

**TO: Executive Committee**

**DATE: 12/03/07**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) Operational Agreements**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the Operational Agreements between Human Services Agency (HSA) and the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the Youth Council.**

**DISCUSSION: For the third consecutive year, HSA has received grant monies through the State Office of Emergency Services to provide counseling and victim support services to child victims of abuse and neglect. Operational Agreements between HSA and the WIB and Youth Council are grant requirements.**

**The Agreements state that HSA will accept child client referrals from representatives from the WIB and Youth Council, and will provide services to the youth and limited services to the non-offending parent if the referral involved domestic violence. The program is referred to as Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT).**

**ATTACHMENT(S):  
Operational Agreements**

**CHILD ABUSE TREATMENT (CHAT) PROGRAM**

**OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**Merced County Human Services Agency**

and

**Merced County Workforce Investment Board**

This Operational Agreement (OA) stands as evidence the **Merced County Human Services Agency (HSA)** and the **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** intend to work together toward the mutual goal of providing maximum available assistance for child crime victims residing in **Merced County**. Both agencies believe the implementation of the **Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) Program** will further this goal. To this end, the two agencies agree to participate in the exchange of services by coordinating the provision of **CHAT Program** objectives.

1. The **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** will closely coordinate the following services with the **Merced County Human Services Agency**:
  - The **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** will refer to the **Merced County CHAT Program** child victims of child abuse to include neglect, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, school and community violence, hate crimes, child abduction, children whose lives are victimized by parental substance abuse, high tech crimes against children, and runaway youth to obtain information and assist with filling and filing the Application for Crime Victim Compensation claim forms, explaining the procedure, obtaining required documentation, and tracking information related to the claim.
  - The **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** will refer to the **Merced County CHAT Program** child victims of child abuse to include neglect, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, school and community violence, hate crimes, child abduction, children whose lives are victimized by parental substance abuse, high tech crimes against children, and runaway youth for assisting them in understanding and participation in the criminal justice system/judicial proceedings as the result of a crime committed against the child.
2. The **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** will closely coordinate the following services with **Merced County Human Services Agency**:
  - The **Merced County CHAT Program** will receive referrals from the **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** of child victims of child abuse to include neglect, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, school and community violence, hate crimes, child abduction, children whose lives are victimized by parental substance abuse, high tech crimes against children, and runaway youth to provide them with information and assist with filling and filing the Application for Crime Victim Compensation claim forms, explaining the procedure, obtaining required documentation, and tracking information related to the claim.
  - In the event of a denial of the claim on behalf of the child victim, the **Merced County CHAT Program** shall provide assistance for an appeal with the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.

- The **Merced County CHAT Program** will receive referrals from the **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** of child victims of child abuse to include neglect, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, domestic violence, school and community violence, hate crimes, child abduction, children whose lives are victimized by parental substance abuse, high tech crimes against children, and runaway youth for assistance in understanding and participation in the criminal justice system/judicial proceedings as the result of a crime committed against the child.
  - The **Merced County Workforce Investment Board** will refer to the **Merced County CHAT Program** child victims of child abuse to include neglect, sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, domestic violence, school and community violence, hate crimes, child abduction, children whose lives are victimized by parental substance abuse, high tech crimes against children, and runaway youth for treatment services to include crisis counseling and psychotherapy.
3. Regularly scheduled meetings between designated staff from the **Merced County Human Services Agency and the Merced County Workforce Investment Board** should be maintained to discuss strategies, timetables, and implementation of the Child Abuse Treatment Program services discussed herein.

This OA will begin **October 1, 2007** and end **September 30, 2010**.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of **Merced County Human Services Agency and Merced County Workforce Investment Board**, do hereby approve this MOU.

Name and signature of person authorized to sign the CHAT Grant Award Agreement

Name and signature of person authorized to sign for the Merced County Workforce Investment Board

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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