

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

**DATE:** November 12, 2020  
**TO:** Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Jim Sullivan, Director, Department of Child Support Services  
**SUBJECT:** Requesting authorization to enter into Partner Agreements with: Center for Self Sufficiency (CFSS), Community Advocates, Inc., The Alma Center, Employ Milwaukee Inc. (EMI), Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) and AMTC & Associates for the Milwaukee County Fatherhood-Family-Focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (FIRE) Project

**ISSUE**

Milwaukee County Child Support Services has successfully been awarded a \$4,999,995 contract for 5 years (\$999,999 per year) to provide Milwaukee Fatherhood (MF) FIRE Project services. Child Support requires the assistance of multiple non-profit partners to provide these services, as designated in the attached contract.

**DISCUSSION**

Milwaukee County Child Support (CSS) will serve as the prime recipient, administrative agency and fiscal agent for the MF FIRE Project. CSS will oversee the project-wide objective in the enrollment of an estimated 3,375 fathers over the course of the 5-year grant. CSS will oversee the implementation of all activities, outputs, objectives, and outcomes. In addition to providing project oversight, CSS will deliver a range of child support services to noncustodial fathers enrolled in MF FIRE. CSS will oversee a total project budget of \$999,999 annually and will provide project administration.

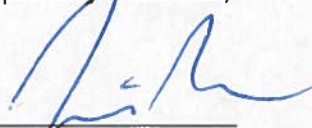
Each of the Contractors listed below agree to perform all of the functions and services and achieve objectives as set forth in the contract. County and Contractors agree the services to be delivered, the quantity of services and the timeliness of performance are the essence of this Contract.

- Center for Self Sufficiency (CFSS)
- Community Advocates, Inc.
- The Alma Center
- Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)
- Employ Milwaukee Inc, (EMI)
- AMTC & Associates

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Department recommends that the County Board approve the Professional Services contract for Child Support Services, and the partners listed above, for the MF FIRE Project

Respectfully submitted,



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Jim Sullivan, Director  
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Electronic copies with attachments to:

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Shanin Brown, Committee Clerk, County Clerk

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Attachments