



Human Services Children's Network

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SUBJECT: APPROVE FUNDING OF TEN PROJECTS FOR THE 2022-2023 CALENDAR YEAR

DATE: July 27, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve use of Children's Trust Fund to fund the following ten projects in the amounts listed:

1. Shine a Light on Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast - \$2,000.00
2. Bonnes Meres Birthday Luncheon - \$500.00
3. Bonnes Meres Christmas Luncheon - \$700.00
4. CASA - Youth Services - \$5,000.00
5. Mentoring Training Series - \$ 2,000.00
6. Father Engagement Trainings- \$3,000.00
7. Nurturing Fathers Facilitator Training- \$ \$8,000.00
8. IEFIC Conference - \$5,000.00
9. San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Foster Youth Conference - \$1,000.00
10. Children's Network Annual Conference - \$10,000.00

The total of the requests are \$ 37,200.00

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 1985 the San Bernardino County Grand Jury recommended that an Inter-Agency Council be established to study and coordinate services for children in the County of San Bernardino. The Children's Network was created the following year in an effort to improve outcomes for children and their families. Children's Network coordinates preventative programs and services through collaboration and engagement with community and county partners to strengthen and promote child, family, and community well-being.

The Bonne Meres events, CASA youth services, and the Foster Youth Conference directly benefit system involved children and families by providing them with the services and resources they need. The Shine a Light Breakfast is an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations who have gone the extra mile for children in our County to prevent child abuse. The remaining items are training opportunities to provide primary levels of intervention by training our public and private partners around subject matters that are important in reducing the rates of child abuse and providing the necessary resources to families prior to become system involved. Children's Network continues to expand trainings around the importance of father engagement and the importance of a mentor in a youth's life.

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