

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **AMENDMENT TO 2010-11 CONTRACT WITH CHILDSERVE**

BACKGROUND:

During its February 2010 budget decisions, the City Council approved a contract with ChildServe for 2010/11 in the amount of \$17,660. This allocation was split between day care for infants (\$8,660) and day care for children (\$9,000). On April 7, 2011, staff received communication from ChildServe that it is requesting a reallocation of \$5,794 from the funding for infant care to children's day care. This change is being requested due to higher than anticipated utilization for children between the ages of two and five. A number of children have moved from the infant classification (0-24 months) to the children's day care classification.

This request will not change the total allocation of \$17,660 from the City to ChildServe for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve ChildServe's requested reallocation of \$5,794 from the funding for infant care to children's day care.
2. The City Council may deny approval of this request.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve ChildServe's requested reallocation of \$5,794 from the funding for infant care to children's day care.



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Believing in the spirit of a child.

April 7, 2011

Sheila Lundt
City Managers Office
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Sheila:

I am writing to request a change in the allocation for ASSET funds approved for day care services. City funds have been used as follows July 2010 through February 2011. Our balance will be negative once we bill for February, so as a result we have not currently sent bills for February or March.

Service	\$ APPROVED	\$ SPENT	\$ Balance
Day Care-Infant	\$8,660.00	\$1,168.41	\$7,491.59
Day Care-Children	\$9,000.00	\$9479.25	-479.25

We have experienced higher than anticipated utilization for children 2-5 years of age and lower than anticipated utilization for infants 0-24 months of age. As a result I am requesting that \$5793.50 be reallocated from Day Care-Infant to Day Care-Children to assure that funds are available through the end of the fiscal year for the children using the city ASSET funds. This does not change the total amount of funds requested and approved. We will have expended the funds approved for Day Care-Children from the other ASSET funding agencies by the end of the year.

We have currently served 7 children July 2010 through February 2011 with ASSET Day Care funds to include 2 infant and 5 children. All of the children reside in Story County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Flory
Ames Program Manager