

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 17, 2023

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend two purchase of service contracts for Children Youth and Family Services (CYFS)

File Type: Action Report

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**POLICY**

Per Wis. Stat. § 59.52(31), the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to increase the 2023 purchase of service contracts in Children Youth and Family Service (CYFS).

Wisconsin State Statutes	59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

CYFS has 2023 purchase of service (POS) contracts with several community-based providers to work with justice involved youth in Milwaukee County to provide services and programs that meet their individualized needs. Two of these contracts are to fund and operate the Aspire Education Program and Alternative Sanctions Program, which are described in further detail below. Given the significant financial impact of the increased average daily population (ADP) of youth being placed in State corrections, both of these contracts had been reduced in 2023 from the 2022 allocation to meet 2023 budget targets.

For the contracts that were reduced, the impact is a reduction in the number of youth who can be served in the programs as well as varying components of programs, specifically transportation. Transportation is key to engaging the youth and ensuring they are getting to where they need to be and both programs identified below had to make cuts in their transportation services due to the decreased contact amount.

**2023 Program Information**

The Alternative Sanction Program serves youth who are pending court or who are on an order of supervision. The Alternative Sanctions Program is designed to provide a community-based

alternative to detention for youth involved in the justice system in Milwaukee County. The Alternative Sanctions Program will provide a timely response that holds youth accountable while providing an alternative to youth being placed in the secure detention center. This program engages youth in positive, structured evidence-informed programming, recreational activities, advocacy and support on weekdays in the evening/after school and on weekends.

This program was reduced from serving up to 45 youth at a time in 2022 to 30 youth in 2023 due to budget constraints. In reducing the total allocation for 2023, this also resulted in a cut to transportation for the program. The additional \$5,000 will allow the provider to ensure that all kids enrolled in the program receive transportation to and from their schools, programming and homes.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2023 Contract</b>	<b>2023 Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Total 2023 Contract</b>
Alternative Sanctions Program	St. Charles	\$294,000	\$5,000	\$299,000

The Aspire Education Program serves as a community and school-based program for justice involved youth to provide support around their education needs, to include tutoring and educational support, advocacy, systems navigations support, group programming and other supports. This program includes community-based services as well as a collaboration with Milwaukee Public Schools. This program was reduced from serving up to 40 youth at a time in 2022 to 20 youth in 2023 due to budget constraints. In reducing the total allocation for 2023, this also resulted in a cut to transportation for the program. The additional \$30,000 will allow the provider to ensure that all kids enrolled in the program receive transportation to and from their schools, programming and homes.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Provider</b>	<b>2023 Contract</b>	<b>2023 Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Total 2023 Contract</b>
Aspire Education Treatment Program	Wisconsin Community Services	\$366,823	\$30,000	\$396,823

**FISCAL EFFECT**

The total requested amount is \$35,000 to support the Aspire and Alternative Sanctions programs starting January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. A fiscal note form is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, DHHS, or her designee, to increase the 2023 purchase of service contracts in the amount specified in the attached resolution.

**TERMS**

The terms of the contract amendments would be January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director  
Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator  
Clare O'Brien, DHHS Budget & Policy Director

**PREPARED BY:**

Kelly Pethke, CYFS Administrator

**APPROVED BY:**

*Shakita LaGrant-McClain*  
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, DHHS Director

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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Hon. Mary E. Triggiano, Chief Judge  
Sup. Liz Sumner, Chair, Finance Committee  
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