



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #: 4233, Agenda Item #: 51**

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**June 8, 2021**

**FROM**

**PHALOS HAIRE, Director, Preschool Services Department**

**SUBJECT**

Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding with Loma Linda University, Department of Occupational Therapy to Participate in Occupational Therapy Research Study

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Loma Linda University, Department of Occupational Therapy to participate in a research study with Head Start Home Visitation program, effective June 9, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

(Presenter: Phalos Haire, Director, 383-2005)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Promote the Countywide Vision.**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This Memorandum of Understanding is non-financial in nature and therefore, does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Department of Occupational Therapy at Loma Linda University is conducting a research project titled "Can We Work Together". The purpose of the study is to explore the role of occupational therapy practitioners in the home visitors program(s) to promote inclusion for children 0-3 years who have experienced adversity. Through participation in this study, the Preschool Services Department (PSD) may obtain knowledge regarding adverse childhood experiences and provide recommendations for families.

PSD provides Head Start, Early Head Start, and State Preschool programs that include comprehensive child development and family services comprised of education, health, nutrition, parent involvement, and psychological services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families. The overall goal of these programs is to increase the health and school readiness of disadvantaged children and increase the self-sufficiency of low-income families. Head Start and State Preschool programs have been operating in San Bernardino County since 1965. Since 1999, PSD has provided these programs through a combination of direct and contracted services.

**PROCUREMENT**

N/A

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on April 29, 2021; County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 11, 2021; Finance (Paul Garcia, Administrative Analyst, 386-8392) on May 19, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on May 19, 2021.