure child safety, permanence, and well-being, and the minimum requirements of screening, assessment/investigation, and service planning, to meet mandates included in children services legislation passed by the 134 Ohio General Assembly. Two primary goals of this MOU are:

- The elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of reports of child abuse or neglect;
- When feasible, conducting only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement shall be effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a purchase order is not needed due to this agreement being non-monetary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Protective Services Division, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, The Lancaster Police Department, The Pickerington Police Department, The Fairfield County Juvenile Court, The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, The Fairfield Area Humane Society, The Harcum House, and The Fairfield County Coroner's Office .

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Name and Title BPD Budget Manager

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
**FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES – PROTECTIVE SERVICES**  
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**TO ADDRESS CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This memorandum of understanding (hereinafter MOU) to address child abuse and neglect is required by sections 2151.4220, 2151.4221, 2151.4222, 2151.4223, 2151.4225, 2151.4226, 2151.4228, 2151.4229, 2151.4230, 2151.4231, 2151.4232, 2151.4233, and 2151.4234 of the Ohio Revised Code and section 5101:2-33-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code. It is an agreement among Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and community partners that delineates roles and responsibilities for referring, reporting, investigating, and prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases. The MOU also identifies procedures for collaborative service provisions needed to ensure child safety, permanence, and well-being, and the minimum requirements of screening, assessment/investigation, and service planning, to meet mandates included in children services legislation passed by the 134<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. Two primary goals of this MOU are:

- The elimination of all unnecessary interviews of children who are the subject of reports of child abuse or neglect;
- When feasible, conducting only one interview of a child who is the subject of a report of child abuse or neglect.

Throughout the state each County Department of Job and Family Services (CDJFS)/Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) provides the following services to their communities:

**Screening:** The capacity to accept and screen referrals of suspected child abuse, neglect, and/or dependency includes but is not limited to the following: Receiving referrals 24 hours/day, 7 days/week; Recording and retaining referral information; Following Ohio's screening guidelines based on Ohio Administrative and Revised Code and categorizing the child maltreatment type; Adherence to a protocol for making screening and differential response pathway decisions regarding referrals of suspected child abuse, neglect, and/or dependency within 24 hours from the time of the referral; Documenting case decisions; And assigning a response priority of emergency or non-emergency to any screened in report.

**Assessment and Investigation:** The capacity to investigate and assess accepted reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, and/or dependency, includes responding to emergency reports within one (1) hour and non-emergency reports within twenty-four (24) hours; Conducting an initial Safety Assessment using a standardized CAPM (Comprehensive Assessment Planning Model) tool within the timeline prescribed in the Ohio Administrative Code; Completing a more in-depth CAPM Family Assessment including a clinical and actuarial risk assessment within forty-five (45) working days with the option of a fifteen (15) day extension for extenuating

circumstances as prescribed in the Ohio Administrative Code; Working collaboratively with other investigative agencies when appropriate; Making traditional response case dispositions within required timeframes; Evaluating the need for protective, prevention, or supportive services and/or court involvement; and documenting all activities and case determinations.

**Service Provision:** The capacity to provide services that ameliorate, eliminate, or reduce future child maltreatment and the conditions which led to abuse, neglect, or dependency, includes providing service planning and case management coordination; Identifying and stating the concern and behavior change(s) needed for reunification to occur through the use of the CAPM Family Case Plan; Monitoring the family's case progress, measuring service outcomes, re-assessing safety and risk, and evaluating permanency options by using the CAPM Case Review and Semi-Annual Review tools; And adhering to existing visitation, documentation, and case closure protocols.

## **II. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTICIPATING AGENCY**

### **A. CDJFS/PCSA (If a combined agency or stand-alone PCSA)**

The Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is the lead agency for the investigation of child abuse, neglect, or dependency in Fairfield County. The Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will coordinate and facilitate meetings, establish standards and protocol for joint assessment/investigation with the cross-referrals, collection of forensic evidence, confidentiality, and training of signatories as required by statute. Child Protective Services staff and management will also participate in meetings and training as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Director.

### **B. LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The County Sheriff and each Chief of the local political subdivisions will have responsibility for: taking referrals/reports alleging child abuse and neglect from any source within their respective jurisdiction; Referring reports to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services as soon as possible for investigation of the circumstances; Determining whether allegations of abuse or neglect rise to the level of criminal conduct; Cooperating with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services in a joint and thorough investigation when the information contained in the report lends itself to allege a present danger; Assisting Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services in hazardous situations where the provision of protective services or the investigation of child abuse or neglect is impeded; Coordinating with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services on interviews with principals of the case when there are serious criminal implications; Notifying Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services of any legal action involving an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or neglect; Responding to

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services’ requests for information regarding the status of the legal action; Providing police record checks for Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services as necessary or requested as permitted by law; Consulting with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services prior to removal of a child from their home when possible; Handling and coordinating investigations involving a child fatality or near fatality which may have resulted from abuse or neglect.

#### **C. JUVENILE COURT**

The most senior Juvenile Judge in point of service of the county or their representative, selected by the Judge, if more than one, will be responsible for attending meetings concerning the MOU, entering into agreements with the other signatories of the MOU regarding the court’s responsibility to timely hear and resolve child abuse, neglect, and dependency matters, signing the MOU, and updating the MOU or approving any amendment.

The juvenile court has a duty to exercise jurisdiction over adults and children to hear and decide matters as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code Chapters 2151 and 2152. The court is responsible for issuing orders regarding the care, protection, health, safety, mental and physical best interest of children. The Juvenile Judge shall ensure that due process of law is achieved; Hear evidence and issue findings of fact and conclusions of law as to any abused, neglected, or dependent child; Order timely and safe permanency dispositions for children; Preserve the family environment whenever possible while keeping the child(ren)'s health and safety paramount.

#### **D. COUNTY PROSECUTOR**

The County Prosecutor shall report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services or appropriate law enforcement agency. The County Prosecutor shall represent Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services in legal actions to protect a child from further harm resulting from child abuse or neglect unless the Prosecutor has granted consent for the appointment of an In-house PCSA Attorney pursuant to Ohio Revised Code chapters 309 and 305.

The prosecuting attorney may inquire into the commission of crimes within the county. The prosecuting attorney shall prosecute, on behalf of the state, all complaints, suits, and controversies in which the state is a party, except for those required to be prosecuted by a special prosecutor or by the attorney general. The County Prosecutor is to determine, based upon the facts, whether criminal culpability exists and if enough evidence exists for a matter to be prosecuted. The prosecutor will be available to law enforcement and Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services staff for questions or assistance in

the investigation of child abuse and neglect cases and eliminate the need for testimony at the municipal court level by allowing for direct presentation to the Grand Jury, when feasible, to minimize trauma to child victims. The prosecuting attorney agrees to aid Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services in protecting the confidential nature of children services records and investigations; As well as the special protection afforded to the identity of the reporting source.

**E. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES**

☒ Not Applicable *(if selected this section is not relevant.)*

If the **[Enter the name of the CDJFS here]** is a separate agency from **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]**, employees within the county agency are expected to report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect to **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** or appropriate law enforcement agency upon receipt; Collaborate with **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** to assist families in caring for their children; Assure that children at risk of abuse and neglect receive protective services; Assure service coordination for families already involved with the **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]**; Promote ongoing communication between **[Enter the name of the CDJFS here]** and **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** regarding mutual clients, including minors under the protective supervision or in the custody of the Agency and/or minor parents; Assist **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** upon request in obtaining case or assistance group information regarding a family when the **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** is assessing Title IV-E eligibility or completing an assessment/investigation of a child at risk or alleged to be abused; Assist **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** in obtaining addresses and attempts to locate parents whose whereabouts are unknown, pursuant to OAC 5101:2-33-28; And where applicable and permitted assist **[Enter the name of the PCSA here]** in locating suitable relatives or kin that may be available as familial support for the child(ren) or as a placement option.

**F. LOCAL ANIMAL CRUELTY REPORTING AGENCY**

The local animal cruelty reporting agencies are to investigate reports of animal abuse and neglect within the county and, pursuant to ORC 2151.421, report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect that may be observed during the commission of their duties to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services or local law enforcement. The local animal cruelty reporting agencies are to utilize the Humane Agents authorization to remove children under emergency circumstances, if necessary. In those circumstances, they are to coordinate efforts with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and local law enforcement as soon as possible.

**G. CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**

☐ Not Applicable *(if selected this section is not relevant.)*

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) will establish internal protocols regarding the investigation of CAC cases, participate in training as needed, work jointly and cooperatively in their established role with the other team members in the investigation of CAC cases, and attend and exchange information when meeting with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services, law enforcement, and other signatories of this agreement.

**H. CLERK OF COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT (Optional per statute, but benefits to inclusion should be considered per county)**

☒ Not Applicable (*if selected this section is not relevant.*)

The Clerk of County Common Pleas Court will collaborate with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services, County Prosecutor, and local law enforcement to establish standards and processes for the filing and acceptance of abuse, neglect, and dependency pleadings; Notice to the necessary parties; Service of process; How to send and receive communications from the Clerk; Defining acceptable methods of communication; Best practices for handling emergency/ex parte motions and orders which require the removal of children and need to be acted upon in an expeditious manner; Date and timestamp process and any cut-offs; Determine how and when to expect decisions or entries to be communicated; Provide periodic training for those involved in the investigation of child abuse and neglect and the signatories of this MOU; Be available to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services management staff or the Prosecutor should questions arise.

**III. SCOPE OF WORK**

The key objective of this MOU is to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of each agency in the provision of child protective services.

**A. Mandated reporters and penalty for failure to report**

Persons identified as mandated reporters per Ohio Revised Code section 2151.421, while acting in official or professional capacity, shall immediately report knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect the abuse or neglect of a child in accordance with that section. Reports shall be made to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services or a law enforcement officer.

The penalty for the failure of a person required to report any suspected case of child abuse and/or neglect pursuant to ORC section 2151.421 shall be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. The penalty is a misdemeanor of the first degree if the child who is the subject of the required report that the offender fails to make suffers or faces the threat of suffering the physical or mental wound, injury, disability or condition that would be the basis of the required report when the child is under the direct care or supervision of the

offender who is then acting in the offender's official or professional capacity or when the child is under the direct care or supervision of another person over whom the offender, while acting in the offender's official or professional capacity, has supervisory control. Failure to report suspected child abuse and/or neglect may also result in civil liability in the form of compensatory or exemplary damages. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will consult with agency legal counsel through the County Prosecutor if aware of any situation a mandated reporter fails to report suspected or known child abuse or neglect to provide notification and determine next steps. Next steps may include forwarding notification on to local City Prosecutor.

## **B. System for receiving reports**

Reports of child abuse or neglect shall be made to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services or any law enforcement officer with jurisdiction in Fairfield County. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services receives all after-hours calls directly or through the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. If Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services should contract with an outside source to receive after-hour calls, a copy of the signed agreement shall be attached to this MOU which indicates that all reports with identifying and demographic information of the reporter and principals will be forwarded to a designated children services worker within an hour of receipt, confidentiality requirements will be met, and how the public is informed of after-hours reporting opportunities.

When a law enforcement officer receives a report of possible abuse or neglect of a child or the possible threat of abuse or neglect of a child, the law enforcement officer shall refer the report to the appropriate PCSA unless an arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the appropriate PCSA being contacted concerning the alleged incident involving the child.

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services screens in a report of child abuse, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the report, unless law enforcement is present, and an arrest is made at the time of the report that results in the appropriate law enforcement agency being notified of the child abuse.

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services screens in a report of child neglect, and an active safety threat is identified within the first seven days of the assessment/investigation, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency within the first seven days of the assessment/investigation. Unless an arrest is made at the time of the report

that results in the appropriate law enforcement agency being notified of the child neglect.

### **C. Responding to mandated reporters**

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services receives a referral from a mandated reporter who provides their name and contact information, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall forward an initial mandated reporter notification to the referent within seven days. The notification will be provided, in accordance with the mandated reporter's preference. Information shared with the mandated reporter shall include the information permitted by ORC 2151.421(K):

- Whether the agency or center has initiated an investigation of the report;
- Whether the agency or center is continuing to investigate the report;
- Whether the agency or center is otherwise involved with the child who is the subject of the report;
- The general status of the health and safety of the child who is the subject of the report;
- Whether the report has resulted in the filing of a complaint in juvenile court or of criminal charges in another court.

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services closes an investigation/assessment reported by a mandated reporter, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall forward an outcome mandated reporter notification to the referent. The notification will be provided in accordance with the mandated reporter's preference. Information shared with the mandated reporter shall be that permitted by ORC 2151.421 to include a notification that the agency has closed the investigation along with a point of contact.

**D. Roles and responsibilities for handling emergency and non-emergency cases of child abuse, neglect, and dependency**

**1. PCSA's Response Procedure**

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services determines that a report is emergent, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall attempt a face-to-face contact with the child subject of the report/ alleged child victim within one hour of the receipt of the report.

When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services determines that a report is non-emergent, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall attempt a face-to-face contact or complete a telephone contact within twenty-four hours from the time the referral was screened in, with a principal of the report or collateral source who has knowledge of the alleged child victim's current condition and can provide current information about the child's safety. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will then complete all necessary activities identified in OAC 5101:2-36.

If Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services identifies an active safety threat at any point during the assessment/investigation, the caseworker or supervisor shall implement a safety response.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will implement voluntary safety plans in accordance to section 5101:2-37-02 of the OAC and voluntary agreements of temporary custody through section 5101:2-42-06. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will coordinate with responding peace officer for officer acceptance removals in accordance with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services' Officer Acceptance Policy (Addendum A). All other safety plans will be implemented by requesting court orders for temporary custody.

**2. Law Enforcement and Other Agencies Response Procedure**

Law enforcement and other agencies can report emergent and non-emergent concerns for child abuse, neglect, or dependency to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services. For any child in imminent danger due to child abuse, neglect, or dependency and immediate assistance is needed to ensure safety of the children, law enforcement and other agencies will contact Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services by telephone through the agency main line or on-call contact.

If there is an identified need to execute an officer acceptance removal, peace officers such as law enforcement or humane agents will contact Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services as outlined in Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services’ Officer Acceptance Policy (Addendum A).

### **3. Children in Need of Medical Attention Special Response Procedures**

For children in need of medical attention, Fairfield County Protective Services – Job and Family Services will prioritize the use of the following facilities:

- Fairfield Medical Center Emergency Room  
401 N Ewing St.  
Lancaster, OH 43130  
740-687-8100
- Mount Carmel Diley Ridge Medical Center Emergency Room  
7911 Diley Rd.  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110  
614-838-7311
- OhioHealth Pickerington Medical Campus Emergency Care  
1010 Refugee Rd.  
Pickerington, OH 43147  
614-788-4100
- Nationwide Children’s Center Emergency Department  
630 Children’s Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43205  
614-722-2000

Fairfield County Protective Services – Job and Family Services will prioritize the use of the following child advocacy centers when necessary:

- Harcum House Child Advocacy Center  
1147 E Main St.  
Lancaster, OH 43110  
740-652-9604
- Center for Family Safety and Healing  
Nationwide Children’s Hospital  
655 E Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43204  
614-722-8200

**E. Standards and procedures to be used in handling and coordinating investigations of reported cases of child abuse and/or neglect**

Methods to be used in interviewing the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused and/or neglected, alleged perpetrators, and other family members and witnesses/collaterals will be discussed and agreed upon in advance by the Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and the corresponding law enforcement agency.

To the extent possible investigative interviews of children who are the alleged victims of reports of abuse and/or neglect where criminal activity is suspected, including reports of human trafficking, are cooperatively planned by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and the law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction.

Every effort will be made by the signatories of this MOU to prevent or reduce duplicate interviews of the victims or witnesses. When feasible, to reduce trauma complete only one interview with the alleged child victim/ child subject of the report. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services agrees to be the lead agency in scheduling the time, place, and location of joint interviews as well as notifying all participants.

Before starting the interview, the participants will determine who is to be present in the room, who will be asking the questions, what areas are to be covered, and who will be the scribe for the interview. Audio and video recordings may be used when necessary.

When law enforcement or the prosecutor's office interviews a participant in a criminal investigation and a representative of Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is not present, the interviews conducted by law enforcement or the prosecutor's office may be used by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services to meet the agency investigative requirements set forth in rule. Law enforcement or the prosecutor's office will forward a written summary of the interview to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services upon request.

The Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services agrees not to proceed without the advice and consent of the prosecutor's office when a criminal investigation is being conducted concurrently. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will not jeopardize a criminal investigation but will work with law enforcement to protect the safety of the child victim or witnesses. Law enforcement will be the lead agency in the collection of forensic evidence and will coordinate with the necessary facilities to obtain and store such evidence properly.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall follow up with law enforcement to ensure timely assistance and to complete mandated assessment/investigation activities within the forty-five-day timeframe. The timeframe can be extended in special circumstances to a maximum of sixty days if law enforcement needs additional time, however, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services must make a disposition within the sixty-day timeframe.

**F. Standards and procedures addressing the categories of persons who may interview the child who is the subject of the report and who allegedly was abused or neglected**

The categories of personnel who may conduct interviews of children who are the subjects of reports of alleged abuse, neglect, and/or dependency are limited to the following:

- Casework and supervisory staff of Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services
- Law enforcement personnel
- County or city prosecuting attorneys, assistant prosecuting attorneys, in-house JFS legal counsel if applicable, and their investigative staff
- Harcum House Child Advocacy Center or alternatively the Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children's Hospital

**G. Standards and procedures for Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services requests for law enforcement assistance**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services may request the assistance of law enforcement during an assessment/investigation if one or more of the following situations exist:

- An exigent circumstance exists.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services has reason to believe that the child is in immediate danger of serious harm.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services has reason to believe that the worker is, or will be, in danger of harm.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services has reason to believe that a crime is being committed, or has been committed, against a child.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services worker must conduct a home visit after regular Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services business hours and a law enforcement escort is requested as a standard operating procedure.

- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is removing a child from his or her family via an order of the court and the assistance of law enforcement is needed as Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services has reason to believe the family will challenge the removal.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is working with a client who has a propensity toward violence and the assistance of law enforcement is needed to ensure the safety of all involved.
- Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is working with a family that has historically threatened to do harm to PCSA staff.

## **H. Specialized Investigations or Circumstances**

To the extent possible, investigative interviews of children who are the alleged child victims/child subjects of the report of abuse and neglect where criminal activity is suspected, including reports of human trafficking, physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, child endangering, or the like, are cooperatively planned by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services and the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

### **1. Out-of-Home Care**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services conducts an out-of-home care investigation in response to a child abuse or neglect report that includes an alleged perpetrator who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- Is a person responsible for the alleged child victim's care in an out-of-home care setting as defined in rule 5101:2-1-01 of the Administrative Code.
- Is a person responsible for the alleged child victim's care in out-of-home care as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.
- Has access to the alleged child victim by virtue of his/her employment by or affiliation to an organization as defined in section 2151.011 of the Revised Code.
- Has access to the alleged child victim through placement in an out-of-home care setting.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services follows the procedures for conducting out-of-home care investigations as described in section 5101:2-36-04 of the OAC.

## **2. Third-Party Investigations**

In accordance with section 5101:2-36-08 of the OAC, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall request a third-party investigation be conducted by a local law enforcement agency or a PCSA in a contiguous county when there is potential for a conflict of interest because one of the following parties is a principal of the report:

- Any employee of an organization or facility that is licensed or certified by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) or another state agency and supervised by the PCSA.
- A foster caregiver, pre-finalized adoptive parent, adoptive parent, relative, or kinship caregiver who is recommended, approved, or supervised by the PCSA.
- A type B family childcare home or type A family childcare home licensed by ODJFS when the CDJFS has assumed the powers and duties of the county children services function defined in Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code.
- Any employee, or agent of ODJFS or the PCSA as defined in Chapter 5153. of the Revised Code.
- Any authorized person representing ODJFS or the PCSA who provides services for payment or as a volunteer.
- A foster caregiver or an employee of an organization or facility licensed or certified by ODJFS and the alleged child victim is in the custody of, or receiving services from, the PCSA that accepted the report.
- Any time a PCSA determines that a conflict of interest exists. The PCSA shall document in the case record if a conflict of interest is identified.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall request that law enforcement serve as the third party when a report alleges a criminal offense. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services must request the assistance of a third party within 24 hours of identifying that a conflict of interest exists.

## **3. Child Fatality- Suspected cause of death is abuse or neglect**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is governed by ORC section 307.622 and must have a child fatality review board.

## **4. Child Fatality- Death of a child in the custody of Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services follows section 5101:2-42-89 of the OAC following the death of a child in its custody.

In the event of a child death for whom Fairfield County Protective Services holds custody of, Fairfield County Protective Services and the Fairfield County Coroner will collaborate in the following ways:

1. When the Fairfield County Coroner arrives on the scene of the deceased child, the Fairfield County Coroner will inquire as to the custody status of the deceased child. If the deceased child is in the current custody of Fairfield County Protective Services, and Fairfield County Protective Services has not already been notified by law enforcement or other emergency personnel, the coroner will contact Fairfield County Protective Services or request another emergency response agency who is on scene to perform this notification.
2. Once Fairfield County Protective Services receives notification of the child death, Fairfield County Protective Services will assist in providing the Fairfield County Coroner demographic information concerning the deceased child as well as next of kin information as available to Fairfield County Protective Services staff.
3. Fairfield County Protective Services and the Fairfield County Coroner will work collaboratively to notify the biological parents or previous legal custodian of the deceased child.
  - a. If notification to the biological parents or previous legal custodian can be made within 1 hour, face to face notification will be done collaboratively between both parties.
    - i. If notification is agreed upon by both parties to be completed in person, the Fairfield County Coroner will take the lead role providing information to the next of kin.
  - b. If notification to the biological parents or previous legal custodian cannot be made within 1 hour, Fairfield County Protective Services must notify the biological parents or previous legal custodian by phone per OAC 5101:2-42-89. This phone call can be made in collaboration with the Fairfield County Coroner if they so choose.
    - i. If contact information for the biological parents or previous legal custodian is unknown or unable to be located within the above-mentioned timeframes, notification of the previous mentioned parties will take place immediately once the information has been obtained.

4. Fairfield County Protective Services acknowledges the Fairfield County Coroner has jurisdiction over the deceased child. To assist the Fairfield County Coroner with their investigation, Fairfield County Protective Services will work collaboratively with the Fairfield County Coroner and provide all necessary information requested which will assist in the investigation or notification of next of kin.
5. Upon completion of the investigation of a deceased child in the custody of Fairfield County Protective Services, the Fairfield County Coroner agrees to contact the Fairfield County Protective Services Deputy Director, or designee, to provide post investigation information regarding the cause of death of the deceased child.

**5. Allegations of withholding medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will maintain a list of the medical facilities in Fairfield County and their contact information. This list includes information regarding the contact person from each facility for allegations of withholding medically indicated treatment from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions and chairperson of the appropriate health care facility review committee, if available. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will complete an annual review and update of this list.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services follows the procedures described in section 5101:2-36-07 of the OAC for responding to these reports.

The withholding of medically indicated treatment is the refusal to provide appropriate nutrition, hydration, medication, or other medically indicated treatment from a disabled infant with a life-threatening condition.

Medically indicated treatment includes the medical care most likely to relieve, or correct, the life-threatening condition. Nutrition, hydration, and medication, as appropriate for the infant's needs, are medically indicated for all disabled infants; in addition to, the completion of appropriate evaluations or consultations necessary to assure that sufficient information has been gathered to make informed medical decisions on behalf of the disabled infant.

In determining whether treatment is medically indicated, reasonable medical judgments made by a prudent physician, or treatment team, knowledgeable about the case and its treatment possibilities are

considered. The opinions about the infant's future "quality of life" are not to bear on whether a treatment is judged to be medically indicated. Medically indicated treatment does not include the failure to provide treatment to a disabled infant if the treating physician's medical judgment identifies any of the situations listed in OAC section 5101:2-36-07(A)(3)(a-d).

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will gather the required information outlined in OAC 5101:2-36-07 to document in the following areas:

- Provider profile within the State Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)
- If available at the time of the referral, documented within the narrative of the referral.
- If gathered during the assessment/investigation, documented within an activity log.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services determination for intervening will be determined by consultation with Deputy Director of Protective Services or designee.

**6. Allegations of child abuse and/or neglect constituting a crime against a child, including human trafficking, and require a joint assessment/investigation with law enforcement**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will ensure a referral is made to the appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services identifies any law enforcement agency investigating a crime as the lead for the investigation and will provide information and collaborative support as needed. All efforts will be made to coordinate contacts together. When contacts cannot be coordinated, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will provide immediate notification to law enforcement of all actions needed to assure safety of child. If law enforcement is identifying these actions would impact a criminal investigation, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will consult with legal counsel through the County Prosecutor.

**7. Reports of cases involving individuals who aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to a child or a ward of the juvenile court becoming dependent, neglected, unruly, and delinquent child**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will accept, and document all reports of concerns involving children. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will determine response in accordance to ORC 2151.03, 2151.031, and 2151304, and 2151.05.

**8. Reports involving individuals who aid, abet, induce, cause, encourage, or contribute to a child or a ward of the juvenile court by leaving the custody of any person, department, or public or private institution without the legal consent of that person, department, or institution**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will accept, and document all reports of concerns involving children. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will determine response to these reports in accordance with ORC 2151.03, 2151.031, and 2151304, and 2151.05.

**9. Receiving and responding to reports of missing children**

Upon learning that a minor child has either run away from or is otherwise missing from the home or the care, custody, and control of the child's parents, custodial parent, legal guardian, or non-custodial parent Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall:

- Refer the reporter to the law enforcement agency in the appropriate jurisdiction.
- Contact the law enforcement agency for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database if the child is in Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services custody.
- Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) if the child is in Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services custody.

Upon request of law enforcement, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall provide assistance and cooperation in the investigation of a missing child, including the immediate provision of any information possessed by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services which may be relevant in the investigation.

Law enforcement shall notify Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services upon learning that a minor child who is alleged to be in the child services system or who is known or suspected to be abused or neglected has either run away from or is otherwise missing from the

home or the care, custody, and control of the child's parents, custodial parent, legal guardian, or non-custodial parent.

## **I. Standards and procedures for removing and placing children**

### **1. Emergency**

Emergency removal of a child from home is necessary when the child is at imminent risk of harm and in need of protection from abuse, neglect, or dependency.

An ex parte order may be issued with or without a complaint being filed. Prior to taking the child into custody the judicial fact-finder must make a determination that reasonable efforts were made to notify the child's parents, guardian, or custodian, or there were reasonable grounds to believe doing so would jeopardize the safety of the child or lead to the removal of the child from the jurisdiction.

Juv. R 6 orders can be issued in-person, by phone, video conference, or otherwise. Reasonable grounds must exist to believe the child's removal is necessary to prevent immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm.

Findings must be made that the agency either did or did not make reasonable efforts to prevent the removal of the child from their home with a brief description of services provided and why those did not prevent the removal or allow the child to return home, and if temporary custody is granted to the PCSA an additional finding that it would be contrary to the welfare and best interest of the child to continue in the home. If granted, a shelter care hearing must be scheduled the next business day (but not later than seventy-two hours) after the emergency order has been issued. If the ex parte motion is denied the matter must be set for a shelter care hearing within ten days from the filing date.

## 2. Non-emergency

Upon receiving a report alleging child abuse, neglect, and/or dependency, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services commences an investigation in accordance with the requirements of section 2151.421 of the ORC. If the final case decision rises to the level of court involvement, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall approach the juvenile court and file a complaint alleging the child(ren) to be abused, neglected, or dependent per ORC 2151.27. The matter will be set for a shelter care/preliminary protective hearing expeditiously by the juvenile court.

Reasonable oral or written notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing must be provided to the parents, guardian, or custodian unless they cannot be found. The same parties are also entitled to notification that a case plan may be prepared, the general requirements, and possible consequences of non-compliance with the case plan.

The parties will be served with the complaint and summons to appear before the juvenile court. Unrepresented parties are advised by the juvenile court of their right to counsel. Counsel is appointed for children when abuse is alleged. A Guardian Ad Litem is appointed to all children subject of abuse, neglect, or dependency proceedings. A separate guardian ad litem may be appointed to minor parents or parents who appear mentally incompetent.

The judicial fact-finder must determine whether there is probable cause that the child is abused, neglected, or dependent; the child is in need of protection, whether or not there is an appropriate relative or kin willing to assume temporary custody of the child, reasonable efforts were made by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services to prevent the removal or continued removal or to make it possible for the child to return home safely, and for temporary custody orders to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services that it would be contrary to the welfare and best interest of the child to continue in the home. All other temporary orders should be requested and considered at this time.

### J. [Optional Section(s)]

☒ Not Applicable *(if selected this section is not relevant.)*

#### **IV. TRAINING**

Cross system training is to be provided to and a plan developed by all signatories of this MOU to ensure parties understand the mission and goals identified in this MOU and are clear about the roles and responsibilities of each agency. Periodic trainings events will be coordinated by Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services as the lead agency and notification of the trainings will be provided to the signatories of this agreement. By agreeing to participate in the county MOU process signatories express a commitment to attend training opportunities when presented.

#### **V. CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

☐ Not Applicable *(if selected this section is not relevant.)*

When a conflict occurs among county partners, the effect is often broader than the individuals directly involved in the dispute. As disputes are often inevitable this MOU must set forth the local process by which disputes will be resolved so as not to disrupt program effectiveness.

As the mandated agency responsible for the provisions of child protective services, the ultimate decision on how to handle abuse, neglect investigations lie with Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services. Every effort will be made to take in to account other subscribers' requests and concerns relating to services.

Criminal investigations and prosecution remain the responsibility of the prosecuting attorney and appropriate law enforcement agencies. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will assist these agencies, but in no way, interfere or jeopardize a criminal investigation or prosecution.

For cases which come before the court as it relates to decisions and orders, the Juvenile Judge's rulings are final.

In the event internal conflict resolution efforts fail and a statutorily required participant refuses to sign or engage in the MOU process the PCSA is to consult with the County Prosecutor to explore available remedies.

#### **VI. CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

Any report made in accordance with ORC section 2151.421 is confidential. Both the information and the name of the person who made the report under section 2151.421 shall not be released to the public for use and shall not be used as evidence in any civil action or proceeding brought against the person who made the report.

Children services records are not public records and are exempt from Ohio's Sunshine Laws under ORC 149.43. Children Services records are confidential in nature and should be treated accordingly.

ORC section 2151.423 requires Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services to disclose confidential information discovered during an investigation conducted pursuant to section 2151.421 or 2151.422 of the Ohio Revised Code to any federal, state, or local government entity that needs the information to carry out its responsibilities to protect children from abuse or neglect. Likewise, law enforcement and other entities are expected to release information to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services for the purpose of carrying out its responsibility of protecting children from abuse and/or neglect.

The confidentiality provisions of this MOU will survive the expiration or termination of this agreement.

Information regarding the report and/or investigation of alleged abuse or neglect may be shared only when dissemination is authorized by OAC section 5101:2-33-21 and in accordance with the procedures outlined in OAC section 5101:2-33-21. The unauthorized dissemination of confidential information is a misdemeanor and is punishable by law.

In the event of unauthorized dissemination of information, the party who learns of the breach of confidentiality will notify the Director of Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services as soon as possible. The notification will be sent to the Director in writing describing the circumstances surrounding the breach. The notification will specify the confidential information released, who is responsible for disseminating the confidential information, how it was disseminated, and the parties who have access to the information without authorization. The Director of Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall then refer this information to the prosecutor at their discretion. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services will consult with agency legal counsel through the County Prosecutor if aware of any situation where there is unauthorized dissemination of confidential information to provide notification and determine next steps. Next steps may include forwarding notification on to local City Prosecutor.

## **VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

This MOU must be retained for a period of at least seven years per the state of Ohio records retention schedule. Please refer to Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services records retention policy for information on forms to be completed and processes to be followed for the destruction of records.

Consultation among the signatories will be done in person, whenever practicable. When an in-person meeting is not possible the signer may employ the use of alternative methods of communication including but not limited to MS Teams,

Skype, Zoom, or telephone as agreed upon by all members. When Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is seeking consultation with a signer of this memorandum regarding an active referral of child abuse and/or neglect and has met in person or spoken with another signer, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services make written contact with the appropriate agency by the next working day to request the needed information and make the referral in writing.

The required members shall review and evaluate the terms and conditions of the MOU every biennium. All required members to the MOU will sign the new or updated agreement. Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is to submit the MOU to the Board of County Commissioners for review and approval with enough time for any revisions to be made prior to December thirty-first of the year.

This MOU does not inhibit good faith compliance with a subpoena issued by a Grand Jury or in a criminal case. Dissemination of records pursuant to the State's discovery obligations is authorized. However, work product and other privileges are expected to be upheld.

Failure to follow the procedure set forth in the MOU by the concerned officials is not grounds for, and shall not result in, the dismissal of any charges or complaint arising from any reported case of abuse or neglect or the suppression of any evidence obtained as a result of reported child abuse or child neglect and does not give, and shall not be construed as giving, any rights or any grounds for appeal or post-conviction relief to any person.

This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulation. In the event any portion of this MOU is inconsistent with state or federal law, that portion shall be without effect as if stricken from the document and the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.


**VIII. SIGNATURES OF EACH PARTICIPATING AGENCY:** *The number of required signatures will vary widely by county. It will be helpful to have the signatures take up the entirety of 1 page so counties can copy it to use for as many signature pages as needed."*

The signature section authorizes the participating parties of the agreement to begin enactment of MOU protocols and activities. The participating members agree to follow the terms of this MOU and to meet at minimum once every biennium to review terms and conditions, evaluate if updates are needed, and sign a new or amended MOU.

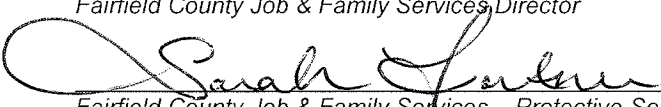
If any individual serving as a signatory changes mid-term, Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services is to provide the new required member with the current memorandum. The new member remains bound by the most

recently approved version of the memorandum. Their signature is to be obtained and submitted on or before the next biennial review.

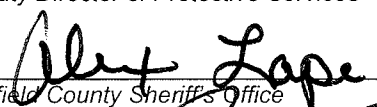
A required member to this agreement may terminate their involvement in the MOU for good cause upon giving reasonable written notice to the other required members in this MOU.

  
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Corey B. Clark  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services Director

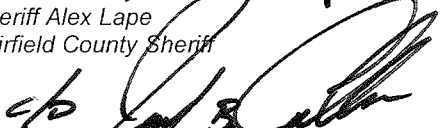
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Sarah Fortner  
Deputy Director of Protective Services

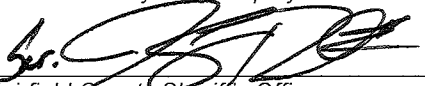
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Fairfield County Sheriff

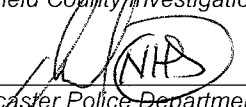
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Fairfield County Chief Deputy of Law Enforcement Operations

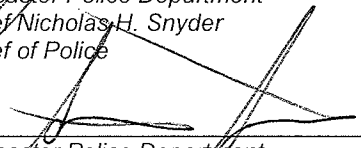
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Fairfield County Sheriff's Office  
Sergeant Jeffrey S. Reed II  
Fairfield County Investigation Bureau Commander

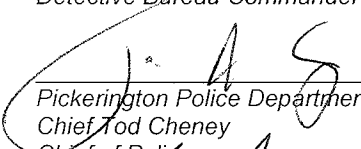
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Chief of Police

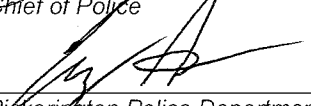
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Detective Bureau Commander

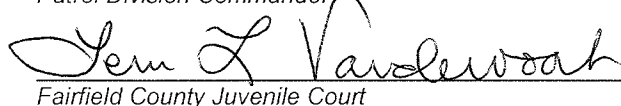
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Chief of Police

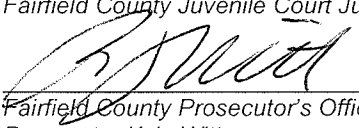
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Commander Greg Annis  
Patrol Division Commander


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Fairfield County Juvenile Court  
Judge Terre L. Vandervoort  
Fairfield County Juvenile Court Judge


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Prosecutor Kyle Witt  
Prosecuting Attorney for Fairfield County

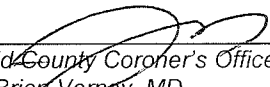
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Fairfield Area Humane Society  
Corey Schoonover  
Executive Director

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Harcum House Child Advocacy Center  
Cody Tatum, MSW, LSW

11-7-23  
Date

  
Fairfield County Coroner's Office  
Dr. L. Brian Varney, MD  
Fairfield County Coroner

11-7-23  
Date

**IX. Refusal to Sign ☐**

☒ Not Applicable (if selected this section is not relevant.)

The Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services attests they attempted to obtain the signature of all required participating agencies as set forth in Section II of this memorandum and as mandated through section 2151.4210 of the Revised Code. However, the following agency(ies) or individual(s) refused to sign this MOU.


Date:

Agency, Name, Title:


Reason the individual refused to sign:

**X. Board of County Commissioners**

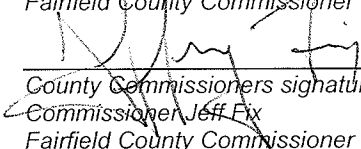
The Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services shall submit the MOU signed by all participating agencies, to the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners. The participating agencies will ensure there is adequate time for both the County Board of Commissioners and ODJFS review and approval process along with any returns for correction prior to the end of the contractual period.

  
County Commissioners signature and date/Resolution/Vote  
Commissioner Steve Davis  
Fairfield County Commissioner

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County Commissioners signature and date/Resolution/Vote  
Commissioner David L. Levacy  
Fairfield County Commissioner

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County Commissioners signature and date/Resolution/Vote  
Commissioner Jeff Fix  
Fairfield County Commissioner

10-7-23  
Date

**The Board of Fairfield County County Commissioners hereby review and approve the Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services Memorandum of Understanding.**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

### **Addendum A**

Fairfield County Job and Family Services – Protective Services Officer Acceptance Policy

## Fairfield County Protective Services Policy & Procedure

Procedure Name:	Program Area:
Officer Acceptance Policy	Protective Services – Court Program

### I. PROCEDURE SUMMARY

Ohio Revised Code ([ORC](#)) [2151.31](#) allows for law enforcement or duly authorized officer of the court to take child into custody in certain instances. This includes all law enforcement agency officers and humane officers in Fairfield County. This is done in collaboration with Fairfield County Protective Services. When responding law enforcement, or humane officer, and Protective Services (PS) assess a child to be in imminent danger, they will consult to determine next steps. PS will follow the below procedures when the consultation results in the need for the removal of a child to secure safety. A National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) report is utilized by law enforcement to document activities that law enforcement officers conduct in the field. A NIBRS report will document demographic information, arrest information, and the situation regarding the officer's involvement. A law enforcement or humane officer can complete a NIBRS report by the authority of the below captioned ORC section granting PS custody of a child for safekeeping purposes—this is referred to as a custody status of officer acceptance.

### II. PROCEDURE STEPS

Steps to follow in order to obtain officer acceptance:

1. There must **ALWAYS** be a consultation between law enforcement and/or humane officer and PS.
  - a. The consultation with PS should always include a member of leadership.
  - b. **AFTER** the consultation between law enforcement and/or humane officer and PS results in a decision that a child is unsafe and needs an emergency removal, a decision will be made by the PS employee as to what the next steps will be. Dependent on the information provided/obtained, the following decisions can be made by PS:
    - i. PS may assess that the information does not meet statutory requirements for officer acceptance.
    - ii. PS may feel that officer acceptance is needed and may request:
      1. Law enforcement and/or humane officer remains at the scene and a worker will meet them at the scene.
      2. Law enforcement and/or humane officer assistance in the field and request that an officer meet PS at the scene.
      3. The child(ren) be transported to the agency (JFS Building) or other agreed upon location.
      4. The child(ren) be transported to the hospital.
2. When a NIBRS report is warranted, the PS employee will:

- a. Request law enforcement and/or humane officer provide a physical copy of the NIBRS report within 1 working day.
  - b. Obtain the names and badge numbers for all officers involved in the situation. This information should be located on the NIBRS report. If it is not, please document this information in an Activity Log.
3. PS employees will consider the following as needed:
- a. If a child is injured or in need of immediate medical care, request law enforcement utilizes the hospital emergency department before accepting the NIBRS report. In addition, if the child is intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, homicidal, and/or suicidal, request law enforcement takes the child to the hospital.
  - b. If a consultation between PS and law enforcement results in the need for a NIBRS report, with an agreed upon decision for law enforcement to transport the child to the hospital, a PS representative will meet law enforcement at the hospital to be with the child after the transport and to collaborate with hospital personnel.
4. After the officer acceptance has been granted, PS employees will:
- a. Complete the Emergency Removal Form and check "*with a law enforcement officer*" on the form as the reason the child has been removed.
  - b. Secure an appropriate option to address the unsafe Safety Assessment response.
  - c. Begin planning for the expiration of the officer acceptance legal status to expire in 24 hours or by the next business day. The following should be considered:
    - i. No longer an unsafe safety response and return child to parent/guardian.
    - ii. Unsafe safety response remains but less restrictive option arises to secure a voluntary in-home or out-of-home Safety Plan.
    - iii. Unsafe safety response remains and shelter hearing for emergency custody is necessary.
  - d. Provide a copy of the Emergency Removal Form and NIBRS report to the Court Program Manager (or designee) when a shelter hearing is determined to be necessary (a copy of both will be processed with the complaint).
  - e. Send an email to the Finance Team advising the legal status data entry for officer acceptance so it can be documented in SACWIS.
  - f. Scan the appropriate documents to Traverse.

### III. RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Consultation Guidelines

Emergency removals of children require the probable cause standard that the child is in immediate danger of "serious" harm. OAC 5101:2-1-01 reflects this serious harm standard.

"Serious harm" means the actual or threatened consequence of an active safety threat that may be significantly affected by a child's degree of vulnerability and includes one or more of the following:

- a. Is life-threatening.
- b. Substantively retards the child's mental health or development.
- c. Produces substantial physical suffering, disfigurement or disability, whether temporary or permanent.

**V. ASSOCIATED INFORMATION/FORMS**

1. ORC: 2151.31, 5103.03, 5103.15, 5153.16
2. OAC: 5101:2-39-01, 5101:2-42-04, 5101:2-42-06, 5101:2-1-01

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Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Protective Services Division, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, The Lancaster Police Department, The Pickerington Police Department, The Fairfield County Juvenile Court, The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office, The Fairfield Area Humane Society, The Harcum House, and The Fairfield County Coroner's Office.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/17/2023 8:47:18 AM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.u

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(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care.**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care, 1352 W4th St., Ontario, OH 44906 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care  
1352 W 4th St  
Ontario, OH 44906

Collectively the "Parties".

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## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter [5153](#) for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter [5153.16](#) to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

## Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

## Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **10/01/2023** through **09/30/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's

competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code [\(OAC\) 5101:2-1-01](#) and any related cross-references.
- E. Aftercare Support, as defined, in rule 5101:2-1-01 the Administrative Code, is case management activities performed with or on behalf of a child/family, by the Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTS) as part of the required discharge plan developed by the permanency team for a minimum of six months from discharge.

Such activities are to include but are not limited to the following:

1. Minimum of monthly contact with child and family (Face-to-Face /Telephonic/Skype/etc.)
2. Linkage to community services.
3. Follow up with community service.
4. Documentation of the monthly contacts in the Residential Treatment Information System (RTIS).

When serving multiple children in the save family, the cost for non-Medicaid Aftercare Supports may be billed for only one child at the same time.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e.,transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any

disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.

- C. Provider agrees to deliver aftercare support as described in Article IV.
- D. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- E. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- F. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.
  - 1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
  - 2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:
    - a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
    - b. Date(s) of service;
    - c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
    - d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
    - e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
    - f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
    - g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
    - h. Changes to medications.
- G. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- H. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- I. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the Incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs ([ODJFS 5101:2-7-14](#), [5101:2-9-23](#), [ODMHAS 5122-30-16](#), [5122-26-13](#), [OAC 5123-17-02](#)).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
  - 2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
  - 3. Death of Child;
  - 4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
  - 5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
  - 6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
  - 7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
  - 8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
  - 9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
  - 10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.
- J. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
2. Medication lapses or errors.

Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.

- K. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "I and J" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- L. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting community adjustment.
- M. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.
- N. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. ([OAC 5101:2-5-17](#), [OAC 5122-30-22](#), [OAC 5122-30-04](#), [OAC 5123:2-3-05](#)).
- O. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of [OAC 5101:2-42-67](#) as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- P. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-19](#) for all children age 14 and above.
- Q. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in [OAC 5101:2-1-01](#), the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- R. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- S. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471. [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to [OAC 5101:2-5-33](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-02](#) or [OAC 5101:2-9-03](#) has been completed.
- T. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- U. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- V. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- W. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal

meetings (i.e. FTMs, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).

- X. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- Y. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by [OAC 5101:2-42-66.1](#) and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.
- Z. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- AA. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:
  - 1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
  - 2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
  - 3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
  - 4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the

school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.

- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per week basis.
- J. The Agency represents:
  - 1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
  - 2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
  - 3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.
- K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-90](#). Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, [OAC 5101:2-42-90 \(D\)](#) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES

- A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:
  - 1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
  - 2. Billing date and the billing period.
  - 3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
  - 4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
  - 5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
  - 6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
    - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
    - b. Transportation, allowable maintenance cost;
    - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
    - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
    - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
    - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.
- B. If Provider is an enrolled provider of Medicaid, Provider shall seek reimbursement for aftercare support provided to children through Medicaid. If a child is an open client with the Q RTP the following services or activities may be billed to Medicaid as medically necessary. Aftercare support provided that is not available for Medicaid reimbursement shall be billed to the Agency. If Provider is not enrolled on Medicaid, reimbursement for aftercare

support provided shall be billed to the Agency. Aftercare support provided to children who are not enrolled on Medicaid shall be invoiced to the Agency less any private insurance / third-party payor reimbursement obtained by Provider. Rates for aftercare support billed to the Agency shall be consistent with the prevailing Medicaid rate for Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) at the most recent version of which may be found at: Manuals and Rates (ohio.gov). If the parties agree to not use the Medicaid rates, an "Agreement for Title IV-E Agencies for the Provision of Non-Placement Services" will need to be created, and the negotiated rates will be displayed on the Schedule B.

- C. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## **Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.
- B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.
- C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.
- D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.
- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.
- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the

Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:

1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

## **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.
- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.
- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  2. Loss of required licenses;
  3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.

- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied contained therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

## **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.
- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.
- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.

- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of the Agency;
    - f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.
- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
 ATTN: Licensing  
 P.O. Box 183204  
 Columbus, OH 43218-3204

## **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with [ORC 2151.86](#), [ORC 5103.0328](#), [ORC 5103.0319](#) and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial

or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.

- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
  - 1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  - 2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license, certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.
  - 3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with [OAC 5101:9-2-01](#) and [OAC 5101:9-2-05\(A\)\(4\)](#), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.
- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, [OAC 5101:9-4-07](#) and [OAC 5101:2-47-23.1](#).

**Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

**Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with [ORC 5103.0323](#).
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#) to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#). The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with [ORC 5101.11](#), [ORC 5101.14](#), and [OAC 5101:2-47-01](#).
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:
  - 1. [OAC 5101:2-47-11](#): "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
  - 2. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.1](#): "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
  - 3. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#): "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
  - 4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
  - 5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
  - 6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
  - 7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

**Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

## **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

## **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

if to Agency, to  
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

if to Provider, to  
Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care  
1352 W 4th St  
Ontario, OH 44906

## **Article XVII. CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

## **Article XVIII. NO ASSURANCES**

- A. Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing,

executed by both the parties.

## Article XIX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B. Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with [ORC 102.03](#), [ORC 102.04](#), [ORC 2921.42](#), [ORC 2921.43](#).
- C. The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

## Article XX. INSURANCE

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:
  - 1. Additional insured endorsement;
  - 2. Product liability;
  - 3. Blanket contractual liability;
  - 4. Broad form property damage;
  - 5. Severability of interests;
  - 6. Personal injury; and
  - 7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).
 Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.
- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its

employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.

- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.
- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:
  - 1. Additional insured endorsement;
  - 2. Pay on behalf of wording;
  - 3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
  - 4. Blanket contractual liability;
  - 5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
  - 6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
  - 7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
  - 8. Drop down feature.

The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.

- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.
- F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:
  - 1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
  - 2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
  - 3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
  - 4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.
  - 5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
  - 6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
  - 7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a

- similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
  9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
  10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
  11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
  12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA).

## **Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs, defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature, arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s) employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.
- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## **Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION**

- A. Criminal Record Check
  1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
  2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
  3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in [ORC 5153.111\(B\)\(1\)](#), [ORC 2919.24](#), and [ORC 2151.86](#), and [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48](#).
  4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in [OAC Chapters](#)

[5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48](#) resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

**B. Transportation of Child**

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in [ORC 4511.81](#).
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section [4511.19](#) (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

**C. Rehabilitation**

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of [OAC 5101:2-07-02\(I\)](#) as follows:
  - a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of [OAC 5101:2-7-02](#) have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-5-09](#) have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

**D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:**

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

**Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in [OAC 5101:2-7-09, OAC 5101:2-9-21, and OAC 5101:2-9-22](#)

**Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

[ORC 9.24](#) prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should

the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

## **Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

## **Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in [ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125](#).

## **Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with [ORC 5719.042](#). Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

## **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

## **Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY**

The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be

made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

#### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

#### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

#### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

**ATTACHMENT****Attachment One.****Reason:** Article**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services**Detail:** Article I

SECTIONS 1.02 &amp; 1.03, References to Exhibit I

Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

**Attachment Two.****Reason:** Article**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities**Detail:** Article V

ITEM A

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

ITEM B

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

ITEMS D, E, &amp; F

After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:

For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.

For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

Insert new item - ITEM S

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

Insert new item - ITEM T

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

**Attachment Three.****Reason:** Article**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services**Detail:**

## Article VIII

## ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

## ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

## ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

## Item F

## Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.

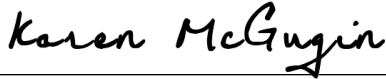
FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:

Provider: Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Karen McGugin President	 DocuSigned by: CB9A4EBEF871454...	10/25/2023

Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

Additional Signatures

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information**

## Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services

Provider / ID: Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care / 9635152

Run Date: 10/21/2023

Contract Period: 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

Service Description	Service ID	Person	Person ID	Maintenance Per Diem	Administration Per Diem	Case Management Per Diem	Transportation / Administration Per Diem	Transporation / Maintenance Per Diem	Other Direct Services Per Diem	Behavioral Healthcare Per Diem	Other Per Diem Cost	Total Per Diem Cost	Cost Begin Date	Cost End Date
Exceptional 1 Foster Care - Level 3 (30397)-Excpt Needs	4023665			\$73.00	\$46.00							\$119.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
Intensive Foster Care - Level 4 (30398)-Excpt Needs	4023666			\$85.00	\$54.00							\$139.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
Specialized Foster Care - Level 2 (30396)-Spec Needs	3649664			\$65.00	\$34.75							\$99.75	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
Traditional Foster Care (30395)-FFH	3651663			\$51.00	\$35.05							\$86.05	10/01/2023	09/30/2024



**A Contract regarding Advantage Family Outreach between Job and Family Services and**

Approved on 11/1/2023 12:51:09 PM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 11/8/2023 11:13:44 AM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

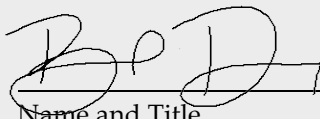
Corey Clark, Director  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

**01.2018**

**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor  
210 East Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Fiscal Year 2023

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**THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,  
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.**

Purchase Order # **23007352 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 12/15/2023

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239 W MAIN STREET  
LANCASTER, OH 43130  
Phone: 740-652-7889

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				7955					
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NOTES									

BOARD AND CARE

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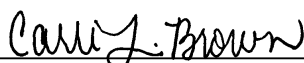
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#### COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$5,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 11/01/2023

11/28/2023



Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Vendor Copy

Total Ext. Price	\$5,000.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
Total Discount	\$0.00
Total Credit	\$0.00

**Purchase Order Total \$5,000.00**

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I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: ,  
Organization: **Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care**  
Date: **11/1/2023 9:11:32 AM**

This search produced the following list of **1** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Toadvine, Jean	7341 Estate Court

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, it is the responsibility of the public office to verify that a person to whom it plans to award a contract does not appear in the Auditor of State's database. The Auditor of State's office is not responsible for inaccurate search results caused by user error or other circumstances beyond the Auditor of State's control.

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 3:48:36 PM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.v

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Advantage Family Outreach and Foster Care.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Circle of Peace, LLC.**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Circle of Peace, LLC, 92 W. Floyd Ave, Dayton, OH 45415 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Circle of Peace, LLC.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Circle of Peace, LLC, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Circle of Peace, LLC  
92 W Floyd Ave  
Dayton, OH 45415

Collectively the "Parties".

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## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter [5153](#) for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter [5153.16](#) to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

### Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

#### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

### Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **10/01/2023** through **09/30/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code [\(OAC\) 5101:2-1-01](#) and any related cross-references.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e., transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.
- C. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- E. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.

1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
  2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:
    - a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
    - b. Date(s) of service;
    - c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
    - d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
    - e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
    - f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
    - g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
    - h. Changes to medications.
- F. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- G. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- H. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the Incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs ([ODJFS 5101:2-7-14](#), [5101:2-9-23](#) [ODMHAS 5122-30-16](#), [5122-26-13](#), [OAC 5123-17-02](#)).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
  2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
  3. Death of Child;
  4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
  5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
  6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
  7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
  8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
  9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
  10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.
- I. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:
1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
  2. Medication lapses or errors.
- Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.
- J. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "H and I" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- K. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting community adjustment.
- L. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and

the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.

- M. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. ([OAC 5101:2-5-17](#), [OAC 5122-30-22](#), [OAC 5122-30-04](#), [OAC 5123:2-3-05](#)).
- N. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of [OAC 5101:2-42-67](#) as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- O. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-19](#) for all children age 14 and above.
- P. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in [OAC 5101:2-1-01](#), the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- R. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471. [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to [OAC 5101:2-5-33](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-02](#) or [OAC 5101:2-9-03](#) has been completed.
- S. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- T. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- U. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- V. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal meetings (i.e. FTMs, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).
- W. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- X. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by [OAC 5101:2-42-66.1](#) and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.
- Y. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- Z. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:

1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.
- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per week basis.
- J. The Agency represents:
  1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
  2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it

- will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.
- K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-90](#). Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, [OAC 5101:2-42-90 \(D\)](#) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## **Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:
1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
  2. Billing date and the billing period.
  3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
  4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
  5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
  6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
    - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
    - b. Transportation, allowable maintenance cost;
    - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
    - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
    - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
    - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.
- B. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## **Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.
- B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.
- C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.
- D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.
- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may

agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.

- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:
  - 1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
  - 2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

## **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.
- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize

costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.

- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  - 1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  - 2. Loss of required licenses;
  - 3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  - 4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  - 5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  - 6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.
- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

## **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.
- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying

information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.

- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.
- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
  - 1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  - 2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  - 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of the Agency;
    - f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the

Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.

- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
ATTN: Licensing  
P.O. Box 183204  
Columbus, OH 43218-3204

## **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with [ORC 2151.86](#), [ORC 5103.0328](#), [ORC 5103.0319](#) and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.
- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license, certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.
  3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with [OAC 5101:9-2-01](#) and [OAC 5101:9-2-05\(A\)\(4\)](#), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the

extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.

- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, [OAC 5101:9-4-07](#) and [OAC 5101:2-47-23.1](#).

## **Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

## **Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with [ORC 5103.0323](#).
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#) to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#). The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with [ORC 5101.11](#), [ORC 5101.14](#), and [OAC 5101:2-47-01](#).
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost

principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:

1. [OAC 5101:2-47-11](#): "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
2. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.1](#): "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
3. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#): "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

#### **Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

#### **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

#### **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

if to Agency, to  
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

if to Provider, to  
Circle of Peace, LLC  
92 W Floyd Ave  
Dayton, OH 45415

#### **Article XVII. CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should

any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

## **Article XVIII. NO ASSURANCES**

- A. Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing, executed by both the parties.

## **Article XIX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B. Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with [ORC 102.03](#), [ORC 102.04](#), [ORC 2921.42](#), [ORC 2921.43](#).
- C. The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

## **Article XX. INSURANCE**

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:

1. Additional insured endorsement;
2. Product liability;
3. Blanket contractual liability;
4. Broad form property damage;
5. Severability of interests;
6. Personal injury; and
7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).

Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.

- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.
- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.
- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:
  1. Additional insured endorsement;
  2. Pay on behalf of wording;
  3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
  4. Blanket contractual liability;
  5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
  6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
  7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
  8. Drop down feature.

The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.

- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.
- F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:
  1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
  2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
  3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
  4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency

before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.

5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA).

## **Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs, defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature, arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s)' employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.
- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## **Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION**

A. Criminal Record Check

1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in [ORC 5153.111\(B\)\(1\)](#), [ORC 2919.24](#), and [ORC 2151.86](#), and [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48](#).
4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48](#) resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

B. Transportation of Child

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in [ORC 4511.81](#).
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section [4511.19](#) (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

C. Rehabilitation

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of [OAC 5101:2-07-02\(I\)](#) as follows:
  - a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of [OAC 5101:2-7-02](#) have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-5-09](#) have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

## **Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in [OAC 5101:2-7-09](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-21](#), and [OAC 5101:2-9-22](#)

## **Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

[ORC 9.24](#) prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

## **Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

## **Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in [ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123](#), and [3125](#).

## **Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with [ORC 5719.042](#). Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

## **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

## **Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY**

The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of

the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

## ATTACHMENT

### Attachment One.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services

**Detail:** Article I

SECTIONS 1.02 & 1.03, References to Exhibit I

Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

### Attachment Two.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities

**Detail:** Article V

ITEM A

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

ITEM B

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

ITEMS D, E, & F

After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:

For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.

For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

Insert new item - ITEM S

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

Insert new item - ITEM T

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

### Attachment Three.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services

**Detail:** Article VIII

ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the

placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

#### ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

#### ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

#### Item F

##### Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

#### ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is

paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.

FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

**SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:**

**Provider: Circle of Peace, LLC**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Latisha Robinson	<i>Latisha Robinson</i>	10/21/2023

**Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Additional Signatures**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information  
Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
Provider / ID: Circle of Peace, LLC / 28892165

Run Date: 10/21/2023  
Contract Period: 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

Service Description	Service ID	Person	Person ID	Maintenance Per Diem	Administration Per Diem	Case Management Per Diem	Transportation / Administration Per Diem	Transportation / Maintenance Per Diem	Other Direct Services Per Diem	Behavioral Healthcare Per Diem	Other Per Diem Cost	Total Per Diem Cost	Cost Begin Date	Cost End Date
Group Home	7673466			\$314.00	\$6.00							\$320.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
Group Home	7673466			\$510.00	\$10.00							\$520.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024



**A Contract regarding Circle of Peace, LLC between Job and Family Services  
and**

Approved on 11/1/2023 12:49:47 PM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 11/8/2023 11:14:11 AM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County  
Job & Family Services

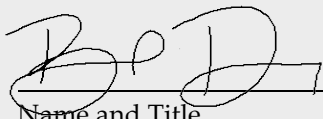
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Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

**01.2018**

**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor  
210 East Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Fiscal Year 2023

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**THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,  
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.**

Purchase Order # **23007355 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 12/15/2023

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DAYTON, OH 45415

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JOB & FAMILY SERVICES  
239 W MAIN STREET  
LANCASTER, OH 43130  
Phone: 740-652-7889

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER		VENDOR FAX NUMBER		REQUISITION NUMBER	DELIVERY REFERENCE
				7957	
DATE ORDERED	VENDOR NUMBER	DATE REQUIRED	FREIGHT METHOD/TERMS		DEPARTMENT/LOCATION
11/01/2023	17923				JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
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BOARD AND CARE

The Above Purchase Order Number Must Appear On All Correspondence - Packing Sheets And Bills Of Lading

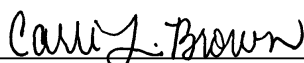
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	BOARD AND CARE	1.0	EACH	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

#### COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$5,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 11/01/2023

11/28/2023



Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Vendor Copy

Total Ext. Price	\$5,000.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
Total Discount	\$0.00
Total Credit	\$0.00

**Purchase Order Total \$5,000.00**

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I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: ,  
Organization: **Circle of Peace, LLC**  
Date: **10/25/2023 3:51:50 PM**

This search produced the following list of **1** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Circle of Faith	

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

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Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Circle of Peace,  
LLC.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 2:18:42 PM by Austin Lines,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.w

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Circle of Peace, LLC.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, 1150 Devereux Dr., League City, Texas 77573 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health  
1150 Devereux Dr  
League City, TX 77573

Collectively the "Parties".

Contract ID: 19355937

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services / Devereux Advanced Behavioral  
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07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024

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## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter [5153](#) for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter [5153.16](#) to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

### Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

#### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

### Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **07/01/2023** through **06/30/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's

competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code [\(OAC\) 5101:2-1-01](#) and any related cross-references.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e., transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.
- C. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- E. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of

services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.

1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:

- a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
- b. Date(s) of service;
- c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
- d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
- e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
- f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
- g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
- h. Changes to medications.

- F. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- G. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- H. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the Incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs ([ODJFS 5101:2-7-14](#), [5101:2-9-23](#), [ODMHAS 5122-30-16](#), [5122-26-13](#), [OAC 5123-17-02](#)).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
3. Death of Child;
4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.

- I. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
2. Medication lapses or errors.

Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.

- J. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "H and I" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- K. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting

community adjustment.

- L. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.
- M. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. ([OAC 5101:2-5-17](#), [OAC 5122-30-22](#), [OAC 5122-30-04](#), [OAC 5123:2-3-05](#)).
- N. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of [OAC 5101:2-42-67](#) as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- O. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-19](#) for all children age 14 and above.
- P. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in [OAC 5101:2-1-01](#), the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- R. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471. [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to [OAC 5101:2-5-33](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-02](#) or [OAC 5101:2-9-03](#) has been completed.
- S. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- T. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- U. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- V. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal meetings (i.e. FTM's, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).
- W. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- X. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by [OAC 5101:2-42-66.1](#) and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.

- Y. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- Z. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:
  - 1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
  - 2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
  - 3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
  - 4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.
- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per

week basis.

J. The Agency represents:

1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.

K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-90](#). Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, [OAC 5101:2-42-90 \(D\)](#) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES

A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:

1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
2. Billing date and the billing period.
3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
  - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
  - b. Transportation; allowable maintenance cost;
  - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
  - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
  - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
  - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.

B. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES

A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.

B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.

C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.

D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall

be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.

- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.
- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:
  - 1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
  - 2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

#### **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to

terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.

- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.
- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  - 1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  - 2. Loss of required licenses;
  - 3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  - 4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  - 5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  - 6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.
- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied contained therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

#### **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the

Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.

- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.
- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.
- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
  - 1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  - 2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  - 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of

- the Agency;
- f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.
- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
ATTN: Licensing  
P.O. Box 183204  
Columbus, OH 43218-3204

#### **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with [ORC 2151.86](#), [ORC 5103.0328](#), [ORC 5103.0319](#) and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.
- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license,

certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.

3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with [OAC 5101:9-2-01](#) and [OAC 5101:9-2-05\(A\)\(4\)](#), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.
- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, [OAC 5101:9-4-07](#) and [OAC 5101:2-47-23.1](#).

## **Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

## **Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with [ORC 5103.0323](#).
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#) to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#). The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with [ORC 5101.11](#), [ORC 5101.14](#), and [OAC 5101:2-47-01](#).
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:
  - 1. [OAC 5101:2-47-11](#): "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
  - 2. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.1](#): "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
  - 3. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#): "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
  - 4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
  - 5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
  - 6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
  - 7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

#### **Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

- 1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
- 3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

#### **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

#### **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this

Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

if to Agency, to                      Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

if to Provider, to                      Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health  
1150 Devereux Dr  
League City, TX 77573

## **Article XVII.    CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

## **Article XVIII.    NO ASSURANCES**

- A.    Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B.    This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing, executed by both the parties.

## **Article XIX.    CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A.    Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B.    Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with [ORC 102.03](#), [ORC 102.04](#), [ORC 2921.42](#), [ORC 2921.43](#).
- C.    The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

## Article XX. INSURANCE

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:

1. Additional insured endorsement;
2. Product liability;
3. Blanket contractual liability;
4. Broad form property damage;
5. Severability of interests;
6. Personal injury; and
7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).

Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.

- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.

- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.

- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:

1. Additional insured endorsement;
2. Pay on behalf of wording;
3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
4. Blanket contractual liability;
5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
8. Drop down feature.

The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.

- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.

F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:

1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.
5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (COSA).

## **Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs,

defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), ~~whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature,~~ arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s') employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.

- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION

### A. Criminal Record Check

1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in ORC 5153.111(B)(1), ORC 2919.24, and ORC 2151.86, and OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48.
4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48 resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

### B. Transportation of Child

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in ORC 4511.81.
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section 4511.19 (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

### C. Rehabilitation

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider

believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of [OAC 5101:2-07-02\(I\)](#) as follows:

- a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of [OAC 5101:2-7-02](#) have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-5-09](#) have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

**D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:**

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

**Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in [OAC 5101:2-7-09](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-21](#), and [OAC 5101:2-9-22](#)

**Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

[ORC 9.24](#) prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

**Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

**Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in [ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125](#).

**Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with [ORC 5719.042](#). Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the

statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

#### **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

#### **~~Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY~~**

~~The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.~~

#### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

#### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

## ATTACHMENT

### Attachment One.

**Reason:** Article  
**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services  
**Detail:** Article I  
SECTIONS 1.02 & 1.03, References to Exhibit I  
Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

### Attachment Two.

**Reason:** Article  
**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities  
**Detail:** Article V  
ITEM B

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

#### ITEM E

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

#### ITEMS H, I, & J

##### After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:  
For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.  
For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

##### Insert new item - ITEM AA

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

##### Insert new item - ITEM AB

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

### Attachment Three.

**Reason:** Article  
**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services  
**Detail:**

## Article VIII

### ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

### ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

### ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

### Item F

#### Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies

from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.


FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

**SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:**

**Provider: Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Pamela E. Reed, Executive Director		9-26-23

**Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Additional Signatures**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Addendum to the Agreement between  
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services and  
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas**

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas is licensed in the State of Texas. Devereux will endeavor to comply with the Ohio Administrative Codes concerning residential treatment facilities, however, Devereux adheres to the requirements of the state licensing agency where the facility is located.

**Article V. Provider Responsibilities:**

B. Devereux will provide transportation of children to and from local routine services and activities. Agency is responsible for costs associated with transportation for admission and discharge, to and from Devereux, and any approved home visits or court appointments. Devereux may assist in making arrangements for transportation to and from Devereux but these costs are not included in the per diem.

D. Devereux performs extensive pre-employment screening and background checks, including FBI fingerprinting, prior to hiring qualified staff. Devereux staff attend mandatory training prior to contact with children and annual refresher requirements. Devereux will not seek approval by the Agency of hired staff/caregivers.

**Article VIII. Reimbursement for Placement Services:**

B., C., G. No Schedule A included with this agreement.

**Article XI. Provider Assurances and Certifications:**

N. Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in the state in which services are provided have been obtained and are current.

**Article XIII. Audits and Other Financial Matters:**

C., D., E. and F. Cost reporting and JFS 02911 are not applicable to this Provider/Agreement. Devereux does not submit cost report data for placing agencies.

**Article XXI. Indemnification & Hold Harmless:**

A. Devereux's legal counsel requested strike of partial content regarding damages.

**Article XXII. Screening and Selection:**

- A. Criminal Record Checks are performed through the appropriate state agencies where the Provider facility is located.
- B. Provider is in compliance with and adheres to the laws of the State of Texas regarding transportation of children.
- C. Rehabilitation. This section is not applicable to this Provider/Agreement. Devereux will not seek approval by the Agency of hired staff/caregivers.

**Article XXVII. Declaration of Property Tax Delinquency:**

The Devereux Foundation is a non-profit entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and exempt from personal property tax.

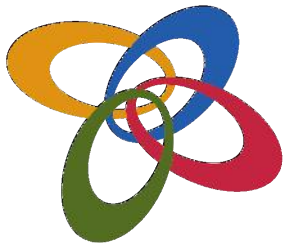
**Article XXIX. Property of Agency:**

Devereux's legal counsel requested to strike this section as it is not applicable to Devereux's services under this agreement.

Acknowledged and agreed:

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Authorized Representative for  
Fairfield County Dept. of Job and Family Services

  
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Pamela E. Reed, Executive Director  
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas



**A Contract regarding Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health between Job and Family Services and**

Approved on 10/24/2023 11:12:31 AM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 11/1/2023 2:51:32 PM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

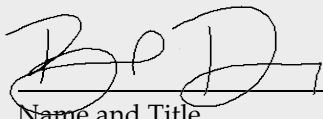
Corey Clark, Director  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

**01.2018**

**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor  
210 East Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Fiscal Year 2023

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**THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,  
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Purchase Order # **23007455 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

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## REIMBURSEMENT

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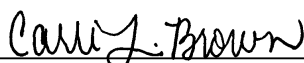
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1	REIMBURSEMENT	1.0	EACH	\$65.00	\$65.00

## COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$65.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 11/08/2023

11/28/2023



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Total Ext. Price	\$65.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
Total Discount	\$0.00
Total Credit	\$0.00

**Purchase Order Total \$65.00**

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New Opportunity Development and Management Services, Inc., c/o Mark Olds	38510 Flanders Drive
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Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Devereux  
Advanced Behavioral Health

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 2:09:03 PM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.x

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This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted  
upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Keys to Success Group Home**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Keys to Success Group Home, 2202 Woodland Ave., Columbus, OH 43211 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Keys to Success Group Home.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Keys to Success Group Home, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Keys to Success Group Home  
2202 Woodland Ave  
Columbus, OH 43211

Collectively the "Parties".

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## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter [5153](#) for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter [5153.16](#) to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

### Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

#### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

### Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **08/01/2023** through **07/31/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code [\(OAC\) 5101:2-1-01](#) and any related cross-references.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e., transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.
- C. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- E. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.

1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
  2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:
    - a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
    - b. Date(s) of service;
    - c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
    - d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
    - e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
    - f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
    - g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
    - h. Changes to medications.
- F. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- G. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- H. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the Incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs ([ODJFS 5101:2-7-14](#), [5101:2-9-23](#) [ODMHAS 5122-30-16](#), [5122-26-13](#), [OAC 5123-17-02](#)).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
  2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
  3. Death of Child;
  4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
  5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
  6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
  7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
  8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
  9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
  10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.
- I. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:
1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
  2. Medication lapses or errors.

Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.

- J. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "H and I" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- K. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting community adjustment.
- L. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and

the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.

- M. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. ([OAC 5101:2-5-17](#), [OAC 5122-30-22](#), [OAC 5122-30-04](#), [OAC 5123:2-3-05](#)).
- N. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of [OAC 5101:2-42-67](#) as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- O. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-19](#) for all children age 14 and above.
- P. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in [OAC 5101:2-1-01](#), the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- R. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471. [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to [OAC 5101:2-5-33](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-02](#) or [OAC 5101:2-9-03](#) has been completed.
- S. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- T. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- U. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- V. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal meetings (i.e. FTMs, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).
- W. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- X. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by [OAC 5101:2-42-66.1](#) and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.
- Y. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- Z. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:

1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.
- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per week basis.
- J. The Agency represents:
  1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
  2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it

- will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.
- K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-90](#). Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, [OAC 5101:2-42-90 \(D\)](#) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## **Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:
1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
  2. Billing date and the billing period.
  3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
  4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
  5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
  6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
    - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
    - b. Transportation, allowable maintenance cost;
    - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
    - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
    - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
    - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.
- B. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## **Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.
- B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.
- C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.
- D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.
- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may

agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.

- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:
  - 1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
  - 2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

## **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.
- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize

costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.

- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  - 1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  - 2. Loss of required licenses;
  - 3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  - 4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  - 5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  - 6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.
- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

## **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.
- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying

information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.

- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.
- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
  - 1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  - 2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  - 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of the Agency;
    - f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the

Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.

- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
ATTN: Licensing  
P.O. Box 183204  
Columbus, OH 43218-3204

## **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with [ORC 2151.86](#), [ORC 5103.0328](#), [ORC 5103.0319](#) and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.
- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license, certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.
  3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with [OAC 5101:9-2-01](#) and [OAC 5101:9-2-05\(A\)\(4\)](#), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the

extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.

- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, [OAC 5101:9-4-07](#) and [OAC 5101:2-47-23.1](#).

## **Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

## **Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with [ORC 5103.0323](#).
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#) to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#). The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with [ORC 5101.11](#), [ORC 5101.14](#), and [OAC 5101:2-47-01](#).
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost

principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:

1. [OAC 5101:2-47-11](#): "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
2. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.1](#): "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
3. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#): "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

#### **Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

#### **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

#### **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

if to Agency, to  
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

if to Provider, to  
Keys to Success Group Home  
2202 Woodland Ave  
Columbus, OH 43211

#### **Article XVII. CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should

any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

#### **Article XVIII. NO ASSURANCES**

- A. Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing, executed by both the parties.

#### **Article XIX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B. Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with [ORC 102.03](#), [ORC 102.04](#), [ORC 2921.42](#), [ORC 2921.43](#).
- C. The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

#### **Article XX. INSURANCE**

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:

1. Additional insured endorsement;
2. Product liability;
3. Blanket contractual liability;
4. Broad form property damage;
5. Severability of interests;
6. Personal injury; and
7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).

Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.

- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.
- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.
- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:
  1. Additional insured endorsement;
  2. Pay on behalf of wording;
  3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
  4. Blanket contractual liability;
  5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
  6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
  7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
  8. Drop down feature.

The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.

- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.
- F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:
  1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
  2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
  3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
  4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency

before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.

5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA).

## **Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs, defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature, arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s)' employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.
- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## **Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION**

A. Criminal Record Check

1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in [ORC 5153.111\(B\)\(1\)](#), [ORC 2919.24](#), and [ORC 2151.86](#), and [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48](#).
4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48](#) resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

B. Transportation of Child

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in [ORC 4511.81](#).
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section [4511.19](#) (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

C. Rehabilitation

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of [OAC 5101:2-07-02\(I\)](#) as follows:
  - a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of [OAC 5101:2-7-02](#) have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-5-09](#) have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

## **Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in [OAC 5101:2-7-09](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-21](#), and [OAC 5101:2-9-22](#)

## **Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

[ORC 9.24](#) prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

## **Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

## **Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in [ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123](#), and [3125](#).

## **Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with [ORC 5719.042](#). Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

## **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

## **Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY**

The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of

the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

## ATTACHMENT

### Attachment One.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services

**Detail:** Article I

SECTIONS 1.02 & 1.03, References to Exhibit I

Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

### Attachment Two.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities

**Detail:** Article V

ITEM A

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

ITEM B

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

ITEMS D, E, & F

After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:

For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.

For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

Insert new item - ITEM S

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

Insert new item - ITEM T

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

### Attachment Three.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services

**Detail:** Article VIII

ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at

the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

#### ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

#### ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

#### Item F

##### Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

#### ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.

FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:

Provider: Keys to Success Group Home

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Keyyanna Crockett-awner	K. crockett	9/12/23

Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

Additional Signatures

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

## Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services

Provider / ID: Keys to Success Group Home / 28921373

Run Date: 09/15/2023

Contract Period: 08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024

Service Description	Service ID	Person	Person ID	Maintenance Per Diem	Administration Per Diem	Case Management Per Diem	Transportation / Administration Per Diem	Transporation / Maintenance Per Diem	Other Direct Services Per Diem	Behavioral Healthcare Per Diem	Other Per Diem Cost	Total Per Diem Cost	Cost Begin Date	Cost End Date
Group Home	7675316			\$300.00	\$125.00				\$408.00			\$833.00	08/01/2023	07/31/2024
Group Home	7675316			\$300.00	\$125.00							\$425.00	08/01/2023	07/31/2024



**A Contract regarding Keys to Success Group Home between Job and Family Services and**

Approved on 10/24/2023 8:36:45 AM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 11/1/2023 2:50:51 PM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

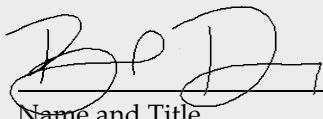
Corey Clark, Director  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

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**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor  
210 East Main Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Fiscal Year 2023

Page: 1 of 1

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,  
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.

Purchase Order # **23007112 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 12/15/2023

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239 W MAIN STREET  
LANCASTER, OH 43130  
Phone: 740-652-7889

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		7716	
DATE ORDERED	VENDOR NUMBER	DATE REQUIRED	DEPARTMENT/LOCATION
10/19/2023	17838		JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
NOTES			

CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT

The Above Purchase Order Number Must Appear On All Correspondence - Packing Sheets And Bills Of Lading

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT	1.0	EACH	\$250.00	\$250.00

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$250.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 10/19/2023

11/28/2023

Carri L. Brown

Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Vendor Copy

Total Ext. Price	\$250.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
Total Discount	\$0.00
Total Credit	\$0.00

Purchase Order Total **\$250.00**

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(614) 466-4514  
(800) 282-0370

I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: ,  
Organization: **Keys To Success**  
Date: **10/21/2023 10:27:35 AM**

This search produced the following list of **10** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Fickey, Kenneth	1303 W. 8th Street
Harmony Community School, c/o Buckeye Community Hope Foundation	3021 East Dubli Granville Road
Harmony Community School, c/o Buckeye Community Hope Foundation	3021 East Dublin Granville Rd.
Harmony Community School, c/o Buckeye Community Hope Foundation	3021 East Dublin Granville Road
Harmony Community School, c/o Buckeye Community Hope Foundation	3021 East Dublin-Granville Rd.
Harmony Community School, c/o Buckeye Community Hope Foundation	3021 East Dubln Granville Rd.
Hickey, Samuel	508 Hudson Avenue
Mickey, Anthony	P.O. Box 183
Stuckey, Michael	5287 Sulgrave Drive
Transkey, Nina	35 Minnewawa Drive

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, it is the responsibility of the public office to verify that a person to whom it plans to award a contract does not appear in the Auditor of State's database. The Auditor of State's office is not responsible for inaccurate search results caused by user error or other circumstances beyond the Auditor of State's control.

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Keys to  
Success Group Home

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 2:10:05 PM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.y

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Keys to  
Success Group Home

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted  
upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health.**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health, 1828 Industrial Dr. Fordyce, AR 71742 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health  
1828 Industrial Dr  
Fordyce, AR 71742

Collectively the "Parties".

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WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter 5153 for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter 5153.16 to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

### Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

#### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

### Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **08/01/2023** through **07/31/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's

competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5101:2-1-01 and any related cross-references.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e., transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.
- C. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- E. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of

services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.

1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:

- a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
- b. Date(s) of service;
- c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
- d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
- e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
- f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
- g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
- h. Changes to medications.

- F. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- G. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- H. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs (ODJFS 5101:2-7-14, 5101:2-9-23 ODMHAS 5122-30-16, 5122-26-13, OAC 5123-17-02).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
3. Death of Child;
4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.

- I. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
2. Medication lapses or errors.

Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.

- J. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "H and I" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- K. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting

community adjustment.

- L. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.
- M. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. (OAC 5101:2-5-17, OAC 5122-30-22, OAC 5122-30-04, OAC 5123:2-3-05).
- N. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of OAC 5101:2-42-67 as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- O. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with OAC 5101:2-42-19 for all children age 14 and above.
- P. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in OAC 5101:2-1-01, the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule OAC 5101:2-42-65 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- R. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471, [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to OAC 5101:2-5-33, OAC 5101:2-9-02 or OAC 5101:2-9-03 has been completed.
- S. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- T. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- U. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- V. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal meetings (i.e. FTM's, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).
- W. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- X. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by OAC 5101:2-42-66.1 and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.

- Y. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- Z. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:
1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
  2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
  3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
  4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule OAC 5101:2-42-65 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.
- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per

week basis.

J. The Agency represents:

1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.

K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with OAC 5101:2-42-90. Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, OAC 5101:2-42-90 (D) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES

A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:

1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
2. Billing date and the billing period.
3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
  - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
  - b. Transportation, allowable maintenance cost;
  - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
  - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
  - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
  - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.

B. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES

A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.

B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.

C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.

D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall

be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.

- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.
- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:
  - 1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
  - 2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

## **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to

terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.

- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.
- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  - 1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  - 2. Loss of required licenses;
  - 3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  - 4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  - 5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  - 6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.
- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied contained therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

## **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the

Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.

- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.
- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.
- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
  - 1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  - 2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  - 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of

the Agency;

- f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.
- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
ATTN: Licensing  
P.O. Box 183204  
Columbus, OH 43218-3204

#### **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with ORC 2151.86, ORC 5103.0328, ORC 5103.0319 and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.
- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
  - 1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  - 2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license,

certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.

3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with OAC 5101:9-2-01 and OAC 5101:9-2-05(A)(4), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.
- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, OAC 5101:9-4-07 and OAC 5101:2-47-23.1.

## **Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

## **Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with ORC 5103.0323.
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in OAC 5101:2-47-26.2 to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with OAC 5101:2-47-26.2. The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with ORC 5101.11, ORC 5101.14, and OAC 5101:2-47-01.
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:
  - 1. OAC 5101:2-47-11: "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
  - 2. OAC 5101:2-47-26.1: "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
  - 3. OAC 5101:2-47-26.2: "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
  - 4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
  - 5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
  - 6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
  - 7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

#### **Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

- 1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
- 2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
- 3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

#### **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

#### **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this

Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

If to Agency, to                      Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

If to Provider, to                      Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health  
1828 Industrial Dr  
Fordyce, AR 71742

## **Article XVII. CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

## **Article XVIII. NO ASSURANCES**

- A. Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing, executed by both the parties.

## **Article XIX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B. Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with ORC 102.03, ORC 102.04, ORC 2921.42, ORC 2921.43.
- C. The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

## Article XX. INSURANCE

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:
1. Additional insured endorsement;
  2. Product liability;
  3. Blanket contractual liability;
  4. Broad form property damage;
  5. Severability of interests;
  6. Personal injury; and
  7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).
- Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.
- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.
- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.
- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:
1. Additional insured endorsement;
  2. Pay on behalf of wording;
  3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
  4. Blanket contractual liability;
  5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
  6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
  7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
  8. Drop down feature.
- The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.
- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.

F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:

1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.
5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (COSA).

## Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs,

defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature, arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s)' employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.

- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## **Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION**

### **A. Criminal Record Check**

1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in ORC 5153.111(B)(1), ORC 2919.24, and ORC 2151.86, and OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48.
4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48 resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

### **B. Transportation of Child**

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in ORC 4511.81.
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section 4511.19 (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

### **C. Rehabilitation**

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider

believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of OAC 5101:2-07-02(I) as follows:

- a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of OAC 5101:2-7-02 have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with OAC 5101:2-5-09 have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

**D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:**

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

**Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in OAC 5101:2-7-09, OAC 5101:2-9-21, and OAC 5101:2-9-22

**Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

ORC 9.24 prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

**Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

**Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125.

**Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with ORC 5719.042. Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the

statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

#### **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

#### **Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY**

The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

#### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

#### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

## ATTACHMENT

### Attachment One.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services

**Detail:**

Article I

SECTIONS 1.02 & 1.03, References to Exhibit I

Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

### Attachment Two.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities

**Detail:** Article V

ITEM A

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

ITEM B

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

ITEMS D, E, & F

After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:

For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.

For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

Insert new item - ITEM S

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

Insert new item - ITEM T

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

### Attachment Three.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services

**Detail:** Article VIII

ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

#### ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

#### ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

#### Item F

##### Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.

FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private Insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

**SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:**

**Provider: Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Terra Nutt CFO	Terra Nutt	8/25/23

**Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Additional Signatures**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

### Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information  
 Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
 Provider / ID: Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health / 28124980

Run Date: 08/25/2023  
 Contract Period: 08/01/2023 - 07/31/2024

Service Description	Service ID	Person	Person ID	Maintenance Per Diem	Administration Per Diem	Case Management Per Diem	Transportation / Administration Per Diem	Transportation / Maintenance Per Diem	Other Direct Services Per Diem	Behavioral Healthcare Per Diem	Other Per Diem Cost	Total Per Diem Cost	Cost Begin Date	Cost End Date
Children's Residential Center	23167			\$550.00								\$550.00	08/01/2023	07/31/2024



**A Contract regarding Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health between Job and Family Services and**

Approved on 9/19/2023 7:58:29 AM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 9/28/2023 12:45:09 PM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

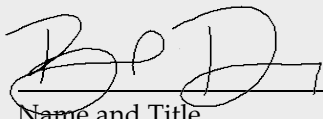
Corey Clark, Director  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
  3. ☐ ODOT Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (See R.C. 5513.01)
  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

**\* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.\***

**01.2018**

**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

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Contractor's Information:

Name: ,  
Organization: **Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health**  
Date: **9/7/2023 5:37:44 PM**

This search produced the following list of **11** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Hamilton, Monique	16608 Eldamere Ave.
Hamilton, Jr., Wade	5150 Som Center Rd.
Miles, Jeremiah	
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane, Apartment 1
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane Apt. 1
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane Apt. 1
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane, Apartment 1
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane, Apt. 1
Millard, Stephanie	2120 Kemper Lane, Apartment 1
Mills, Wanda	632 Ruth Avenue
Mills, Olin	301 Evergreen Hills

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, it is the responsibility of the public office to verify that a person to whom it plans to award a contract does not appear in the Auditor of State's database. The Auditor of State's office is not responsible for inaccurate search results caused by user error or other circumstances beyond the Auditor of State's control.

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Millcreek of  
Arkansas Behavioral Health.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 2:15:02 PM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.z

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Millcreek of Arkansas Behavioral Health.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Circle of Peace, LLC.**

**WHEREAS,** Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with Circle of Peace, LLC, 92 W. Floyd Ave, Dayton, OH 45415 and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of the service agreement is to provide Network Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** this agreement shall be effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

**WHEREAS,** the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, AND STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Network Placement Service Agreement for Circle of Peace, LLC.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour  
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

**AGREEMENT FOR TITLE IV-E AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS FOR  
THE PROVISION OF CHILD PLACEMENT**

This Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions between the parties for placement services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency named below.

This Agreement is between Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services, a Title IV-E Agency, hereinafter "Agency", whose address is:

Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

and

Circle of Peace, LLC, hereinafter "Provider", whose address is:

Circle of Peace, LLC  
92 W Floyd Ave  
Dayton, OH 45415

Collectively the "Parties".

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## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Agency is responsible under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Title 51, Chapter [5153](#) for the provision of protective services for dependent, neglected, and abused children; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under ORC Title 51, Chapter [5153.16](#) to provide care and services which it deems to be in the best interest of any child who needs or is likely to need public care and services; and,

WHEREAS, the Provider is an organization duly organized and validly existing and is qualified to do business under the laws in the State of Ohio or in the state where the Provider of services is located and has all requisite legal power and authority to execute this Agreement and to carry out its terms, conditions and provisions; and is licensed, certified or approved to provide services to children and families in accordance with Ohio law or the state where the Provider of services is located.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and responsibilities set forth herein, the Agency and Provider agree as follows:

### Article I. SCOPE OF PLACEMENT SERVICES

In addition to the services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work, Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services specified in each Individual Child Care Agreement (ICCA) for children in the care and custody of the Title IV-E Agency. The ICCA shall be consistent with current federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Provider's license or certified functions and services. If an Agreement and ICCA both exist, the Agreement supersedes.

See Attachment 1 for additional details.

#### Section 1.01 FOR AGREEMENTS COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

Without limiting the services set forth herein, Provider will provide the Services pursuant to and consistent with the Requests for Proposals (RFP) and the Provider's Proposal submitted in response to the RFP, the Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in Exhibit I-Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.02 FOR AGREEMENTS NOT COMPETITIVELY PROCURED

The Provider agrees to provide and shall provide the placement and related services described in the Exhibit I- Scope of Work.

#### Section 1.03 EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are deemed to be a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein:

- A. Exhibit I – Scope of Work;
- B. Exhibit II – Request for Proposals (if applicable);
- C. Exhibit III – Provider's Response to the Request for Proposals (if applicable); and
- D. Exhibit IV – Schedule A Rate Information.

### Article II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is in effect from **10/01/2023** through **09/30/2024**, unless this Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the termination date.

In addition to the initial term described above, this Agreement may be extended, at the option of the Agency and upon written agreement of the Provider, for \_\_\_\_\_ additional, \_\_\_\_\_ year terms not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ years. Notice of Agency's intention to extend the Agreement shall be provided in writing to Provider no less than 90 calendar days before the expiration of any Agreement term then in effect. (If a previous Request for Proposal [RFP] allows, the Agreement may be extended for a period of time to ensure adequate completion of the Agency's competitive procurement process at the rates existing for the term then in effect.)

### **Article III. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Agreement and all Exhibits are intended to supplement and complement each other and shall, where possible, be so interpreted. However, if any provision of this Agreement irreconcilably conflicts with an Exhibit, this Agreement takes precedence over the Exhibit(s).

In the event there is an inconsistency between the Exhibit(s), the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

- A. Exhibit I: Scope of Work; then
- B. Exhibit II: Request for Proposals (if applicable); then
- C. Exhibit III: Provider's Proposals (if applicable); then
- D. Exhibit IV: Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information.

### **Article IV. DEFINITIONS GOVERNING THIS AGREEMENT**

The following definitions govern this Agreement:

- A. Agreement means this Agreement, attachments and exhibits thereto.
- B. Material Breach shall mean an act or omission that violates or contravenes an obligation required under the Agreement and which, by itself or together with one or more other breaches, has a negative effect on, or thwarts the purpose of the Agreement as stated herein. A Material Breach shall not include an act or omission, which has a trivial or negligible effect on the quality, quantity, or delivery of the goods and services to be provided under the Agreement.
- C. Child(ren) means any person under eighteen years of age or a mentally or physically handicapped person under twenty-one years of age in the Agency's custody and under the care of the Provider for the provision of placement services.
- D. All other definitions to be resolved through Federal Regulations, Ohio Administrative Code [\(OAC\) 5101:2-1-01](#) and any related cross-references.

### **Article V. PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Provider agrees to participate with Agency in the development and implementation of the Case Plan and ICCA including participation in case reviews and / or semi-annual administrative reviews, and the completion of reunification assessments for the children in placement with the Provider. Parties shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- B. Provider agrees to provide services agreed to in the Case Plan and ICCA (i.e., transportation of children for routine services, including, but not limited to, court hearings, medical appointments, school therapy, recreational activities, visitations/family visits) unless otherwise negotiated in writing as an attachment to this Agreement. Any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual-agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process. The cost of providing these services is to be included in the Agency approved per diem.
- C. Provider agrees to ensure that any and all persons who may act as alternative caregivers or who have contact with the children are suitable for interaction pursuant to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- D. Provider agrees that all caregivers must be approved by the Agency.
- E. Provider agrees to submit a progress report as negotiated by the parties for each child. The progress report will be based on the agreed upon services to be delivered to the child and/or family and will include documentation of services provided to the child and/or discharge summary. If Monthly Progress Reports are not received within 90 calendar days following the month of service provision, payment may be withheld at the Agency's discretion.

1. Monthly Progress Reports shall be submitted by the 20th of the month following the month of service.
  2. The Monthly Progress Report will include the following medical related information:
    - a. Service type (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.);
    - b. Date(s) of service;
    - c. Reason for visit (i.e. routine, injury, etc.);
    - d. Practitioner name, address and contact number;
    - e. Name of hospital, practice, urgent care, etc.;
    - f. Prescribed medications and dosages;
    - g. Date(s) medication(s) were prescribed or changed; and
    - h. Changes to medications.
- F. Placement changes, emergency or non-emergency, shall occur only with the approval of the Agency. The following information shall be provided to the Agency for all placement changes: Name, address and phone number of the new foster home or other out-of-home care setting, the license/home study of the new care provider within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.
- G. Provider agrees to notify all Agencies who have children placed in the same caregiver's home/group home/CRC when any child residing in the placement is critically injured or dies in that location. Notification will be made to the Agencies' Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline number or assigned Caseworker immediately.
- H. Notification to the Agency of Emergency Critical Incidents shall occur ASAP but no later than one hour of the Incident becoming known. Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker or by other established system. Critical incidents are those incidents defined in the Ohio Administrative Code that are applicable to the licensed or certified programs ([ODJFS 5101:2-7-14](#), [5101:2-9-23](#) [ODMHAS 5122-30-16](#), [5122-26-13](#), [OAC 5123-17-02](#)).

Emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:

1. Absent Without Leave (AWOL);
  2. Child Alleging Physical or Sexual Abuse / Neglect;
  3. Death of Child;
  4. Illicit drug/alcohol use; Abuse of medication or toxic substance;
  5. Sudden injury or illness requiring an unplanned medical treatment or visit to the hospital;
  6. Perpetrator of Delinquent/Criminal Act (Assault, Dangerous Behaviors, Homicidal Behaviors);
  7. School Expulsion / Suspension (formal action by school);
  8. Self-Injury (Suicidal Behaviors, Self-Harm Requiring external Medical Treatment, Hospital or ER);
  9. Victim of assault, neglect, physical or sexual abuse; and
  10. The filing of any law enforcement report involving the child.
- I. The Provider also agrees to notify the Agency within Twenty-four (24) hours, of any non-emergency situations. Non-emergency situations include but are not limited to the following:
1. When physical restraint is used/applied; and
  2. Medication lapses or errors.

Notification will be made to the Agency via the Agency's Child Abuse Neglect Hotline / assigned Caseworker or by other established notification system.

- J. Documentation of the emergency and non-emergency incidents as identified in "H and I" above shall be provided to the Agency via email, fax or other established notification system within 24 hours excluding weekends and holidays.
- K. The Provider agrees to submit each child's assessment and treatment plans as completed but no later than the 30th day of placement. Provider further agrees to provide treatment planning that will include, but is not limited to, education on or off site, preparation for integration into community-based school or vocational/job skills training, community service activities, independent living skills if age 14 or older, monitoring and supporting community adjustment.
- L. The Provider agrees to participate in joint planning with the Agency regarding modification to case plan services. Provider agrees that while the Provider may have input into the development of the child's case plan services and

the ICCA, any disputes involving services or placement will be resolved through mutual agreement and modification to the ICCA. Provider agrees the Agency is the final authority in the process.

- M. The Provider shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Agency prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. A placement Preservation meeting shall be held within seven (7) business days of said request. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice shall be given if placement preservation is unable to be achieved. A Discharge Plan Summary shall be provided no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of discharge in accordance with the applicable licensed or certified program. ([OAC 5101:2-5-17](#), [OAC 5122-30-22](#), [OAC 5122-30-04](#), [OAC 5123:2-3-05](#)).
- N. The Provider shall work in cooperation and collaboration with the Agency to provide information for each child's Lifebook and will fully comply with the provision of [OAC 5101:2-42-67](#) as applicable to private Providers. Provider's contribution to the Agency Lifebook for a child shall be for the episode of care with the Provider.
- O. The Provider agrees to provide Independent Living Services as set forth in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-19](#) for all children age 14 and above.
- P. When applicable, due to the Provider being part of a managed care agreement as defined in [OAC 5101:2-1-01](#), the Provider agrees to visit with the child face-to-face in the foster home, speak privately with the child and to meet with the caregiver at least monthly in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Q. The Provider agrees to maintain its licenses and certifications from any source in good standing. The Provider agrees to report to Agency in writing any change in licensure or certification that negatively impacts such standing immediately if the negative action results in a temporary license, suspension of license or termination of license.
- R. Provider agrees that the reasonable and prudent parent standard training required by SEC. 471. [42 U.S.C. 671] of the Social Security Act and in accordance to [OAC 5101:2-5-33](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-02](#) or [OAC 5101:2-9-03](#) has been completed.
- S. The Provider shall notify Agency of any changes in its status, such as intent to merge with another business or to close no later than forty-five (45) business days prior to the occurrence.
- T. The Provider agrees that the Agency shall have access to foster parent home studies and re-certifications for foster parents caring for children in placement, subject to confidentiality considerations. The Provider shall submit to Agency a copy of the current foster home license at the time of placement and recertification. Provider also agrees to notify Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of any change in the status of the foster home license.
- U. When there is a rule violation of a caregiver, a copy of the corrective action plan, if applicable, must be submitted to the Agency when the investigation is complete.
- V. The Provider agrees to notify the Agency of scheduling no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to all formal meetings (i.e. FTMs, Treatment Team Meetings, IEPs, etc.).
- W. The Provider agrees to adhere to the following Medical/Medication guidelines:
  - 1. To provide over-the-counter medications and/or supplies as part of the per diem of care;
  - 2. To comply with the medical consent process as identified by Agency;
  - 3. Only the Agency can give permission for the administering or change (addition or elimination) of psychotropic medication and its ongoing management; and
  - 4. Provide an initial placement medical screening within 72 hours of child's placement into a placement resource under the Provider's operation and/or oversight.
- X. To arrange for required health care/medical examinations within time frames required by [OAC 5101:2-42-66.1](#) and provide reports from the health care providers to the agency within 30 days of occurrence if the appropriate releases of information have been obtained by the Provider.
- Y. The Network Provider agrees to notify the Agency if placement resource is currently under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children or other third-party investigation.
- Z. The Provider will immediately notify the Agency:

1. If the Provider is out of compliance with any licensing authority rules or the placement resource is under investigation for license violations or misconduct toward children. Immediately is defined as within one hour of knowledge of the non-compliance issue.
2. Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline or assigned Caseworker of any allegations of abuse or neglect made against the Caregiver within one hour of gaining knowledge of the allegation.
3. Of any corrective action and the result of the correction action plan. The Provider will submit a comprehensive written report to the agency within sixty (60) days of the rules violation.
4. Within twenty-four (24) hours any time there is an event which would impact the placement resource license.

See Attachment 2 for additional details.

## **Article VI. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Agency certifies that it will comply with the Multiethnic Placement Act, 108 STAT. 3518, as amended by Section 1808 of the Small Business Jobs Protection Act of 1996, 110 STAT. 1755, which prohibits any Agency from denying any person the opportunity to become an adoptive or foster parent on the basis of race, color, national origin, or delaying or denying the placement of a child for adoption or into foster care on the basis of race, color, or national origin of the adoptive or foster parent or of the child involved.
- B. The Agency shall provide to the Provider within thirty (30) calendar days of placement or within a reasonable time thereafter as agreed to by the parties, a copy of each child's social history, medical history, and Medicaid card once obtained by the Agency for new cases, or at time of placement for existing cases. Agency shall make best efforts to share information timely regarding participants and contact information involved with planning efforts related to children and families.
- C. The Agency acknowledges that clinical treatment decisions must be recommended by licensed clinical professionals. Agency and Provider acknowledge that disagreement with a treatment decision may be taken through the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV of this Agreement.
- D. Agency agrees to visit with the child in accordance with rule [OAC 5101:2-42-65](#) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- E. Agency agrees to participate in periodic meetings with each child's treatment team for case treatment plan development, review, and revision. The Agency agrees to participate in the development of the treatment plan of each child placed with the Provider by the Agency.
- F. Agency certifies that it will comply with Every Student Succeeds Act (34 CFR part 200) and will work with local school districts in developing individualized plans to address the transportation needed for a child to remain in the school of origin. Agency agrees to arrange for the transfer of each child's school records to the child's new school upon placement but not later than ten (10) business days. The Agency agrees to work with the Provider for the timely enrollment of the child in the receiving school district. The Agency has the final responsibility to obtain the child's school records and to enroll the child in the receiving school district.
- G. The Agency shall provide an opportunity for the Provider to give input in the development, substantive Addendum or modification of case plans. The Agency agrees to notify the Provider of scheduling no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to of all formal meetings (e.g. SARs, court hearings, family team conferences, etc.).
- H. The Agency shall participate in a Placement Preservation meeting if requested by the Provider prior to issuing a notice of removal of a child. The Agency shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days' notice for planned removals, to the Provider for each child who is being terminated from placement with the Provider, unless so ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I. Agency agrees to provide the Provider with an emergency contact on a twenty-four (24) hour, seven (7) day per week basis.
- J. The Agency represents:
  1. It has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this Agreement; subject to the availability of funds as referenced in Article VIII (I);
  2. It intends to maintain this Agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it

- will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and
3. It will make its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this Agreement.
- K. The Agency will provide information about the child being referred for placement in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-42-90](#). Prior to a child's placement in alternative care or respite, [OAC 5101:2-42-90 \(D\)](#) requires the Agency to share with care givers information that could impact the health, safety, or well-being of the child or others in the home.

## **Article VII. INVOICING FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The Provider agrees to submit a monthly invoice following the end of the month in which services were provided. The invoice shall be for services delivered in accordance with Article I of this Agreement and shall include:
1. Provider's name, address, telephone number, fax number, federal tax identification number, Title IV-E Provider number, if applicable and Medicaid Provider number, if applicable.
  2. Billing date and the billing period.
  3. Name of child, date of birth of child, and the child's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) person I.D. number.
  4. Admission date and discharge date, if available.
  5. Agreed upon per diem for maintenance and the agreed per diem administration; and
  6. Invoicing procedures may also include the per diems associated with the following if applicable and agreeable to the Agency and Provider:
    - a. Case Management; allowable administration cost;
    - b. Transportation, allowable maintenance cost;
    - c. Transportation; allowable administration cost;
    - d. Other Direct Services; allowable maintenance cost;
    - e. Behavioral health care; non-reimbursable cost; and
    - f. Other costs - (any other cost the Title IV-E Agency has agreed to participate in); non-allowable/non-reimbursable cost.
- B. Provider warrants and represents claims made for payment for services provided are for actual services rendered and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of public funds for the same service.

## **Article VIII. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PLACEMENT SERVICES**

- A. The maximum amount payable pursuant to this contract is **\$500,000.00**.
- B. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement, the per diem for maintenance and the per diem for administration will be paid for each day the child was in placement. The first day of placement will be paid regardless of the time the child was placed. The last day of placement will not be paid regardless of the time the child left the placement.
- C. In accordance with Schedule A of this Agreement and in addition to Maintenance and Administration, the Agency may agree to pay a per diem for Case Management, Other Direct Services, Transportation Administration, Transportation Maintenance, Behavioral Health Care and Other. All other services and/or fees to be paid for shall be contained in the Attachments/Exhibits of this Agreement.
- D. To the extent that the Provider maintains a foster care network, the agreed upon per diem for maintenance shall be the amount paid directly to the foster parent. Maintenance includes the provision of food, clothing, shelter, daily supervision, graduation expenses, a child's personal incidentals, and liability insurance with respect to the child, reasonable cost of travel to the child's home for visitation and reasonable cost of travel for the child to remain in the school the child was enrolled in at the time of placement. Payment for private Agency staff transporting a child to a home visit or keeping the child in their home school will be paid in accordance with Schedule A (Transportation Maintenance) of this Agreement.
- E. If the plan as determined by the Agency is to return the child to placement with the Provider, the Agency may

agree to pay for the days that a child is temporarily absent from the direct care of the Provider, as agreed to by the parties in writing.

- F. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of Agency. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third-party payer for medical services rendered to children in agency custody. Agency will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in agency custody unless the agency Executive Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.
- G. The Agency agrees to pay the Provider for all services agreed to on Schedule A and in the Attachments/Exhibits to this Agreement, where applicable, that have been provided and documented in the child's case file. Agency shall make best efforts to make payment of undisputed charges within thirty (30) business days of receipt.
- H. In the event of a disagreement regarding payment, Agency shall withhold payment only for that portion of the placement with which it disagrees. Agency will use best efforts to notify the Provider of any invoice discrepancies. Agency and Provider will make every effort to resolve payment discrepancies within 60 calendar days. Payment discrepancies brought to the Agency after 60 days will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- I. This Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of federal, state, or local funds appropriated or allocated for payment for services provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. By sole determination of the Agency, if funds are not sufficiently allocated or available for the provision of the services performed by the Provider hereunder, the Agency reserves the right to exercise one of the following alternatives:
  - 1. Reduce the utilization of the services provided under this Agreement, without change to the terms and conditions of the Agreement; or
  - 2. Issue a notice of intent to terminate the Agreement.

The Agency will notify the Provider at the earliest possible time of such decision. No penalty shall accrue to the Agency in the event either of these provisions is exercised. The Agency shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or for any damages as a result of termination under this section.

Any denial of payment for service(s) rendered may be appealed in writing and will be part of the dispute resolution process contained in Article XIV.

See Attachment 3 for additional details.

## **Article IX. TERMINATION; BREACH AND DEFAULT**

- A. This Agreement may be terminated for convenience prior to the expiration of the term then in effect by either the Agency or the Provider upon written notification given no less than sixty (60) calendar days in advance by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the terminated party shown hereinabove or at such other address as may hereinafter be specified in writing.
- B. If Provider fails to provide the Services as provided in this Agreement for any reason other than Force Majeure, or if Provider otherwise Materially Breaches this Agreement, Agency may consider Provider in default. Agency agrees to give Provider thirty (30) days written notice specifying the nature of the default and its intention to terminate. Provider shall have seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such notice to provide a written plan of action to Agency to cure such default. Agency is required to approve or disapprove such plan within five (5) calendar days of receipt. In the event Provider fails to submit such plan or Agency disapproves such plan, Agency has the option to immediately terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Provider. If Provider fails to cure the default in accordance with an approved plan, then Agency may terminate this Agreement at the end of the thirty (30) day notice period.
- C. Upon the effective date of the termination, the Provider agrees that it shall cease work on the terminated activities under this Agreement, take all necessary or appropriate steps to limit disbursements and minimize

costs, and furnish a report as of the date of discharge of the last child describing the status of all work under this Agreement, including without limitation, results accomplished, conclusions resulting therefrom, and such other matters as the Agency may require. The Agency agrees to remove all children in placement immediately with the Provider, consistent with the effective termination date. In all instances of termination, the Provider and Agency agree that they shall work in the best interests of children placed with the Provider to secure alternative placements for all children affected by the termination.

- D. In the event of termination, the Provider shall be entitled to reimbursement, upon submission of an invoice, for the agreed upon per diem incurred prior to the effective termination date. The reimbursement will be calculated by the Agency based on the per diem set forth in Article VIII. The Agency shall receive credit for reimbursement already made when determining the amount owed to the Provider. The Agency is not liable for costs incurred by the Provider after the effective termination date of the discharge of the last child.
- E. Notwithstanding the above, Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement upon delivery of a written notice of termination to the Provider under the following circumstances:
  - 1. Improper or inappropriate activities;
  - 2. Loss of required licenses;
  - 3. Actions, inactions or behaviors that may result in harm, injury or neglect of a child;
  - 4. Unethical business practices or procedures; and
  - 5. Any other event that Agency deems harmful to the well-being of a child; or
  - 6. Loss of funding as set forth in Article VIII.
- F. If the Agreement is terminated by Agency due to breach or default of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied therein by the Provider, Agency may exercise any administrative, agreement, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. Any extension of the time periods set forth above shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights or remedies the Agency may have under this Agreement.
- G. In the event of termination under this ARTICLE, both the Provider and the placing Agency shall make good faith efforts to minimize adverse effect on children resulting from the termination of the Agreement.

## **Article X. RECORDS RETENTION, CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The Provider agrees that all records, documents, writings or other information, including, but not limited to, financial records, census records, client records and documentation of legal compliance with Ohio Administrative Code rules, produced by the Provider under this Agreement, and all records, documents, writings or other information, including but not limited to financial, census and client used by the Provider in the performance of this Agreement are treated according to the following terms:
  - 1. All records relating to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the Agency by the Provider along with copies of all Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, submitted to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after reimbursement for services rendered under this Agreement.
  - 2. If an audit, litigation, or other action is initiated during the time period of the Agreement, the Provider shall retain such records until the action is concluded and all issues resolved or three (3) years have expired, whichever is later.
  - 3. All records referred to in Section A 1) of this Article shall be available for inspection and audit by the Agency or other relevant agents of the State of Ohio (including, but not limited to, the County Prosecutor, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General of Ohio, or any duly authorized law enforcement officials), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services within a reasonable period of time.
- B. The Provider agrees to keep all financial records in a manner consistent with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- C. The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Agency and the confidentiality of children and families. Provider understands access to the identities of any Agency's child and families shall only be as necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement. No identifying

information on child(ren) served will be released for research or other publication without the express written consent of the Agency. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of information concerning the child for any purpose not directly related to the administration of this Agreement is prohibited. Provider shall ensure all the children's and families' documentation is protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner.

- D. The Provider agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to the confidentiality and transmission of medical records, including, but not limited to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- E. Although information about, and generated under, this Agreement may fall within the public domain, the Provider shall not release information about, or related to, this Agreement to the general public or media verbally, in writing, or by any electronic means without prior approval from the Agency, unless the Provider is required to release requested information by law. Agency reserves the right to announce to the general public and media: award of the Agreement, Agreement terms and conditions, scope of work under the Agreement, Deliverables, as defined in Article XXIX, and results obtained under the Agreement. Except where Agency approval has been granted in advance, the Provider shall not seek to publicize and will not respond to unsolicited media queries requesting: announcement of Agreement award, Agreement terms and conditions, Agreement scope of work, government-furnished documents the Agency may provide to the Provider to fulfill the Agreement scope of work, Deliverables required under the Agreement, results obtained under the Agreement, and impact of Agreement activities.
- F. If contacted by the media about this Agreement, the Provider agrees to notify the Agency in lieu of responding immediately to media queries. Nothing in this section is meant to restrict the Provider from using Agreement information and results to market to specific business prospects.
- G. Client data must be protected and maintained in a secure and safe manner whether located in Provider's facilities, stored in the Cloud, or used on mobile devices outside Provider's facility. Security of Provider's network, data storage, and mobile devices must conform to generally recognized industry standards and best practices. Maintenance of a secure processing environment includes, but is not limited to, network firewall provisioning, intrusion detection, antivirus protection, regular third-party vulnerability assessments, and the timely application of patches, fixes and updates to operating systems and applications.
- H. Provider agrees that it has implemented and shall maintain during the term of this Agreement the highest standard of administrative, technical, and physical safeguards and controls to:
  - 1. Ensure the security and confidentiality of data;
  - 2. Protect against any anticipated security threats or hazards to the security or integrity of data; and
  - 3. Protect against unauthorized access to or use of data. Such measures shall include at a minimum:
    - a. Access controls on information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit access to data only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent Provider employees from providing data to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information (whether through fraudulent means or otherwise);
    - b. Firewall protection;
    - c. Encryption of electronic data while in transit from Provider networks to external networks;
    - d. Measures to store in a secure fashion all data which shall include multiple levels of authentication;
    - e. Measures to ensure that data shall not be altered or corrupted without the prior written consent of the Agency;
    - f. Measures to protect against destruction, loss or damage of data due to potential environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage.
- I. Immediately upon discovery of a confirmed or suspected breach involving data, Provider will notify Agency no later than twenty-four (24) hours after Provider knows or reasonably suspects a breach has or may have occurred. Provider shall promptly take all appropriate or legally required corrective actions and shall cooperate fully with the Agency in all reasonable and lawful efforts to prevent, mitigate or rectify such data breach. In the event of a suspected breach, Provider shall keep the Agency informed of the progress of its investigation until the uncertainty is resolved.
- J. In the event the Provider does not carry the appropriate cyber security insurance to cover a security breach, the

Provider shall reimburse the Agency for actual costs incurred, including, but not limited to, providing clients affected by a security breach with notice of the breach, and/or complimentary access for credit monitoring services, which the Agency deems necessary to protect such affected client.

- K. In the event the Agency discontinues operation, all child records for residential or any other placement settings shall be provided to the custodial agency. If the setting is licensed by ODJFS, licensing records shall be sent to:

ODJFS  
ATTN: Licensing  
P.O. Box 183204  
Columbus, OH 43218-3204

## **Article XI. PROVIDER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- A. As applicable to the Provider's license and/or certification, the Provider certifies compliance with [ORC 2151.86](#), [ORC 5103.0328](#), [ORC 5103.0319](#) and applicable OAC Sections as defined in Article XXII of this Agreement concerning criminal record checks, arrests, convictions and guilty pleas relative to foster caregivers, employees, volunteers and interns who are involved in the care for a child. Provider is responsible for any penalties, financial or otherwise, that may accrue because of noncompliance with this provision.
- B. To the extent that the Provider maintains a residential center or group home, the Provider agrees to comply with the provisions of their licensing Agency that relates to the operation, safety and maintenance of residential facilities. Specifically, Provider agrees that no firearm or other projectile weapon and no ammunition for such weapons will be kept on the premises.
- C. Provider certifies compliance with Drug Free Work Place Requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart F.
- D. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 80, Non-Discrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and Human Services effectuation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- E. Provider certifies compliance with 45 C.F.R. Part 84, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- F. Provider certifies compliance 45 C.F.R. Part 90, Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Age in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance.
- G. Provider certifies compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336.
- H. Provider certifies that it will:
1. Provide a copy of its license(s), certification, accreditation or a letter extending an expiring license, certification, or accreditation from the issuer to the Agency prior to the signing of the Agreement.
  2. Maintain its license(s), certification, accreditation and that upon receipt of the renewal of its license, certification, and/or accreditation or upon receipt of a letter extending an expiring license, certification, and/or accreditation from the issuer, a copy of the license, certification and/or accreditation will be provided to the Agency within five (5) business days.
  3. Provider shall immediately notify the Agency of any action, modification or issue relating to said licensure, accreditation or certification.
- I. Provider certifies that it will not deny or delay services to eligible persons because of the person's race, color, religion, national origin, gender, orientation, disability, or age.
- J. The Provider shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulation 41 CFR part 60.
- K. Provider further agrees to comply with [OAC 5101:9-2-01](#) and [OAC 5101:9-2-05\(A\)\(4\)](#), as applicable, which require that assure that persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) can meaningfully access services. To the

extent Provider provides assistance to an LEP Child through the use of an oral or written translator or interpretation services in compliance with this requirement, the LEP Child shall not be required to pay for such assistance.

- L. To the extent applicable, the Provider certifies compliance with all applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 1857 (h) Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency Regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15).
- M. The Provider certifies compliance, where applicable, with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- N. The Provider certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in Ohio have been obtained and are current.
- O. Provider shall comply with the Small Business Job Protection Act (Public Law ("P.L.") 104-188), the Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-382), Titles IV-B (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq.) and IV-E (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) of the Social Security Act ("the Act"), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193), Section 471(a) of Title IV-E of the Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), and 45 C.F.R. 1356, including all rules, regulations and guidelines issued by federal and state authorities, [OAC 5101:9-4-07](#) and [OAC 5101:2-47-23.1](#).

## **Article XII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

- A. The Provider and the Agency agree that no employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The Provider and the Agency agree that the Provider is an independent contractor and assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal, or other tax liabilities along with workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or Deliverables rendered hereunder.
- C. The Provider and the Agency agree that no person and/or entities entering into this Agreement, nor any individual employed by any person or entity entering in to this Agreement, are public employees for purposes of contributions to Ohio Public Employees Retirement system by virtue of any work performed or services rendered in accordance with this Agreement.

## **Article XIII. AUDITS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- A. Provider agrees to submit to Agency a copy of the independent audit it receives in accordance with [ORC 5103.0323](#).
- B. Upon request from the Agency, Provider shall submit a copy of the most recent Federal income tax return and related schedules filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- C. If Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, Provider agrees to timely file its Title IV-E cost report with all required items as outlined in [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#) to ODJFS. Provider agrees that in the event a cost report cannot be timely filed, an extension shall be requested prior to the December 31st filing deadline.
- D. If a Provider participates in the Title IV-E program, an Agreed Upon Procedures engagement must be conducted by a certified public accountant for the Provider's cost report in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#). The procedures are conducted to verify the accuracy of costs used to establish reimbursement ceilings for maintenance and administration costs of child in care. Any overpayments or underpayment of federal funds to the Title IV-E Agency due to adjustments of cost report reimbursement ceiling amounts as a result of an audit, shall be resolved in accordance with [ORC 5101.11](#), [ORC 5101.14](#), and [OAC 5101:2-47-01](#).
- E. Upon request from the Agency, the Provider shall submit a copy of the JFS 02911 and Agreed Upon Procedures.
- F. For financial reporting purposes and for Title IV-E cost reporting purposes, Provider agrees to follow the cost

principles set forth in the following OAC Sections and publications:

1. [OAC 5101:2-47-11](#): "Reimbursement for Title IV-E foster care maintenance (FCM) costs for children's residential centers (CRC), group homes, maternity homes, residential parenting facilities, private foster homes, and substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities".
2. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.1](#): "Public child services agencies (PCSA), private child placing agencies (PCPA), private noncustodial agencies (PNA), residential care facilities, substance use disorder (SUD) residential facilities: Title IV-E cost report filing requirements, record retention requirements, and related party disclosure requirements";
3. [OAC 5101:2-47-26.2](#): "Cost Report Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement".
4. JFS 02911 Single Cost Report Instructions.
5. For Private Agencies: 2 CFR part 230, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations.
6. For Public Agencies: 2 CFR part 225, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Government.
7. 2 CFR part 200.501, Audit Requirements.

#### **Article XIV. GRIEVANCE/DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

In the event that a dispute arises under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall follow the procedures set forth below:

1. The party complaining of a dispute shall provide written notice of the nature of the dispute to the other party to this Agreement. A copy of the notice shall be sent to the Director or designee of the Agency and to the Executive Director or designee of the Provider. Within ten (10) business days of receiving the notice of a dispute, the parties involved in the dispute between the Agency and the Provider shall attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute in (1 business day), the highest official or designee of the Agency shall make the final determination within twenty (20) business days, which will be non-binding.
3. Neither party will be deemed to have waived any other rights or remedies available to them by initiating, participating in or completing this process.

#### **Article XV. ATTACHMENTS/ADDENDA**

This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits hereto constitutes the entire Agreement and may be amended only with a written Addendum signed by both parties; however, it is agreed by the parties that any Addenda to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Agreement, without the necessity for executing written Addenda. The impact of any applicable law, statute, or regulation not cited herein and enacted after the date of execution of this Agreement will be incorporated into this Agreement by written Addendum signed by both parties and effective as of the date of enactment of the law, statute, or regulation. Any other written Addendum to this Agreement is prospective in nature.

#### **Article XVI. NOTICE**

Unless otherwise set forth herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications pertaining to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered or mailed by certified or registered mail, postage pre-paid:

if to Agency, to  
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
239 W Main St  
Lancaster, OH 43130

if to Provider, to  
Circle of Peace, LLC  
92 W Floyd Ave  
Dayton, OH 45415

#### **Article XVII. CONSTRUCTION**

This Agreement shall be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should

any portion of this Agreement be found to be unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this Agreement is not affected thereby; provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Agreement impossible.

## **Article XVIII. NO ASSURANCES**

- A. Provider acknowledges that, by entering into this Agreement, Agency is not making any guarantees or other assurances as to the extent, if any, that Agency shall utilize Provider's services or purchase its goods. In this same regard, this Agreement in no way precludes, prevents, or restricts Provider from obtaining and working under additional arrangement(s) with other parties, assuming the work in no way impedes Provider's ability to perform the services required under this Agreement. Provider warrants that at the time of entering into this Agreement, it has no interest in nor shall it acquire any interest, direct or indirect, in any Agreement that will impede its ability to provide the goods or perform the services under this Agreement.
- B. This Agreement, Attachments, and all Exhibits embodies the entire agreement of the Parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein; and this Agreement shall supersede all previous communications, representations or Agreements, either written or oral, between the parties to this Agreement. Also, this Agreement shall not be modified in any manner except by an instrument, in writing, executed by both the parties.

## **Article XIX. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. Provider agrees that the Provider, its officers, members and employees currently have no, nor will they acquire any interest, whether personal, professional, direct or indirect, which is incompatible, in conflict with or which would compromise the discharge and fulfillment of Provider's functions, duties and responsibilities hereunder. If the Provider, or any of its officers, members or employees acquire any incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest, the Provider shall immediately disclose, in writing, such interest to the Agency. If any such conflict of interest develops, the Provider agrees that the person with the incompatible, conflicting, or compromising personal or professional interest will not participate in any activities related to this Agreement.
- B. Provider agrees: (1) to refrain from promising or giving to Agency employees anything of value to manifest improper influence upon the employee; (2) to refrain from conflicts of interest; and, (3) to certify that Provider complies with [ORC 102.03](#), [ORC 102.04](#), [ORC 2921.42](#), [ORC 2921.43](#).
- C. The Provider further agrees that there is no financial interest involved on the part of the Agency or the respective county authority(ies) governing the agency. The Provider has no knowledge of any situation which would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an Agency employee or county official will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of signing or implementation of this agreement. The Provider will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Agency. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this agreement, the Agency may exercise any right under the agreement, including termination of the agreement.

## **Article XX. INSURANCE**

The Provider shall purchase and maintain for the term of this Agreement insurance of the types and amounts identified herein. Maintenance of the proper insurance for the duration of the Agreement is a material element of the Agreement.

Provider agrees to procure and maintain for the term of this Agreement the insurance set forth herein. The cost of all insurance shall be borne by Provider. Insurance shall be purchased from a company licensed to provide insurance in Ohio. Insurance is to be placed with an insurer provided an A.M. Best rating of no less than A-. Provider shall purchase the following coverage and minimum limits:

- A. Commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage contained in the most current Insurance Services Office Occurrence Form CG 00 01 or equivalent with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate and at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) coverage in legal liability fire damage. Coverage will include:

1. Additional insured endorsement;
2. Product liability;
3. Blanket contractual liability;
4. Broad form property damage;
5. Severability of interests;
6. Personal injury; and
7. Joint venture as named insured (if applicable).

Endorsements for physical abuse claims and for sexual molestation claims must be a minimum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per occurrence and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate.

- B. Business auto liability insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit, on all owned, non-owned, leased and hired automobiles. If the Agreement contemplates the transportation of the users of County services (such as but not limited to Agency consumers), "Consumers" and Provider provides this service through the use of its employees' privately owned vehicles "POV", then the Provider's Business Auto Liability insurance shall sit excess to the employees "POV" insurance and provide coverage above its employee's "POV" coverage. Provider agrees the business auto liability policy will be endorsed to provide this coverage.
- C. Professional liability (errors and omission) insurance of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per claim and in the aggregate.
- D. Umbrella and excess liability insurance policy with limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and in the aggregate, above the commercial general and business auto primary policies and containing the following coverage:
  1. Additional insured endorsement;
  2. Pay on behalf of wording;
  3. Concurrency of effective dates with primary;
  4. Blanket contractual liability;
  5. Punitive damages coverage (where not prohibited by law);
  6. Aggregates: apply where applicable in primary;
  7. Care, custody and control – follow form primary; and
  8. Drop down feature.

The amounts of insurance required in this section for General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability may be satisfied by Provider purchasing coverage for the limits specified or by any combination of underlying and umbrella limits, so long as the total amount of insurance is not less than the limits specified in General Liability, Business Auto Liability and Umbrella/Excess Liability when added together.

- E. Workers' Compensation insurance at the statutory limits required by ORC.
- F. The Provider further agrees with the following provisions:
  1. All policies, except workers' compensation and professional liability, will endorse as additional insured the Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, including their Board of Trustees if applicable. The additional insured endorsement shall be on an ACORD or ISO form.
  2. The insurance endorsement forms and the certificate of insurance forms will be sent to the Agency Director or Designee. The forms must state the following: "Board of County Commissioners, and Agency and their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are endorsed as additional insured as required by agreement on the commercial general, business auto and umbrella/excess liability policies."
  3. Each policy required by this clause shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be canceled or materially changed except after thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice given to the Agency Director or Designee.
  4. Provider shall furnish the Agency with original certificates and amendatory endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. All certificates and endorsements are to be received by the Agency

before the Agreement commences. The Agency reserves the right at any time to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by these specifications.

5. Failure of the Agency to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of the Agency to identify a deficiency from evidence provided shall not be construed as a waiver of Provider's obligation to maintain such insurance.
6. Provider shall declare any self-insured retention to the Agency pertaining to liability insurance. Provider shall provide a financial guarantee satisfactory to the Agency guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claims administration and defense expenses for any self-insured retention.
7. If Provider provides insurance coverage under a "claims-made" basis, Provider shall provide evidence of either of the following for each type of insurance which is provided on a claims-made basis: unlimited extended reporting period coverage, which allows for an unlimited period of time to report claims from incidents that occurred after the policy's retroactive date and before the end of the policy period (tail coverage), or; continuous coverage from the original retroactive date of coverage. The original retroactive date of coverage means original effective date of the first claim-made policy issued for a similar coverage while Provider was under Agreement with the County on behalf of the Agency.
8. Provider will require all insurance policies in any way related to the work and secured and maintained by Provider to include endorsements stating each underwriter will waive all rights of recovery, under subrogation or otherwise, against the County and the Agency. Provider will require of subcontractors, by appropriate written agreements, similar waivers each in favor of all parties enumerated in this section.
9. Provider, the County, and the Agency agree to fully cooperate, participate, and comply with all reasonable requirements and recommendations of the insurers and insurance brokers issuing or arranging for issuance of the policies required here, in all areas of safety, insurance program administration, claim reporting and investigating and audit procedures.
10. Provider's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the County, the Agency, their respective officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance maintained by the County or the Agency shall be excess of Provider's insurance and shall not contribute to it.
11. If any of the work or Services contemplated by this Agreement is subcontractors, Provider will ensure that any subcontractors comply with all insurance requirements contained herein.
12. If the Agreement provider is a government entity, insurance requirements will be fulfilled under the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA).

## **Article XXI. INDEMNIFICATION & HOLD HARMLESS**

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in compliance with, applicable law, Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Agency and the Board of County Commissioners, their respective members, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against all damages, liability, losses, claims, suits, actions, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings/hearings, judgments and expenses, subrogation (of any party involved in the subject of this Agreement), attorneys' fees, court costs, defense costs or other injury or damage (collectively "Damages"), whether actual, alleged or threatened, resulting from injury or damages of any kind whatsoever to any business, entity or person (including death), or damage to property (including destruction, loss of, loss of use of resulting without injury damage or destruction) of whatsoever nature, arising out of or incident to in any way, the performance of the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, by Provider, its subcontractor(s), Provider's or its subcontractor(s)' employees, agents, assigns, and those designated by Provider to perform the work or services encompassed by the Agreement. Provider agrees to pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Indemnified Parties in defending any action arising out of the aforementioned acts or omissions.
- B. Each Party agrees to be responsible for any personal injury or property damage caused solely by its negligent acts or omissions as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, or as the parties may otherwise mutually agree in writing.
- C. This Article is not applicable to Agreements between governmental entities.

## **Article XXII. SCREENING AND SELECTION**

A. Criminal Record Check

1. Provider warrants and represents it will comply with Article X as it relates to criminal record checks. Provider shall insure that every individual subject to a Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) criminal records check will sign a release of information to allow inspection and audit of the above criminal records transcripts or reports by the Agency or a private vendor hired by the Agency to conduct compliance reviews on their behalf.
2. Provider shall not assign any individual to work with or transport children until a BCI report and a criminal record transcript has been obtained.
3. Except as provided in Section C below, Provider shall not utilize an employee, foster caregiver or all of the above who has been convicted or plead guilty to any violations contained in [ORC 5153.111\(B\)\(1\)](#), [ORC 2919.24](#), and [ORC 2151.86](#), and [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9, 5101:2-48](#).
4. Provider agrees to be financially responsible for any of the following requirements in [OAC Chapters 5101:2-5, 5101:2-7, 5101:2-9 and 5101:2-48](#) resulting in financial penalty due to lack of compliance with the criminal records checks.

B. Transportation of Child

1. The caregiver shall ensure the transportation of children in care will be reliable, legal and safe transportation with safety restraints, as appropriate for the child, and must be in compliance with applicable local, state and Federal transportation laws:
  - a. Maintenance of a current valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.
  - b. All children being transported by Provider must follow Ohio's Child Passenger Safety Law as defined in [ORC 4511.81](#).
  - c. No child that is a passenger and is required to have a seat restraint can be transported by said provider until these requirements are met.
2. In addition to the requirements set forth above, Provider shall not permit any individual to transport a Child if:
  - a. The individual has a condition which would affect safe operation of a motor vehicle;
  - b. The individual has six (6) or more points on his/her driver's license; or
  - c. The individual has been convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, a violation of section [4511.19](#) (Operating vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs – OVI or OVUAC) of the Revised Code if the individual previously was convicted of or plead guilty to two or more violations within the three years immediately preceding the current violation.

C. Rehabilitation

1. Notwithstanding the above, Provider may make a request to the Agency to utilize an individual if Provider believes the individual has met the rehabilitative standards of [OAC 5101:2-07-02\(I\)](#) as follows:
  - a. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for a foster caregiver, a foster care applicant or other resident of the foster caregiver's household, Provider must provide written verification that the rehabilitation standards of [OAC 5101:2-7-02](#) have been met.
  - b. If the Provider is seeking rehabilitation for any other individual serving Agency children, Provider must provide written verification from the individual that the rehabilitative conditions in accordance with [OAC 5101:2-5-09](#) have been met.
2. The Agency shall review the facts presented and may allow the individual to work with, volunteer with or transport Agency children on a case-by-case basis. It is the Agency's sole discretion to permit a rehabilitated individual to work with, volunteer with or transport children.

D. Verification of Job or Volunteer Application:

Provider shall check and document each applicant's personal and employment references, general work history, relevant experience, and training information. Provider further agrees it will not employ an individual in relation to this Agreement unless it has received satisfactory employment references, work history, relevant experience, and training information.

## **Article XXIII. PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL & DEGRADING PUNISHMENT**

Agency prohibits the use of corporal or degrading punishment against children served by Agency and must comply with requirements in [OAC 5101:2-7-09](#), [OAC 5101:2-9-21](#), and [OAC 5101:2-9-22](#)

## **Article XXIV. FINDINGS FOR RECOVERY**

[ORC 9.24](#) prohibits public agencies from awarding an Agreement for goods, services, or construction paid for in whole or in part from federal, state and local funds, to an entity against whom a finding for recovery has been issued if the finding is unresolved. By entering into this Agreement, Provider warrants and represents that they do not have an unresolved finding for recovery. Provider shall notify the Agency within ten (10) business days of its notification should the Provider be issued such finding by the Auditor of the State.

## **Article XXV. PUBLIC RECORDS**

This Agreement is a matter of public record under the Ohio public records law. By entering into this Agreement, Provider acknowledges and understands that records maintained by Provider pursuant to this Agreement may also be deemed public records and subject to disclosure under Ohio law. Upon request made pursuant to Ohio law, the Agency shall make available the Agreement and all public records generated as a result of this Agreement.

## **Article XXVI. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

Provider agrees to cooperate with ODJFS and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency ("CSEA") in ensuring Provider and Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under state or federal law. Further, by executing this Agreement, Provider certifies present and future compliance with any court or valid administrative order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to the applicable sections in [ORC Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123](#), and [3125](#).

## **Article XXVII. DECLARATION OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY**

After award of an Agreement, and prior to the time the Agreement is entered into, the successful Provider shall submit a statement in accordance with [ORC 5719.042](#). Such statement shall affirm under oath that the person with whom the Agreement is to be made was not charged at the time the bid was submitted with any delinquent personal property taxes on the general tax list of personal property of any county in which the taxing district has territory, or that such person was charged with delinquent personal property taxes on any such tax list, in which case the statement shall also set forth the amount of such due and unpaid delinquent taxes any due and unpaid penalties and interest thereon. If the statement indicates that the taxpayer was charged with any such taxes, a copy of the statement shall be transmitted by the fiscal officer to the county treasurer within thirty days of the date it is submitted.

A copy of the statement shall also be incorporated into the Agreement, and no payment shall be made with respect to any contract to which this section applies unless such statement has been so incorporated as a part thereof.

## **Article XXVIII. SUBCONTRACTING AND DELEGATION**

The performance of any duty, responsibility or function which is the obligation of the Provider under this Agreement may be delegated or subcontracted to any agent or subcontractor of Provider if Provider has obtained the prior written consent of the Agency for that delegation subcontract. Provider is responsible for ensuring that the duties, responsibilities or functions so delegated or subcontracted are performed in accordance with the provisions and standards of this Agreement, and the actions and omissions of any such agent or subcontractor shall be deemed to be the actions and omissions of Provider for purposes of this Agreement.

## **Article XXIX. PROPERTY OF AGENCY**

The Deliverable(s) and any item(s) provided or produced pursuant to this Agreement (collectively called "Deliverables") will be considered "works made for hire" within the meaning of copyright laws of the United States of America and the State of Ohio. The Agency is the sole author of the Deliverables and the sole owner of all rights therein. If any portion of

the Deliverables are deemed not to be a "work made for hire", or if there are any rights in the Deliverables not so conveyed to the Agency, then Provider agrees to, and by executing this Agreement hereby does, assign to the Agency all worldwide rights, title, and interest in and to the Deliverables. The Agency acknowledges that its sole ownership of the Deliverables under this Agreement does not affect Provider's right to use general concepts, algorithms, programming techniques, methodologies, or technology that have been developed by Provider prior to this Agreement or that are generally known and available. Any Deliverable provided or produced by Provider under this Agreement or with funds hereunder, including any documents, data, photographs and negatives, electronic reports/records, or other media, are the property of the Agency, which has an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. Provider shall not obtain copyright, patent, or other proprietary protection for the Deliverables. Provider shall not include in any Deliverable any copyrighted material, unless the copyright owner gives prior written approval for the Agency and Provider to use such copyrighted material. Provider agrees that all Deliverables will be made freely available to the general public unless the Agency determines that, pursuant to state or federal law, such materials are confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure.

### **Article XXX. SEVERABILITY**

If any term of this Agreement or its application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby. Each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **Article XXXI. NO ADDITIONAL WAIVER IMPLIED**

If the Agency or Provider fails to perform any obligations under this Agreement and thereafter such failure is waived by the other party, such waiver shall be limited to the particular matter waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other failure hereunder, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or condition. Waivers shall not be effective unless in writing.

### **Article XXXII. COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed as an original document only, or simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and each of these counterparts shall constitute one and the same instrument. It shall not be necessary in making proof of this Contract to produce or account for more than one such counterpart. An electronic signature or a scanned or otherwise reproduced signature shall be a binding signature and carry the same legal force as the original.

### **Article XXXIII. APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE**

This Agreement and any modifications, Attachments, Exhibits, Addenda, or alterations, shall be governed, construed, and enforced under the laws of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this agreement will be filed in the Ohio courts, and Ohio law as well as Federal law will apply.

## ATTACHMENT

### Attachment One.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article I - Scope of Placement Services

**Detail:** Article I

SECTIONS 1.02 & 1.03, References to Exhibit I

Article I, Item A ('Scope of Placement Services') will serve as Exhibit I.

### Attachment Two.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article V - Provider Responsibilities

**Detail:** Article V

ITEM A

Provider is responsible for ensuring transportation services are in place for all case-related activities and routine needs. If extenuating circumstances exist and provider is not able to utilize its own resources to ensure coverage, Provider must notify Agency in advance of the transportation need, and coordinate with Agency to arrange needed transportation. Provider should bring any extraordinary travel needs to the attention of Agency so both parties can ensure proper coverage and explore potential compensation for needed transportation services.

ITEM B

Progress reports, demonstration completion of monthly activities as required by Ohio Administrative Code, will be submitted on a monthly basis, by no later than the 20th calendar day of the following month.

ITEMS D, E, & F

After-Hours/On-Call Process

Provider shall notify Agency of any items identified in Article V, according to the following options:

For calls during business hours (Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays), Provider shall call (740) 652-7854 and inform the operator of the need to urgently speak to casework staff.

For calls outside of business hours, Provider shall call (740)808-0009 or (740)808-0982 in order to notify Agency's On-Call staff member of the urgent situation.

Insert new item - ITEM S

Provider will ensure access to Normalcy activities, based upon the developmental, social, and emotional functioning of each child placement.

Insert new item - ITEM T

All Provider staff, and foster caregivers when applicable, should seek and receive prior authorization from Agency for any type of non-routine medical care or medication needs. This includes, but is not limited to: major medical treatment, medical procedures, surgery, implementation of or change in psychotropic medications, and any other medical intervention that carries a high risk of side effects, impairment, or harm. Routine well visits and treatment for typical childhood illnesses will not require such prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency, the child should be taken to the nearest medical facility for prompt treatment. As soon as possible, Agency shall be contacted, according to the process outlined in the addendum to Article V.

### Attachment Three.

**Reason:** Article

**Section:** Article VIII - Reimbursement for Placement Services

**Detail:** Article VIII

ITEM B

Agency agrees to pay Provider on the basis of a daily per diem (identified in Schedule A of this agreement) for the

placement for each child, as identified by each child's current Level of Care (LOC). The LOC will be agreed upon at the time of placement. The Agency and Provider may request a re-evaluation of the child's LOC at any time in order to best meet the child's identified needs.

#### ITEM D

Agency agrees to provide a one-time initial clothing authorization of up to \$150.00 for children ten and under and up to \$250.00 for children over the age of ten. If the child is under ten and wearing adult sizes, the authorization will be for \$250.00. Any purchases beyond this must be due to extenuating circumstances and approved in writing, in advance of the purchase. Routine clothing needs are considered part of maintenance and will not be paid or reimbursed by Agency.

#### ITEM E

If a child goes on any form of unpaid leave and is reasonably expected to return to the same placement, Agency may pay for up to seven (7) consecutive nights of leave. In order for Agency to pay for such leave, Provider (including foster parents, if applicable) must agree to remain available for regular services and needed support during such leave. Leave beyond seven (7) days will not be paid unless extenuating circumstances exist, and both Agency and Provider agree to payment terms in advance, in writing.

Regardless of length, Agency will not pay Provider for any leave during which payment is being made to another provider, nor for leave where the child is in a paid or unpaid alternative placement outside of Provider's network due to a lack of placement availability with Provider. Any deviation from this must be agreed to in advance, in writing, by both Agency and Provider.

#### Item F

##### Medicaid/Insurance

Upon receipt of formal documentation, FCCPS will submit to Service Provider Medicaid/insurance numbers for children in FCCPS custody, as applicable. The service provider is required to utilize Medicaid-approved healthcare providers in the appropriate managed care network for the provision of mental health, dental and/or medical services (hereafter referred to collectively as "medical services") to children in the custody of FCCPS. The Service Provider will report applicable Medicaid/insurance information to the healthcare providers and instruct healthcare providers to seek payment from Medicaid or any other available third party payor for medical services rendered to children in FCCPS custody. FCCPS will not pay for the provision of any medical services to children in FCCPS custody unless the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee has provided specific prior written authorization for such medical services and associated costs.

In situations where the Service Provider does not possess a Medicaid/insurance number or other information required to bill an alternative source for services provided to children in the custody of FCCPS, the Service Provider must take the following actions.

A. The Service Provider will contact the Finance Department at (740)652-7889 for assistance with resolving Medicaid/insurance number issues.

B. Within thirty (30) days if an invoice from a healthcare provider for services rendered to a child in FCCPS custody, the Service Provider should forward the invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at: Fairfield County Job and Family Services-Protective Services, 239 West Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130 or fax such invoice to the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-687-7070. Failure to forward this invoice to FCCPS within thirty (30) days will constitute a waiver of any claim against FCCPS for payment of the invoice. If the Service Provider receives additional notices regarding the invoice, the Service Provider must contact the FCCPS Finance Department at (740)-652-7889 to confirm that FCCPS received the initial invoice and to obtain the status of payment arrangements. The Service Provider SHALL NOT pay the invoice and expect or request reimbursement from FCCPS without the prior written approval of FCCPS.

C. If a child who is in custody of FCCPS requires pharmaceutical supplies, Service Provider must obtain the supplies from a pharmacy that accepts Medicaid/insurance payments.

#### ITEM G

In any instance where payment cannot be made within 30 days, Agency will make every effort to ensure Provider is

paid within 45 days, and is made aware in advance if this is not possible.

FCCPS retains the right to recoup funds from the Service Provider upon the determination that third party funds are duplicative (in the aggregate) of FCCPS payments to the Service Provider, or in the event that the Service Provider fails to properly credit any and all such third party payments. Relative to recouping funds, FCCPS may withhold from subsequent reimbursement to the Service Provider an amount equal to any un-credited or duplicate third party payments. For purposes of this paragraph, "third party" includes, but is not limited to , Medicaid and private insurance companies.

The Service Provider shall obtain and provide a written estimate for any non-routine, non-emergency, or out-of-network medical and dental expenses to FCCPS along with the written recommendation of the physician or dentist. The Service Provider is not permitted to deliver or authorize any health/dental care or treatment services (including, but not limited to, mental health services), without the prior written consent of the FCCPS Deputy Director or authorized designee (see Consent for Medical Treatment letter).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the signature of the parties.

**SIGNATURES OF PARTIES:**

**Provider: Circle of Peace, LLC**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date
Latisha Robinson	<i>Latisha Robinson</i>	10/21/2023

**Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

**Additional Signatures**

Print Name & Title	Signature	Date

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information

Title IV-E Schedule A Rate Information  
Agency: Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services  
Provider / ID: Circle of Peace, LLC / 28892165

Run Date: 10/21/2023  
Contract Period: 10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

Service Description	Service ID	Person	Person ID	Maintenance Per Diem	Administration Per Diem	Case Management Per Diem	Transportation / Administration Per Diem	Transportation / Maintenance Per Diem	Other Direct Services Per Diem	Behavioral Healthcare Per Diem	Other Per Diem Cost	Total Per Diem Cost	Cost Begin Date	Cost End Date
Group Home	7673466			\$314.00	\$6.00							\$320.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024
Group Home	7673466			\$510.00	\$10.00							\$520.00	10/01/2023	09/30/2024



**A Contract regarding Circle of Peace, LLC between Job and Family Services  
and**

Approved on 11/1/2023 12:49:47 PM by Sarah Fortner, Assistant Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner  
Assistant Deputy Director

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Approved on 11/8/2023 11:14:11 AM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County  
Job & Family Services

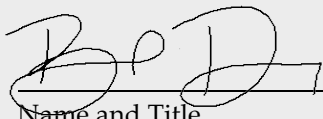
Corey Clark, Director  
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

## ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
  2. ☐ State Term #: \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
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  4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
  5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
  6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
  7. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): \_\_\_\_\_
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
  2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
  3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
  4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.



Fiscal Supervisor

Name and Title

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**COST ANALYSIS:**

**For foster care placement, network providers have Title IV-E reimbursement ceilings, and Fairfield County rates have typically been below the state negotiated ceilings. Historically, the traditional, daily rate is less than \$225.**

**The review and evaluation of the separate cost elements and proposed profit would include an evaluation of special considerations and special needs, as there are cases which would be reviewed independently based on extraordinary factors. If the rate was more than \$225 per day, it is expected that there would be extraordinary, case specific needs, knowing what we know about the market in our area.**

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor  
210 East Main Street  
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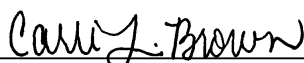
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It is hereby certified that the amount \$5,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 11/01/2023

11/28/2023



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Total Ext. Price	\$5,000.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
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Total Credit	\$0.00

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Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Res-Care Ohio Inc. dba StepStone Family & Youth Services.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 11/21/2023 2:15:29 PM by Austin Lines,

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.aa

A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Res-Care Ohio Inc. dba StepStone Family & Youth Services.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution for approval and a signature needed by Fairfield County Commissioner Steve Davis, on the CFLP Solid Waste District Recycling Services Contract fourth quarter 2023 budget revision request.**

**[Contractor: Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Recycling]**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners and the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency have a contract for the 2023 recycling services through a grant with the CFLP Solid Waste District.

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfield County Commissioners are required to approve all recycling contract budget revisions and Commissioner Steve Davis is required to sign the CFLP budget revision request form for submission to the CFLP Solid Waste District for approval.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That the Board of County Commissioners approve the proposed budget revision for the 2023 Recycling Services Contract.

**Section 2.** That Commissioner Steve Davis signs the budget revision form for submittal to the CFLP Solid Waste District Coordinator for approval.

Prepared by: Jennifer R. Kolometz  
cc: Recycling / Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action

## PROGRAM/BUDGET REVISION REQUEST FORM

Contractor: Fairfield County Recycling Request Date: 11/21/2023

Signature of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

**SECTION A: PROGRAM REVISION** (provide a **detailed** explanation of why the move of funds is necessary and how it will impact program)

In the 4th quarter of 2023 there are budget line item adjustments that need to be reprogramed in order to align with our current expenses for the end of the year. The changes are consistend with changes we have seen with spending due to our current staffing levels and economic changes. 1. We will be under in Fringes by \$32,000.00 due to lower staff member numbers and replacing with temporary staff short term along with some staff not taking benefits. 2. We have an increase in in Salaries due to increased wages and overtime increasing it by \$20,000.00. 3. There is an increase of \$4,000.00 in Supplies due to economic impacts. 4. There is an increase of \$3,000.00 needed in Equipment Purchases to containers for the recyle sorting floor. 5. There is an increase of \$1,000.00 in Advertising and Print for replacement of education display materials. 6. There is an increase of \$2,000.00 in Awards and Promotions for supplies needed for upcoming events. 7. Finally, there is an increase of \$2,000.00 in Signs needed for updated mixed materials and no plastic bag signage at drop off sites. This totals an adjustment change within the program of \$32,000.00 total.

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SECTION B:	
BUDGET REVISION	
BUDGET LINE ITEM	CHANGES REQUESTED (+ OR -)
Fringes	(32,000)
Salaries	20,000
Supplies	4,000
Equipment Purchase	3,000
Advertising/Print	1,000
Awards/Promotions	2,000
Signs	2,000
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**DISTRICT OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(District Director)

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.bb

Approval and signature needed to reprogram funds within the 2023 CFLP grant to properly allocate expenses for the end of the year.

(Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.**

**WHEREAS,** departments that need the Board of Commissioners' approval for payment of their invoices have submitted their invoices to the County Auditor; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Auditor has submitted the cash disbursement journal for payment of invoices for the check date of November 30, 2023.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

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**Section 1.** That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the attached cash disbursement journal.

Prepared by: Auditor/Finance  
cc: Finance Office

## INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

11/30/2023 to 11/30/2023

## Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1200	COMMISSIONERS ADMIN								
Fund: 1001 - GENERAL FUND									
5389131	11/30/2023	7689	NATIONAL PUBLIC EMPLOYER LABOR	5565	08/16/2023	23000547	C1128	AUNDREA CORDLE	87.50
5389132	11/30/2023	7689	NATIONAL PUBLIC EMPLOYER LABOR	6648	11/17/2023	23000547	C1128	AUNDREA CORDLE	199.50
Fund: 2736 - FY09 CFLP GRANT FUND									
1582283	11/30/2023	1802	COMMUNITY ACTION	9872	11/17/2023	23002407	C1128	2023 recycling services	117,501.16
Fund: 2876 - FISCAL RECOVERY (ARP)									
5389129	11/30/2023	6746	FAIRFIELD COUNTY UTILITIES	19239	11/15/2023	23007564	C1128	Airport sewer project - Sewer Tap Fees	49,170.00
5389130	11/30/2023	6746	FAIRFIELD COUNTY UTILITIES	019239	11/15/2023	23007563	C1128	Airport Water project - Tap Fees	61,855.00
TOTAL: COMMISSIONERS ADMIN									228,813.16

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

11/30/2023 to 11/30/2023

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Summary Total for this report: \$228,813.16

Commissioner Steven A. Davis

Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix

Commissioner David L. Levacy

Date

Resolution No. 2023-11.28.cc

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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# Solar Panels Are Three Times More Carbon-Intensive Than IPCC Claims

Ecoinvent, the world's largest database on the environmental impact of renewables, has no data from China, even though it makes most of the world's solar panels



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Transport trucks transfer raw coal in pits as deep as 200 meters at the East Junggar Basin on July 4, 2018, in Changji Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous of China. The East Junggar Basin, as one of the largest coalfields in Xinjiang has predicted coal reserves of 390 billion tons. (Photo by Liu Xin/China News Service/Visual China Group via Getty Images)

**This investigation was done in collaboration with Environmental Progress and The Blind Spot**

Last August, in an amalgamation of “The Green New Deal” meets “Build Back Better,” President Joe Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act gifted the renewables industry with billions of dollars worth of taxpayer-funded subsidies.

What few backing the bill realized was that the largest beneficiary would likely be China due to its expansive grip on the global solar photovoltaic (PV) industry. Worse than that, it might end up misdirecting the world’s clean energy efforts into dirtier than appreciated energy technologies because of the country’s ongoing dependence on coal-fired energy.

Information unearthed by Environmental Progress, a nonprofit research organization, points to a gaping oversight in how the figures influencing government net zero policy and investments in solar worldwide are compiled and collated due to the difficulty of collecting accurate information out of China, especially for the purification processes used to create silicon wafers.

The key to this blind spot is that a small number of data compilers p for most of the assessments. And many, if not all, of them work in c International Energy Agency (IEA). The industry voluntarily submit academic surveys. The nature and profile of the respondents are nev there is the potential for conflicts of interest to develop.

A further puzzle is how that data feeds into an organization called E non-profit founded in 1998 that dubs itself “the world’s most consist cycle inventory database.” This data is relied on by institutions worl and IEA itself, to calculate their carbon footprint projections, includ report published as recently as March 2023.

Based on such data, the IPCC claims solar PV is 48 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh. But, investigation started by Italian researcher Enrico Mariutti suggests between 170 and 250 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, depending on the energy mix used this estimate is accurate, solar would not compare favorably with natural gas, which is around 50 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh with carbon capture and 400 to 500 without.



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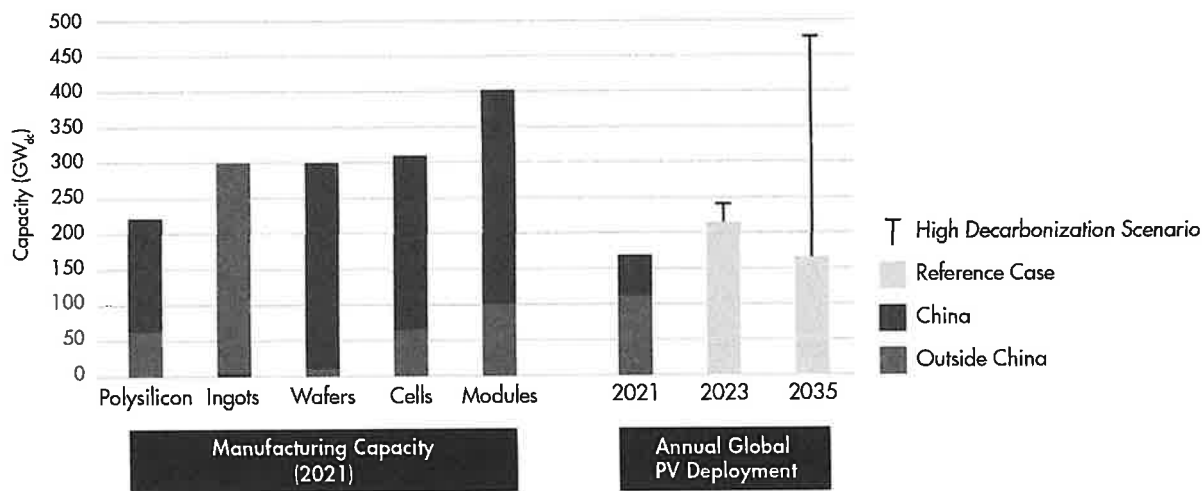
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## China’s Dirty Fuel Advantage



*Paul Basore and David Feldman, Solar Photovoltaics: Supply Chain Deep Dive Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, February 24, 2022.*

Over the course of a four-month investigation, Environmental Progress has confirmed that Ecoinvent — perhaps the world’s largest database on the environmental impact of renewables — has no data from China about its photovoltaic industry. Meanwhile, the ultimate source of the IEA’s supposedly public data on PV carbon intensity is confidential, and the data, therefore, is unverifiable.

Much of the cradle-to-grave carbon intensity data that governments depend on to guide photovoltaic arrays are instead based on modeling assumptions that are likely to have grossly under-estimated — if not made up — solar’s carbon emissions because they cannot get insights from Chinese manufacturers.

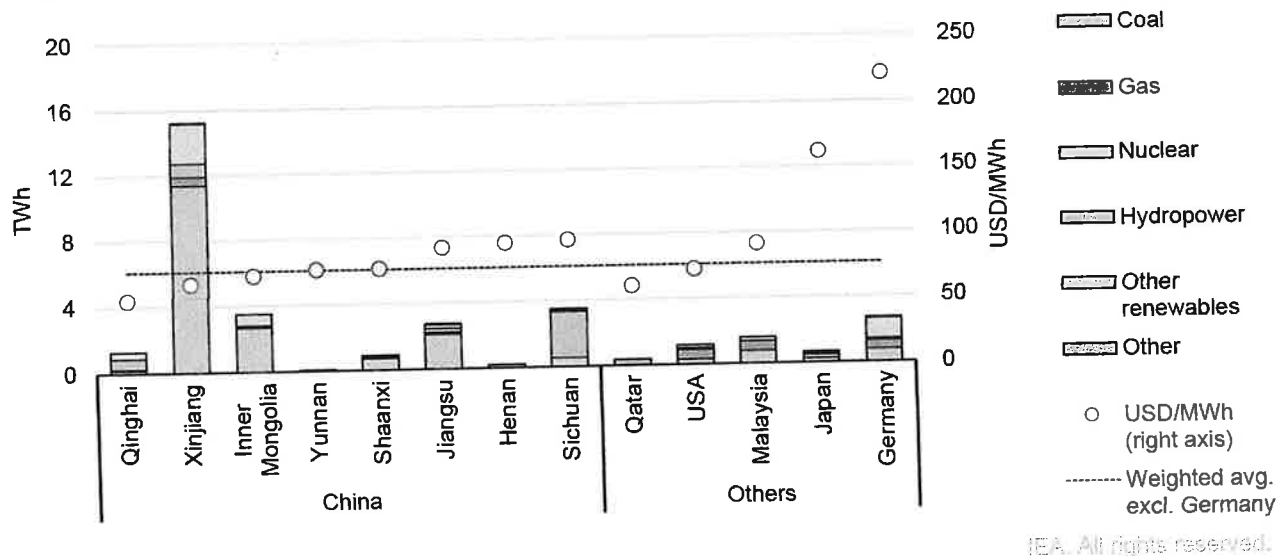
In its most recent report, the IEA predicts that China will continue to dominate solar energy production, delivering over 50 percent of solar PV projects globally by 2024. This trajectory is especially concerning given that China already commands most solar panel production.

The IEA noted that in 2022 China’s manufacturing capacity for wafers, cells, and modules rose 40-50 percent and almost doubled for silicon. In fact, according to market intelligence firm Bernreuter Research, in 2021, China produced more than 80 percent of global solar-grade polysilicon, a critical input into solar arrays. It doesn’t stop there; China manufactures 97 percent of the global supply of solar wafers, another essential component.

How China amassed that market concentration remains an inconvenient truth, all too readily swept under the rug by those pushing for net zero policies.

What we know for sure is that up until the mid-2000s, the market was dominated by Japanese, US, and German manufacturers, many of whom were in the midst of automating their production lines, when Chinese manufacturers swooped in to take their market share. The disruption happened in under a decade, with China's global share of PV production surging from 14 percent in 2006 to 60 percent by 2013.

**Polysilicon electricity consumption by region and electricity price, 2021**



Sources: Electricity prices from IEA (2021g), World Energy Prices (database); BNEF (2022d), Power Prices.

But the majority of experts consulted by Environmental Progress agree that China's competitive advantage did not lie in an innovative new technological process but rather in the very same factors the country has always used to outcompete the West: cheap coal-fired energy, mass government subsidies for strategic industries, and human labor operating in poor working conditions.

Basic reasoning suggests the manufacturing shift must have added to solar's carbon intensity. But as Environmental Progress has learned, nobody in the carbon counting world has seen fit to research by how much. The modelers are estimating the carbon emissions of solar production as if the panels are still made mostly in the West, grossly underestimating their carbon intensity, even as governments rush to draft and implement net zero policy based on the very same flawed data.

## A Lone And Obstinate Italian Data Crusader



Enrico Mariutti (source: LinkedIn)

The China-sized black hole at the heart of the world's photovoltaic data might, in the context of the industry, seem obvious.

That didn't make it any easier for Enrico Mariutti, an introspective but compulsive 37-year-old Italian from Rome, to convince others in the field there might be a problem. It was Mariutti who first made substantial efforts to flag the data discrepancies.

Like Greta Thunberg, Mariutti comes to the tale as an environmental obsessive passionate about facilitating the world's transition from fossil fuels to cleaner forms of energy. Unlike

Greta, Mariutti finished school and knows how to crunch through a data set. He holds a degree in geopolitics and global security, which, while unrelated to the field, has equipped him with enough quantitative skills to ensure he can recognize the difference between good and bad data.

Mariutti first noticed something wasn't quite right with photovoltaic assessments about two years ago. He was preparing for an online renewables debate with Nicola Armaroli, a research director at the Italian Research Council. But being a data junkie, he decided to pour over the source material to try and figure out why. What he discovered unnerved him. The data didn't reconcile.

"They [the data] showed how much solar photovoltaic systems used in terms of raw materials: silicon, aluminum, copper, glass, steel, and silver. Then I saw the carbon footprint. It just seemed way too small," he told Environmental Progress.

According to his findings, the carbon intensity of solar panels manufactured in China and installed in European countries like Italy was off by an order of magnitude. An initial back-of-the-envelope calculation put it at between 170 and 250g of carbon dioxide per kilowatt hour (kWh), as opposed to the official estimate from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of 20-40g per kWh. Way off.

The scale of the IPCC's undercount shocks once applied to the EU's "clean" energy plans. Following Mariutti's math, the esteemed scientific body underestimates the emissions from the EU's solar installations built in 2022 alone by 5.4 to 7.6 million metric tons, equivalent to adding 3.4 to 4.8 million cars on the road for a year.

By 2020, Mariutti felt compelled to make his findings public. He managed to publish an op-ed in Italy's premier financial newspaper Il Sole. The piece argued it was wrong to describe an energy transition that depended on mineral-hungry tech, which "could double the exploitation of the earth's resources within a few decades," as a green revolution. It was a hit and went viral across Italian social media.

Enthused by what felt like a public mandate for his mission, Mariutti continued his research, firing off dozens of queries to the data compilers. Responses, however, were far from forthcoming. Until one day in November 2022, a leading Dutch renewables expert, Mariska de Wild-Scholten, replied.

Mariutti was delighted to have made an inroad. Wild-Scholten had been one of five key authors who had made significant contributions — she is named some 454 times — to the IEA report

Life Cycle Inventories and Life Cycle Assessments of Photovoltaic Systems (2020) — a starting point for much government decision-making on net zero policy.

But what she told Mariutti was not reassuring.

## De Wild-Scholten's Secret Data Stash



Mariska de Wild-Scholten (credit: LinkedIn)

In two emailed responses, Wild-Scholten said that, when determining the electricity consumption of silicon purification, which is used to make wafers, she rarely read scientific papers “because of low data quality, outdated data and or non-transparent data,” while saying little about her own preferred sources other than that it is based on surveys. Responses to other queries were no more reassuring.

Mariutti asked what she thought about 192 countries deciding their long-term energy strategy based on data that at the time reasonably underestimated the average carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy by one order of magnitude (40 vs. 250 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh). Her reply invited more

questions than answers. “My experience is that nobody would like to pay for the data aggregation which is needed to come up with publicly available and free updates,” she said, adding that she was working on updating the public data “but only slowly.” Little to no indication was given for the source of her own data.

But, she said, she was happy to share the data she used to inform the 2020 IEA study — attaching it to the email — because it was now “outdated”. It was based on confidential individual company data, she said but did not specify the regional profile of those companies or any other aspects of their identity. She had kept it private only because she had not managed to get the studies funded.

By February 2023, Mariutti decided to self-publish his findings on his own website in a piece titled, “The dirty secret of the solar industry.” The piece made a bold claim: scientists were disingenuously using European data to model the carbon intensity of Chinese solar manufacturing. Was the goal here, he asked, to measure the carbon footprint of solar energy or merely to convince us that it’s green?

With a little prod from Mariutti, it was picked up in May in a piece by Giovanni Brussato for the Milan-based weekly Panorama. Brussato drew on Mariutti’s claim that one needs only to look at the life cycle analysis of China’s glass industry by the China Development and Reform Commission to see if there is a data reconciliation problem.

According to Chinese sources, it noted, glass manufacturing – another critical input in solar production – bears a carbon footprint of only 0.68 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/Kg despite an admitted 70 percent dependence on coal-fired energy. A comparable study by Western researchers into the UK’s glass industry, which is mostly powered by cleaner natural gas energy, based on data from Eurostat and Guardian Europe, assessed the industry as having a carbon footprint of 1.12 KgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kg. To compare, the IEA scores solar between 0.5 and 1 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kg and Ecoinvent with 1 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/kg.

A major issue with solar data, according to Mariutti, is that data compilers have been slow to recognize the displacement of the industry to China. It wasn’t until 2016, long after much PV production had already moved east, that the transition appeared on data collectors’ radars. But even then, they depended on new estimates and models rather than data from the source.

“In 2014, they calculated the carbon intensity of PV energy as if the panels were made in Europe, with low-carbon energy,” Mariutti told Environmental Progress, referring to data

compilers. “By 2016, calculations started to appear as if the panels were made in China, i.e., supposedly with carbon-intensive energy.”

However, whatever model was used, the resulting carbon intensity was always around 20 to 40 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh. “Had they done the math right, it would come out at around 80 to 106 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh, and that’s with important factors still left out,” claims Mariutti.

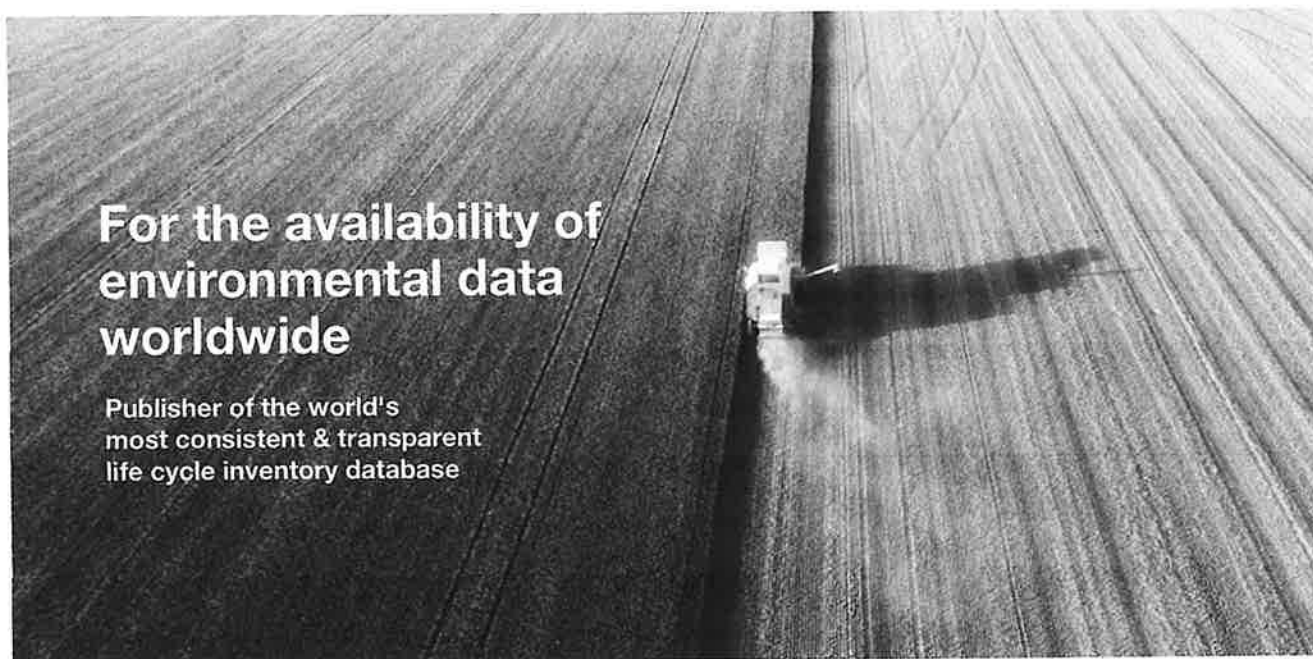
After the publication of the Panorama piece, Mariutti’s claims drew the reaction of Dr. Marco Raugei, a leading researcher of emissions from renewable technologies at Oxford Brookes University, embroiling both in an extended [online spat](#).

“We all used Chinese electricity mixes for c-Si PV. And we still got results nowhere near as high as you imply one would. So something is clearly off in your back-of-the-envelope calculations,” Raugei tweeted in April this year. By way of example, he cited an influential paper from 2021 on the sustainability of PV systems by life-cycle analysts Enrica Leccisi and Vasil Fthenakis.

Mariutti had previously critiqued Leccisi and Fthenakis’ analysis in his self-published piece, noting that while the electrical input of solar was modeled according to a Chinese scenario, thermal input remained European. After Mariutti pointed out to Raugei that he had tried to contact Leccisi for comment on his findings without success, the conversation with Raugei went cold.

In further correspondence with Environmental Progress, Dr. Raugei stressed that in his research, he endeavored to use the closest possible approximations to Chinese data in order to create a realistic scenario.

## The Missing Chinese Data



EcoInvent web site (source: Ecoinvent.org)

When scientists, academics, or researchers lack accurate data in the Western world, they usually work hard to fill the data void directly. Major efforts are undertaken, and huge sums are spent on sourcing ever more reliable and better data.

Not so, however, with the China data anomaly. A lack of transparency, language barriers, and a plethora of inaccessible institutions – alongside a general reluctance by researchers to unearth realities that might dispel existing assumptions – have led to an overreliance on models and inputs extrapolated from Western manufacturing processes.

The IPCC's own estimate that solar's carbon intensity is four times that of wind and nuclear, but 10 times less than gas and 20 times less than coal is derived from such assumptions.

Unsurprisingly, the authors of the IPCC's sixth assessment report, casually referred to as AR6, base their life cycle assessments (LCA) of solar energy on studies that do not represent the current state of the industry. Of the four studies cited by the authors, two evaluate only European manufacturing of solar panels. The third model is a state-of-the-art Chinese-manufactured panel, the Upgraded Metallurgical Grade Silicon (UMG-Si), which is no longer in production. The fourth reviews 16 studies, all of which either model solar panels that are no longer in production, model panels that make up only a few percentage points of the global market, or employ Ecoinvent's 1 or 2 inventories, which also use European electricity mixes.

Ecoinvent, the omnipresent database that is relied upon by policymakers and academics across the planet, as well as manufacturers, big and small, was founded by Dr. Rolf Frischknecht.

For over 20 years, his Swiss non-profit, funded at least in part by the Swiss government and the photovoltaic industry, has collected data on the environmental impact of renewable energies. Whether you're modeling the low-carbon appeal of recycled plastic packaging, automotive filters, or titanium powder, Ecoinvent is the likely source of the data. A recently agreed collaboration on zero-carbon shipping with major players in that industry showcases the association's still-growing influence.

Since the early 90s, the reputation of Dr. Frischknecht has grown in step with the renewables industry. Some 20 years ago, he began a collaboration with the IEA through the Photovoltaics Power Systems Programme (PVPS), a joint initiative from the IEA and the global PV industry to conduct research on solar and turn it into a global energy "cornerstone".

Despite his careful stewardship of Ecoinvent, in 2021, Frischknecht quietly resigned from the body he had founded decades earlier. In his resignation letter he noted "irreconcilably different perceptions regarding materiality, reality, quality and accountability" of their latest data.

"There was a drastic shift from (appropriate) data to methodology," Frischknecht wrote to Environmental Progress. Faced with a movement away from real-world data collection, discussion of what were the crucial data points, proper referencing, and extensive data quality checks, as he had explained in his resignation letter, Frischknecht felt obliged to move on. "During my career, I tried, and try, to be independent of direct, indirect, and subtle attempts to influence the modeling or the data," he told Environmental Progress.

He then cast doubt on the quality of the Ecoinvent data, telling Environmental Progress, "The PV data in Ecoinvent is from 2011, and there is no data from Chinese information sources." In email correspondence with Ecoinvent, Environmental Progress was able to confirm Frischknecht's allegation.

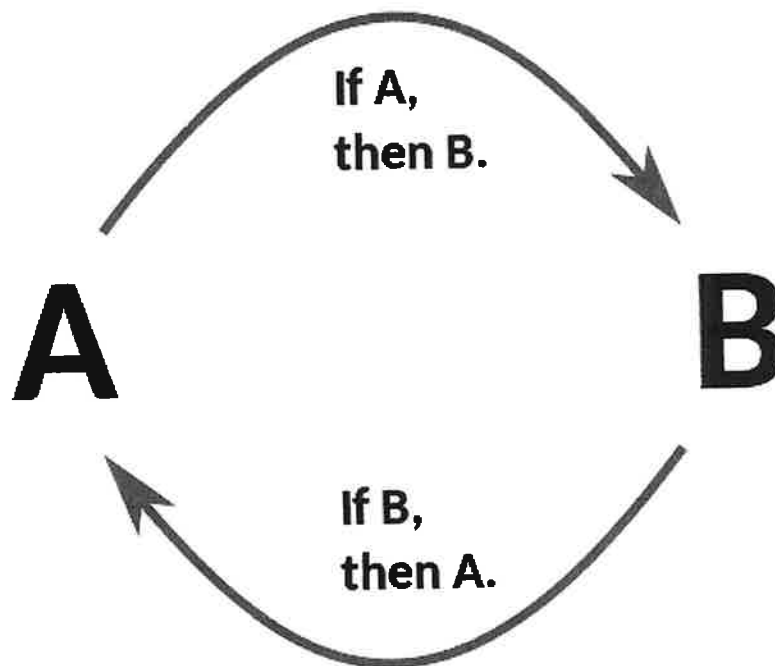
Frischknecht now runs Treeze, a "young and experienced" life cycle assessment consultancy, which is "involved in large EU projects". Treeze also receives funding from the Swiss Federal Office of Energy and collects life cycle data for the PVPS "Task 12" report on solar's sustainability.

The total lack of Chinese input into Ecoinvent's data, however, has not stopped the IEA from continuing to depend on the potentially outdated work of Frischknecht's brainchild for their own estimates.

These revelations undermine the foundations of the sustainability industry, which bases a significant portion of its certifications on Ecoinvent's data and promises businesses and governments that earning their certifications protects the planet.

The sector has ample reason to trust Ecoinvent without checking its data. The sustainability sector makes billions of dollars each year thanks to the scale of carbon reductions they claim to provide, and disclosing that it failed to deliver its most basic pledges threatens its business.

## Circular Data



For more clarity on why researchers continue to rely on Ecoinvent despite the oversights, Environmental Progress contacted Mariutti's Twitter sparring partner, Dr. Rauei. He explained that one of the reasons the database has come to prominence was because of how easily the data could be "disaggregated," allowing for the insertion of custom variables.

While the IEA depends on a range of companies to avoid vested interests gaming the outcomes, Rauei told Environmental Progress that "It's true that some studies do not use the right variable" and that key papers' data is out of date, even if more thorough researchers such as Rauei himself "are able to put our own variables in the models to rectify this."

The problem is that many of these bespoke variables, as in the case of Raugei, are also sourced from the IEA, which once again themselves rely on Ecoinvent data leading to an entirely circular situation.

Contacted again by Environmental Progress, Frischknecht admitted, “It is difficult to get first-hand industrial data, particularly from Asian companies”, but deflected by noting that the PVPS had managed to obtain primary data from at least a couple of commercial entities directly, notably FirstSolar and TotalEnergies. This data, to his mind, confirmed broad researcher assumptions that carbon footprint values between 25 and less than 60 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/kWh were fair.

“I personally see no reason or scientific evidence to change the key figures used to model the LCI and LCA of PV electricity,” he told Environmental Progress by email. “Thus, I cannot support your working hypothesis of (dramatically/vastly) underestimating the lifecycle-based environmental impacts of PV electricity.”

And yet, neither of these companies operates wafer manufacturing facilities in China. FirstSolar even proudly differentiates itself as being unique among the world’s 10 largest solar manufacturers for being the only US-headquartered company and not manufacturing in China.

Frischknecht did, however, offer an intriguing clue to the nature of de Wild-Scholten’s own proprietary data, which Ecoinvent also draws on. “She had access to a larger, confidential set of industry data (major cSi panel, cell and wafer manufacturers),” he wrote.

But even if de Wild-Scholten did have access to such data from China, there is little clarity on whether she included it in Life Cycle Inventories and Life Cycle Assessments of Photovoltaic Systems, the aforementioned highly influential IEA paper that she and Frischknecht worked on together. Here, Environmental Progress’s research may give cause for doubt.

An all-important data point in the carbon footprint assessment of today’s PV production is the energy consumption of silicon purification. It’s a highly energy-intensive process, requiring heat above 1000 degrees Celsius and fuelled by coal. The IEA’s estimate in LCI and LCA of PVs is 49 kW-kg[1]; “suspiciously low,” says Mariutti. But where is the data from? Is it a Chinese industry source from de Wild-Scholten’s secret stash?

The reference given is to yet another IEA report, Trends In Photovoltaic Applications 2019. But here, too, only an estimate is given –49 kW-kg [2] – not a data source, whether Chinese or otherwise. So how did the IEA come up with its figure for solar’s dirtiest and most energy-intensive process?

## The IEA Perspective



International Energy Agency's (IEA) Executive Director Fatih Birol speaks during a session regarding one year of Russia-Ukraine war, at European Parliament, in Brussels, Belgium on March 09, 2023. (Photo by Dursun Aydemir/Anadolu Agency via Getty Images)

After a number of lengthy exchanges with Environmental Progress, IEA representatives and collaborators could only offer evasive and not always entirely corroborating answers.

“It’s true that silicon purification is the most energy-intensive stage in PV production,” IEA’s senior energy analyst, Mr Heymi Bahar, told Environmental Progress over the phone. He also accepted that the data point was central to all calculations of solar’s carbon intensity. “But this data is collected anonymously and cannot be shared.”

Pressed by Environmental Progress, Bahar asked, “Why should the IEA share the names of the companies we get the data from?” To the point that verifying the accuracy of the data, given the huge implications for public expenditure, is important, he added, “Why? Does the fossil fuel industry offer any alternative?” implying there are no better options.

Environmental Progress asked whether the IEA would stand over the unverifiable data in its reports. “We are an umbrella organization,” said Bahar. “We do not oversee the work of all our collaborators. We do not always agree with their opinions.” On whether the IEA trusts that the data it publishes in collaboration is accurate? “Most of the time,” Bahar said.

Two members of the IEA’s solar industry collaboration, PVPS, offered slightly different takes. Daniel Mugnier, PVPS chairman, said that energy consumption data came from “anonymized interviews conducted by Task 12 experts” and that procuring further information would prove overly time-consuming and prevent PVPS from “protecting its sources.” One of those experts, analyst Izumi Kaizuka, told Environmental Progress the information came from a Chinese business association without offering further detail.

Environmental Progress put it to Mugnier and Kaizuka that the only primary data sources available to the PVPS may be the two mentioned by Frischknecht, those without noteworthy links to China: FirstSolar and TotalEnergies. Environmental Progress also asked to know the degree to which the PVPS had relied on assurances from de Wild-Scholten regarding the accuracy of their conclusions without actually being able to consult her proprietary data. At the time of publishing, no response was received.

Presuming the mystery data did come from a Chinese source, Environmental Progress asked Bahar whether this was trustworthy given the vested interest held by both Beijing and the industry it massively subsidizes. He replied that China was “part of the IEA family,” leaving him in no position to comment.

Environmental Progress reached out to Professor Angel de la Vega Navarro of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, who contributed to chapter six of AR6, which focuses on energy systems, and working group III on the mitigation of climate change.

He replied, saying he lacked the expertise to comment further but that the questions we were raising were important. Of the four experts he said were better suited to answer our queries, only one replied, Andrea Hahmann of the Technical University of Denmark: “Unfortunately, I am not knowledgeable enough to provide any comments on the information you have provided as it is outside my area of expertise.”

Environmental Progress contacted Garvin Heath, a contributor to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and the IEA PVPS report, and received a non-response from the media relations department of his employer, the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory. “Unfortunately,

due to current time constraints with our relevant research teams, we will be unable to participate in this.”

Ecoinvent, meanwhile, now headed by Dr. Nikolas Meyer, has not responded to requests for further comment on its lack of Chinese data.

Worryingly, Mariutti claims this is only the tip of the iceberg, with accurate modeling being missed on storage, grid upgrades, methane emissions and more. The IEA has admitted to Environmental Progress that its carbon footprint calculations do not account for three important factors in PV production: silicon mining; toxic panel waste, which promises to overwhelm recycling infrastructure; and something known as the albedo effect. This is when the highly reflective properties of dark-colored solar panels lead to an increase in the greenhouse effect.

According to the IEA, when taken into proper account, the first two factors alone could more than triple the “payback period” for panels, i.e., the length of time before they become carbon neutral after installation.

“Why is the IEA not being transparent about its sources and the gaps in the data?” asks Mariutti. “A hasty transition to solar and other renewables without cast-iron proof of the benefits, all the while handing control to China, could be a huge error.”

With critics like Mariutti being shut out of the debate, science, he says, “is behaving like a religion.” Patrons of the science are giddy bureaucrats charged with convincing taxpayers across the globe to hand over trillions in funding for the feted clean transition.

By seizing control of PV production and acclimatizing well-meaning analysts to the retention of basic data, China has won for itself the lion’s share of global subsidies. What little data may even exist on the sustainability of the PV industry is revealed to selected partners such as the IEA piecemeal and in a manner ensuring its unverifiability.

A picture emerges of an aspirational Western industry captured lock, stock, and barrel by secretive, coal-loving Beijing. It’s a worry for the West’s economic development, never mind energy security and climate action. If solar is anything to go by, the great transition seems less based on data than a mixture of blind faith and vested interests.



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# Research Shows Solar Panels Produce Far More Carbon Dioxide Than Claimed

An independent Italian researcher dug into the data on the carbon intensity of solar panels and found it's all based on European manufacturing. The problem is that China is the world's main producer, and China loves coal.

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While solar energy is presented as a carbon-free alternative to electrical generation from fossil fuels, investigations into the data on solar power's carbon intensity are showing it's far less green than is being reported.

The International Panel on Climate Change puts the carbon dioxide emissions of solar at 48 grams per kilowatt hour of electricity produced, but independent Italian researcher [Enrico Mariutti](#) calculates that it's actually as much as five times higher.

This means, if Mariutti's estimates are correct, solar energy produces as much as 62.5% the carbon dioxide as natural gas-fired electrical generation and as much as five times more than natural gas power with carbon capture technology installed.



## Carbon Intensity

Carbon intensity is calculated by multiplying the amount of energy produced by the burned fuel by the amount of emissions produced. That's easy with fossil fuels.

Solar energy produces no carbon dioxide emissions while it's in operation. The carbon dioxide associated with solar energy happens during the extraction of the raw materials to make solar panels, through the manufacturing process and shipping.

Solar panels require a lot of energy to produce, and China dominates the market in panel manufacturing. With its industrial power fed primarily by coal, solar panel manufacturing in China produces a lot of carbon dioxide emissions.

"The dirty little secret with so-called renewable energy — I call it unreliable energy — wind and solar, is that it takes immense amounts of energy to create them," [Travis Deti](#), executive director of the Wyoming Mining Association, told Cowboy State Daily.

## Quite The Crusader



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A couple years ago, Mariutti began to notice discrepancies in the source data for the carbon footprint of photovoltaic systems.

Mariutti told Public, a publication founded by energy watchdog Michael Shellenberger, that he thought the carbon footprint data for panels looked too small in light of the raw materials used, which includes silicon, aluminum, copper, glass, steel and silver.

B.F. Randall, who has a background in project development and finance, had become interested in Mariutti's work and invited him to write some articles for Randall's Substack.

"He's quite the crusader," Randall told Cowboy State Daily.

Mariutti explains in "The Dirty Secret Of The Photovoltaic Industry" that the International Panel on Climate Change and other authoritative sources on the carbon intensity of solar panels, which estimate it to be 10 times lower than natural gas, are all based on the same studies and data that haven't been validated.

## China Rises

Until the mid-2000s, Public reports, the market for solar panel manufacturing was dominated by Japanese, U.S. and German manufacturers. In less than a decade, China's global share of panel manufacturing rose from 14% in 2006 to 60% by 2013.

In 2021, according to marketing intelligence firm Bernreuter Research, China produced over 80% of global solar-grade polysilicon, and the country manufactured 97% of the world's solar wafers — both critical to the manufacturing of solar panels.

After noticing the questionable data for solar's carbon intensity, Mariutti began asking questions of the data compilers. The responses were less than forthcoming and sometimes evasive.

In February, Mariutti began publishing his findings that scientists were using European data to model the carbon footprint of solar energy.

With Chinese coal-fired industry making most of the world's panels, this data was severely underestimating the carbon intensity of solar.

American Coal Council CEO Emily Arthun, who lives in Gillette, told Cowboy State Daily that it's troubling that people don't realize the role coal plays in the production of not just solar panels, but also wind turbines.

While virtually all the coal produced in Wyoming is thermal coal and used in the production of electricity, metallurgical coal is used in industrial processes, such as making the steel in wind towners and the polysilicon in solar panels.

"When the average American talks about coal, they think of thermal coal and energy. Coal has such a much broader economic impact than just electricity," Arthun said.

She said that this understanding is also lacking when policymakers are considering the ramifications of regulations impacting the coal industry.

## Dependent On China

Deti points out that Chinese dominance of the solar panel market not only makes solar energy more carbon intensive, it undermines American energy independence as it tries to transition to a grid based more on wind and solar.

As much as the Biden administration talks about developing domestic sources of the critical minerals for solar panels and wind turbines, he said, it can take a decade or more to permit a mine in the U.S. As a result, much of the manufacturing and mining needed for this energy transition is being outsourced to China and other countries that aren't always friendly with the United States.




"The hypocrisy of it all is that they don't have the environmental standards, the pollution standards and the emission standards of the U.S." Deti said. "That's the dirty little secret with so-called clean energy."



# THE DIRTY SECRET OF THE PHOTOVOLTAIC INDUSTRY: "CARBON INTENSITY" JUNK SCIENCE

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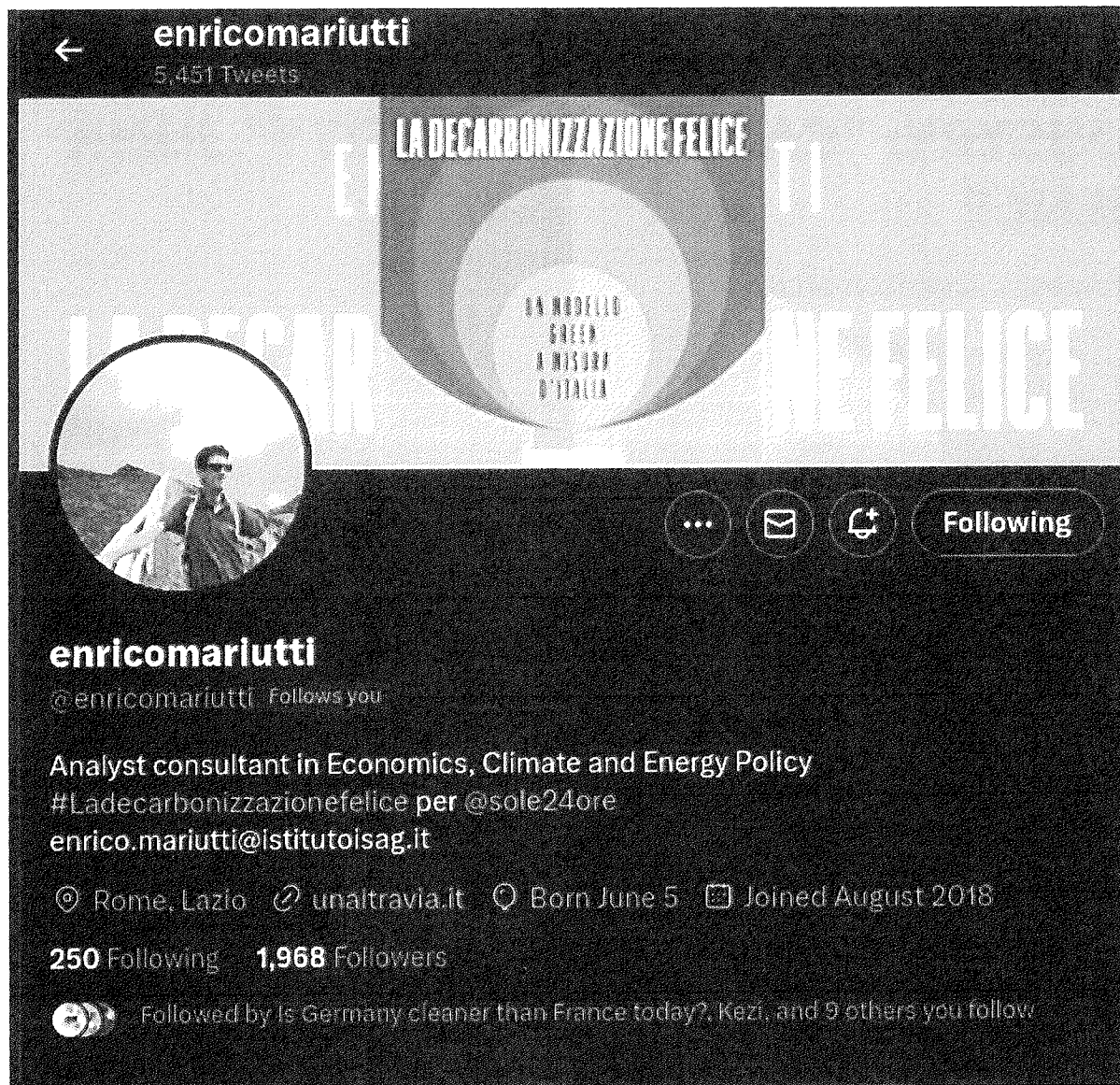


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## Energy Economists Understand Objective Reality

One of the most meaningful benefits of #EnergyTwitter is meeting people who understand how Civilization really works. @enricomariutti is an energy economist and consultant working in Rome.



Some time back, I invited him to write some articles to share his professional experience and knowledge, offering to republish his work on this Substack account. He took me up on this offer and recently sent me the following essay challenging the absurdity of energy “lifecycle assessments” used to justify Rube Goldberg Machines aka Wind and solar. This essay focuses on PV solar. It’s worth your time to read it. Enrico’s English is far better than my Italian. Here’s what he sent me:

## Enrico Mariutti: Debunking “Carbon Intensity”

Photovoltaic energy has become the pillar of the global decarbonisation strategy because of two words: carbon intensity.

What is meant by the carbon intensity of energy? Carbon intensity is defined by the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted per unit of energy produced.

How is the carbon intensity of energy calculated?

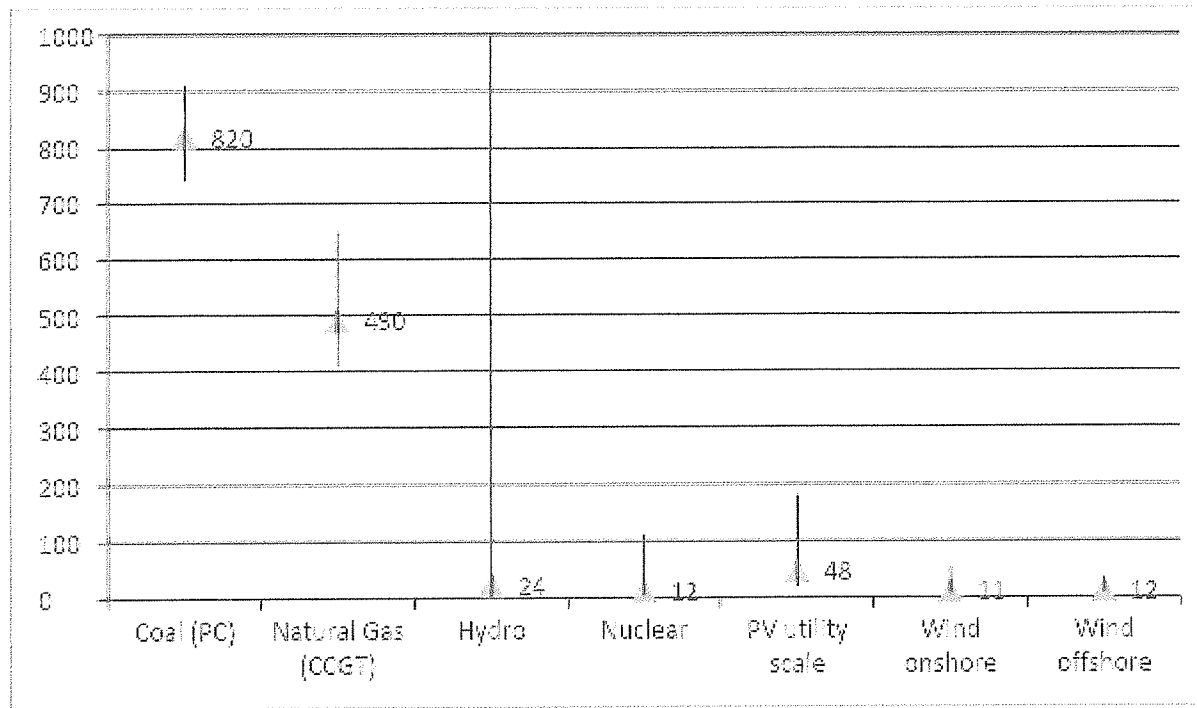
In the case of fuels it is simple: you multiply the amount of energy produced by the burned fuel by its emission factor.

The cases of the energy produced by photovoltaic plants are a little more complicated since they do not burn anything (and thus do not emit any CO<sub>2</sub>) when the energy is produced. In this case, it is necessary to measure the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted during the building of the plant (its so called carbon footprint) and divide it by the expected energy production at the plant over its life.

Given that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and many other authorities attribute the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy to be ten times lower than that of natural gas (Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, CCGT) and twenty times lower than that of coal (Pulverized Coal, PC), it seems natural that photovoltaic energy should be the mainstay of most decarbonisation initiatives.

### **Carbon intensity of energy**

*Median values, gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh*



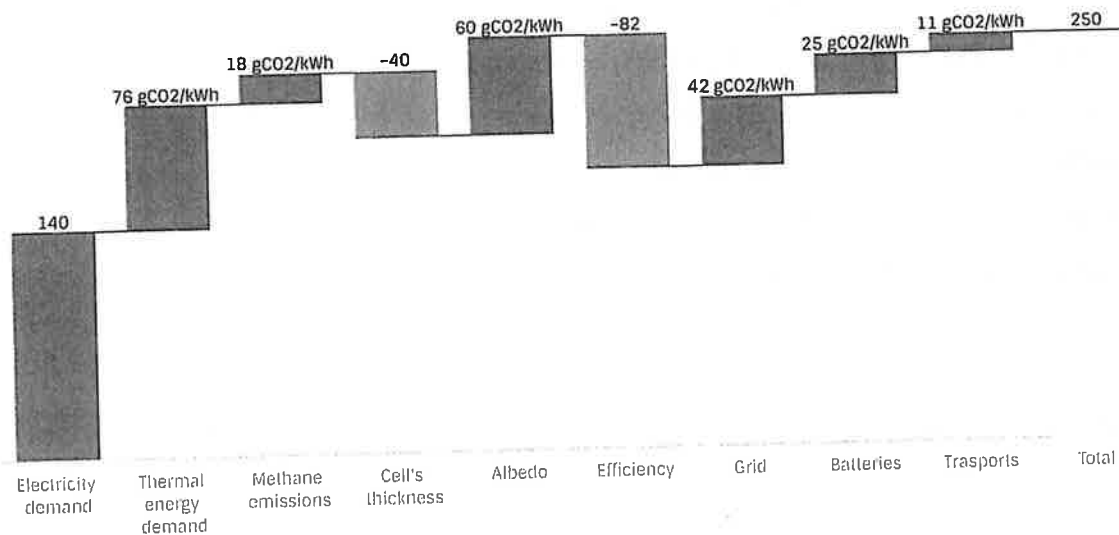
### IPCC

There is only one problem: these estimates are all built on the same studies and cite data that no authority with supervisory powers has ever validated, and are based on scenarios that are incompatible with the reality of the global photovoltaic industry.

If we imagine a scenario where the photovoltaic system is manufactured in China and subsequently installed in Italy, the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy can be more than 200 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh.

### **The real carbon intensity of PV energy**

*PV system manufactured in China and installed in Italy*



**Module Efficiency: 19.5%**  
**Wafer Thickness: 180  $\mu$ m**  
**CF: 1,136 equivalent hours**

Sounds unbelievable? Let's see how the IPCC (and the NREL) calculates the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy.

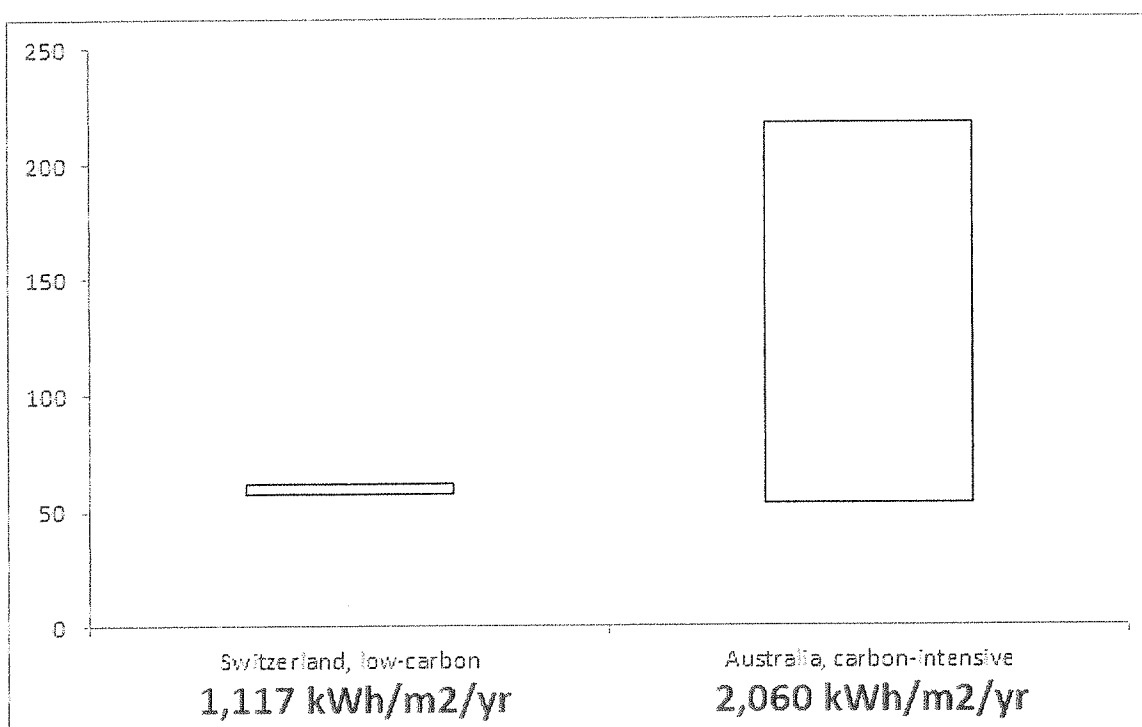
Let's start with the IPCC's [fifth assessment report](#) (A.R.5). This is an outdated document, especially since the sixth assessment report (A.R.6) came out between 2021 and 2022, but it has considerable political importance. This is due to the fact that the Paris Agreement was drafted on the basis of the scientific evidence presented in the A.R.5.

The estimated carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy (crystalline modules) is based on a [single review](#) of thirteen papers by Hsu et al. (2012). Seven of the thirteen studies base their estimate of the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy on scenarios where modules are manufactured in Europe, with a short supply chain, and relying on a low-carbon energy mix (hydropower, natural gas, European grid electricity, waste heat) for production.

Since the IPCC extrapolates a median figure from the review, this methodological choice seriously distorts the estimated carbon intensity and Energy Return on Energy Investment (ERoEI).

The same review frames the impact of the composition of the energy mix on the estimate of carbon intensity. Among the reviewed studies, there is [one](#) that bases its estimates on the Swiss energy mix (which is dominated by hydropower) and [one](#) on the Australian energy mix (which at the time was dominated by coal). In the first case the solar irradiation is about half that of the second. The inventory of materials and industrial processes is the same in both studies. Yet the study analysing the Australian scenario arrives at a carbon intensity estimate that is four times greater than that found in the study analysing the Swiss scenario.

### PV energy carbon intensity as a function of the underlying energy mix gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh



I asked Garvin Heath, Senior Environmental Scientist and Energy Analyst at NREL, Operating Agent in several IEA reports, and co-author of Hsu et al. 2012, how he explained the difference between this value and the median result reported in the review (about 40 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh). He replied "Don't know".

The choice of an energy mix so far removed from reality, however, is only one of the problematic aspects in the thirteen studies on which the global decarbonisation strategy

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Thanks very much, Enrico. I haven't seen this laid out clearly anywhere else.

Are you able to estimate the carbon content of Chinese PV other than "much more"? Is much of the polysilicon production driven by coal (as I've seen a number of places) or by LNG, per Doomberg today?

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is based.

Some of these studies calculate the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy by only counting the emissions related to the manufacture of the module, as if the solar panels were floating in air. Others do not include the so-called Balance of Systems (inverters, transformers, etc.), even though a photovoltaic system cannot work without them. None of the studies include the increase in carbon footprint associated with grid upgrades, despite this being a widely discussed topic. None of the studies include the albedo effect, despite it being a well-known climate forcing, just like CO<sub>2</sub> is.

It is also worth noting that in 2023, the NREL still bases its estimate of the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy on the results of Hsu et al. 2012, as Mr Heath confirmed to me.

In A.R.6 (Vol. III, Chapter VI, April 2022), things become more nuanced. On one hand, when referring to the carbon intensity of photovoltaic energy, the authors state: "GHG LCA estimates span a considerable range of 9-250 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh", effectively contradicting the estimates in circulation, which routinely refer to a range of 20-40 gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh.

But they then add: "recent studies that reflect higher efficiencies and manufacturing improvements find lower life-cycle emissions, including a range of 18-60 gCO<sub>2</sub> kWh and central estimates of 80 gCO<sub>2</sub> kWh, 50 gCO<sub>2</sub> kWh and 20 gCO<sub>2</sub> kWh".

To support these recently improved estimates, the IPCC authors attach four studies: two analyse (on the basis of a confidential inventory) the life cycle emissions of photovoltaic modules manufactured in Europe with a low-carbon energy mix. The inventory is the same because one study uses the other as a source (using papers that cite each other as sources in a review is usually considered predatory journal practice);

the third analyses the life-cycle emissions of a photovoltaic panel made from Upgraded Metallurgical Grade Silicon cells (UMG-Si), despite the fact that there are currently no photovoltaic cells made from UMG-Si on the market; the fourth is a review of sixteen studies that for the most part analysed the life-cycle emissions of panels manufactured in Europe from a low-carbon energy mix (in short, the same database on which the A.R.5 estimates were made).

I asked the authors of the chapter about these concerns. Some replied, telling me to address these questions to the leading author, Leon Clarke. I tried to contact him many times but he never replied.

For completeness, I also analyzed the IEA PVPS Task 12 “[Life Cycle inventories and life cycle assessments of photovoltaic systems](#)” (2020), as recommended by Marco Raugei, co-author of numerous institutional reports in this field.

Again, several contradictions are apparent. The IEA report lists the inventory of materials and industrial processes involved in the construction of a photovoltaic plant, but does not report estimates of either the carbon footprint or the carbon intensity.

By cross-referencing the IEA inventory with data from [International Aluminium](#), World Steel, and Ecoinvent, it is evident that the carbon footprint of a photovoltaic system made in China is clearly - clearly - higher than that estimated by the IEA itself in [other reports](#).

In conclusion, we are basing an environmental strategy that costs trillions of dollars on studies that not even their authors feel like defending. In fact, when I asked the authors about the idiosyncrasies in their studies, most of them answered that this was the "best data available".

Is this normal?



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