

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of June 4, 2009

TO: City Council Chair & Members of City Council

SUBJECT:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. to provide child care services for qualified families for one year commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010; and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION:

This Agreement reflects the renewal of an agreement that has been in effect for the past fourteen years which allows the Recreation Department to be a year round child care service provider (Playcamp programs) for children of families in Pinellas County who meet the defined financial need eligibility requirements. Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. ("CCC") evaluates the family's financial need and determines how much of the child care cost a family can afford to pay themselves and then the agency pays the balance of the Playcamp cost to the Recreation Department.

In order to be eligible to be a childcare service provider for CCC, the Recreation Department must meet all Pinellas County child care licensing requirements and also must score a minimum of 3 out of 7 on a program assessment form that is completed by CCC staff twice each year during site visits. In the past year, the Recreation Playcamp sites have consistently averaged scores of 5 or higher.

The Recreation Department originally researched securing this type of service contract at the repeated requests of several of our Playcamp parents. They were eligible for CCC assistance and wanted their children to be able to attend Recreation Department programs instead of the programs on the existing list of CCC approved subcontractors. Since then, we have continued to enjoy an excellent working relationship with CCC and they have increased the number of subsidies each year. It is a service much appreciated by many of our citizens who need this type of assistance.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc. to provide child care services for qualified families for one year commencing July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010; and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

There is no cost to the Recreation Department for providing this service as the complete cost of our programs is subsidized by CCC funds. Last fiscal year there was approximately \$750,000 paid by CCC to the Recreation Department to provide childcare services for their clients. These funds were returned to the General Fund as program revenue.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

APPROVALS:

Administration: 

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