



# County of Fresno

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## Legislation Text

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**DATE:** April 9, 2019  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Kirk Haynes, Chief Probation Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Second Amendment to Agreement #16-187 with Focus Forward

### RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Second Amendment to Agreement to No. 16-187 with Focus Forward to expand in-custody and post-release re-entry services to foster care youth effective June 1, 2019, with no change in term to May 31, 2021, and increasing the maximum agreement compensation amount by \$174,166, to a total of \$1,894,774.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action, as costs for the amendment will be funded with Federal Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention, and Support (FPRRS) or Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds. Approval of the recommended action will allow Focus Forward to add an additional Social Worker to its staff to expand the re-entry services to youth released from the Juvenile Justice Campus to foster care and group homes.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, Focus Forward would not expand the re-entry services provided to youth in foster care and group homes.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action, or match requirement for the receipt of funds. Funding for the recommended actions will be provided through FPRRS funding allocated by the State of California Department of Social Services. FPRRS funding is scheduled to end on June 30, 2019, with the possibility of the funding being extended through next fiscal year. If FPRRS funds are not available, these services will be funded with YOBG funds. Focus Forward will be compensated a maximum of \$87,083 annually for the additional services. Adequate appropriations and estimated revenue are available in Probation Org 3430 for FY 2018-19.

### DISCUSSION:

On May 10, 2016, your Board approved Agreement No. 16-187 with Focus Forward to provide re-entry services to youth committed to and released from the Juvenile Justice Campus and their families, effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2021, not to exceed five consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract and two optional one-year extensions.

On April 4, 2017, your Board approved the First Amendment to Agreement No. 16-187 with Focus Forward to expand the re-entry services to youth committed to and released from the Juvenile Justice Campus to foster care or a group home by adding a third full time social worker position.

There are currently two social workers for these services for youth who are released back to their family, and there is one social worker for youth who are released to foster care or group homes. The recommended action will add an additional social worker to provide re-entry services to youth in foster care and group homes. Re-entry services are provided sixty days prior to the youth being released from the Juvenile Justice Campus, with support and services continuing to be provided for at least sixty days post-release. Individualized re-entry case plans will be created for each foster youth referred to this program, identifying and addressing strengths, barriers, risk factors, and the needs of the foster youth. Services will include: youth development workshops; case management; group and individual mentoring and guidance; employment preparation opportunities; life-enriching opportunities; crisis management; and referrals.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI # 33, April 4, 2017

BAI # 49, May 10, 2016

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Second Amendment to Agreement with Focus Forward

CAO ANALYST:

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