

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:** Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division in partnership with the Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) continues their effort to expand the continuum of care designed to fully address the needs of juveniles and their families being served by the Family Division; and

**WHEREAS**, the S.T.A.R. program, as developed by the Family Empowerment Services, LLC (i.e. FES), was created and implemented as a model to address the behavioral health needs for female youth between the ages of 12 and 18 who are in the juvenile court system by utilizing the Systemic Trauma and Relational-Therapy (S.T.A.R.) Program as developed by FES. This model was designed to provide office and home-based family centered treatment to female youth and their families as a clinical and cost-effective alternative to out-of-home placements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trial Court-Family Division is committed to allocating resources up to \$230,886 (subject to 50% reimbursement from the Child Care Fund) to serve up to 18 youth per year to best meet the needs of families in the most effective and comprehensive manner; and

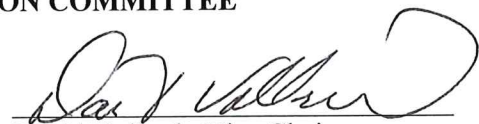
**WHEREAS**, an agreement has been mutually developed between the Berrien County Trial Court-Family Division and the Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) to implement the S.T.A.R. program; and

**WHEREAS**, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the proposed agreement

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement with Family Empowerment Services, LLC ( i.e. FES) for providing the S.T.A.R. Program, effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 and authorizes the Chairman and Clerk to execute said agreement.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

  
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Jim Curran, Chairperson

  
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David Vollrath, Vice Chairperson

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Julie Wuerfel

  
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Alex R. Ott

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
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Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____
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