

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2011-12 CONTRACT WITH
CHILDSERVE**

BACKGROUND:

During its February 2011 budget decisions, the City Council approved a contract with ChildServe for 2011/12 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 March 2, 2012, staff received communication from ChildServe that it is requesting a reallocation of \$4,871 from the funding for day care for infants 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.

This request will not change the total allocation of \$17,660 from the City to ChildServe for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council may approve ChildServe's requested reallocation of \$4,871 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 \$4,871 from the funding for infant care to children's day care.



March 2, 2012

Believing in the spirit of a child.

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 2011 through February 2012.

Service	\$ APPROVED	\$ SPENT	\$ Balance
Day Care-Infant	\$8,660.00	\$3,789.18	\$4,870.82
Day Care-Children	\$9,000.00	\$8,089.57	\$910.43

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 \$4,870.82 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 4 children July 2011 through February 2012 with ASSET Day Care funds to include 1 infant and 3 children. All of the children reside in Story County. This change will allow us to assist two more additional children ages 2-5 years for this funding year.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rachelle Flory
Ames Program Manager