

**CITY OF GOODYEAR
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

SUBJECT: Southwest Family Advocacy Center Intergovernmental Agreement	STAFF PRESENTER: Jerry Geier, Chief of Police CASE NUMBER: None. OTHER PRESENTER: None.
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PROPOSED ACTION:

Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) among the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and Maricopa County, Arizona, acting by and through the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the State of Arizona, Department of Child Safety (DCS); and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the IGA to provide integrated services to children and families at the Southwest Family Advocacy Center (SWFAC).

BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

On July 13, 2015, Council approved the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated IGA that allowed for law enforcement to continue providing services to victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse at the SWFAC. The IGA permitted costs to be shared among the cities of Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, and MCSO (collectively, "Partnering Agencies").

On May 29, 2014, former Governor Jan Brewer signed into law a bill creating a new State Agency to oversee child services, the Department of Child Safety (DCS). This bill separated the Division of Children, Youth and Families' Child Protective Services unit from the Department of Economic Security.

The Partnering Agencies desired to enter into a new IGA, which included DCS. The Amended IGA was presented to Council on November 16, 2015. The IGA was never fully executed by the Department of Child Safety due to a mix-up and change of staff which resulted in the creation of the 2018 Amended and Restated IGA.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

The Southwest Family Advocacy Center ("Center") is a multi-disciplinary facility. The Center opened in May of 2008 and has provided the community with a child and family focused, facility-based program in which representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, and medical, work together to investigate, treat, manage and prosecute child abuse cases, sexual assault, domestic violence and elder abuse.

Continuing the IGA to provide these services is beneficial to the City as resources might not be otherwise available.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The costs associated with the Center are shared between the Partnering Agencies and the Department of Child Safety. The operational costs are included in the FY19 Police Department General Fund budget in the amount of \$251,600.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the Partnering Agencies and the Department of Child Safety.

ATTACHMENTS:

Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement