



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Department(s): Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC)

Other Part(ies): Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC), Chicago, Illinois

Request: Approval for the JAC to enter into an interagency agreement with the CCAC

Good(s) or Service(s): The JAC shall provide no more than \$500,000 annually to the CCAC who shall serve as the fiscal agent for all Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) in Cook County. The CAC Network shall provide critical services to ensure the well-being of child victims and support the prosecution of alleged perpetrators.

Agreement period: 12/1/2023 - 11/30/2026 with two (2) one-year renewal options

Fiscal Impact: \$500,000.00 FY2024, \$500,000 FY2025, \$500,000 FY2026

Accounts: 11287.1205.39001.580170

Agreement Number(s): 1205-CCAC-2024

Summary/Notes: In January of 2019, Public Act 100-0987 reformed court fines in Illinois and eliminated a previously established funding stream for the Child Advocacy Centers. In recognition of the critical importance of the services provided by the CAC Network, the JAC will provide funding on behalf of Cook County to ensure continued support of services that serve children and families touched by the harm of child maltreatment in Cook County. The JAC shall provide no more than \$500,000 annually to the CCAC who shall serve as fiscal agent for the CAC Network comprised of five CAC agencies in Cook County. The CAC Network shall partner with law enforcement, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and hospital services and provide services including, but not limited to: forensic interviews to support prosecution of alleged perpetrators, collaborate with the Department of Children and Family Services to ensure the well-being of child victims, develop protective plans to ensure children's safety while investigations are ongoing, and maintain a co-located, trauma-informed environment to facilitate the multidisciplinary and sensitive environment within which they can work to address instances of child abuse.