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BOARD APPROVES OF AGREEMENTS WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE LITERACY TUTORING AND ACADEMIC SERVICES TO AT-RISK, PROBATION AND FOSTER-CARE YOUTH

LOS ANGELES – The Board of Supervisors today authorized the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and execute five contracts with three community-based organizations to provide literacy tutoring and related academic services to at-risk, probation and foster-care youth in Los Angeles County.

The current literacy tutoring contracts will expire on December 31. The recommended agencies will provide services that will promote school success with academic achievement and educational skill advancement as a deterrent to criminal and delinquent behavior in five geographical areas of the County.

The contracts are consistent with the Countywide Strategic goals and will enable the Probation Department to continue the coordination and collaboration of integrated services for probation youth and their families.

The literacy tutoring services approved today by the Board at the Literacy Tutoring Center sites will help promote academic participation and success; improve reading, comprehension, fluency, writing, grammar, vocabulary and spelling; and improve test taking skills needed to pass the California High School Exit Exam.

“The services will also help reduce delinquency and recidivism, providing a deterrent to criminal and delinquent behavior,” the Supervisor said.

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