

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of FY2027 Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Family Connection Partnership Contract

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Department: Procurement

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Item Description: Consideration to ratify and affirm the FY2027 Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), through the Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP), Contract for Family Connection services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the FY2027 DHS/GaFCP Contract and authorizes the Chairman to execute all necessary documents.

Executive Summary/Background:

The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS), through the Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP), has awarded Effingham County a **FY2027 Family Connection Contract** in the amount of **\$56,250**. The contract provides state funding to support the Effingham County Family Connection Collaborative and its mission of improving outcomes for children and families.

Under the agreement, Effingham County will serve as the fiscal agent for the Family Connection Collaborative. The contract period is **July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**, with funding provided entirely through State of Georgia appropriations. There is **no federal funding and no local match requirement** associated with this award.

The contract supports community-based initiatives that:

- Improve child health and birth outcomes.
- Reduce preventable diseases and disabilities.
- Improve physical and mental health.
- Increase school readiness, attendance, and academic success for children.

The FY2027 Annual Plan identifies community priorities that include improving youth mental health, increasing access to behavioral health services, and strengthening early literacy and language development for children from birth through age five.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the FY2027 DHS Family Connection Partnership Contract.
2. Do not approve the contract
3. Provide staff with alternative solution.
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Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Procurement

Funding Source: NA

Attachments: DHS Contract