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**Story County  
Provider and Program Participation Agreement**

**THIS AGREEMENT** (the Agreement), entered into this First day of July, 2022 is by and between **Story County** and **University Community Childcare** (Provider).

The statements and intentions of the parties, to this Agreement, are as follows:

Story County is a governmental entity organized under the Code of Iowa, governed by the Board of Supervisors. Story County is interested in contracting with Provider to purchase Covered Services for the benefit of Story County Individuals.

Provider is interested in contracting with Story County to provide Covered Services for the benefit of Story County Individuals.

In consideration of the premises and promises contained herein, it is mutually agreed by and between Story County and Provider as follows:

**SECTION 1**

**Definitions**

**Co-payment:** The amount which may be charged to Story County Individual at the time services are rendered.

**Subcontract:** The act in which one party to the original contract enters into a contract with a third party to provide some or all of the services listed in the original contract.

**SECTION 2**

**Duties of Provider**

**Section 2.1 Provision of Covered Services.** Provider shall provide Covered Services to each Story

County Individual who is eligible to receive such services to the extent designated in Attachment A, Service Definitions and Rates. The programs or services must conform to the standardized definitions used by the Analysis of Social Services Evaluation team (ASSET). Such services shall be rendered in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Provider shall also provide Covered Services in a manner which: (a) documents the services provided, in conformance with Federal (including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA, if applicable), State and local laws and regulations, (b) protects the confidentiality of the Story County Individual's medical records, and (c) records and maintains specified program information and performance measures in Clear Impact Scorecard at <https://app.resultsscorecard.com> at the frequency defined through ASSET.

**Section 2.2 Access to Books and Records.** Unless otherwise required by applicable statutes or regulation, Provider shall allow Story County access to books and records, for purposes of appeals, utilization, grievance, claims payment review, individual medical records review or

financial audits, during the term of this contract and seven (7) years following its termination. Provider shall provide records or copies of records as requested.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Claims Submission and Payment**

**Section 3.1 Claims Submission.** Provider agrees to submit all claims and supporting documentation for reimbursement no later than forty-five (45) days from the date Covered Services are rendered.

**Section 3.2 Claims Payment.** Story County will make monthly payments to the Provider based upon the reimbursement requests submitted by the Provider in accordance with Attachment A to this contract. The maximum total amount payable by Story County under this agreement is detailed on Attachment A, and no greater amount shall be paid.

**Section 3.3 Compensation to Provider.** Provider agrees to accept payment from Story County for Covered Services provided to Story County Individuals under this Agreement as payment in full, less any Co-payment or other amount which is due from Story County Individuals for such services. Compensation for Covered Services is included as Attachment A, Service Definitions and Rates.

For Providers accessing funding through the Story County ASSET process, an agency audit or IRS Form 990 shall be submitted within six months following the end of the agency's fiscal year. If an agency audit or IRS Form 990 is not submitted, Story County reserves the right to withhold payments until the audit and/or IRS Form 990 is submitted.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **Relationship Between the Parties**

**Section 4.1 Relationship Between Story County and Provider.** The relationship between Story County and Provider is solely that of independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or deemed to create any other relationship including one of employment, agency or joint venture. Provider shall maintain Social Security, worker's compensation and all other employee benefits covering Providers employees as required by law.

### **SECTION 5**

#### **Hold Harmless. Indemnification and Liability Insurance**

**Section 5.1 Provider Hold Harmless and Indemnification.** Provider shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify Story County against any and all claims, liability, damages or judgments asserted against, imposed or incurred by Story County that arise out of acts or omission of Provider or Provider's employees, agents or representatives in the discharge of its responsibilities under this Agreement.

**Section 5.2 Story County Hold Harmless and Indemnification.** Story County shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify Provider against any and all claims, liability, damages or judgments asserted against, imposed or incurred by Provider that arise out of acts or omission of Story County or Story County employees, agents or representatives in the discharge of its responsibilities under this Agreement.

**Section 5.3 Provider Liability Insurance.** Provider shall procure and maintain, at the Provider's own expense, insurance in amounts sufficient to provide coverage in the following areas, when applicable: (1) comprehensive general liability; (2) comprehensive motor vehicle liability and (3) professional liability. Provider shall furnish the County with certificates of insurance and with original endorsements effecting coverage required by this clause. The certificates and endorsement for each insurance policy are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Laws and Regulations**

**Section 6.1 Laws and Regulations.** Provider warrants that it is, and during the term of this Agreement will continue to be, operating in full compliance with all applicable federal (including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA) and state laws.

**Section 6.2 Reports from State Authority or Agency.** The Provider will be expected to comply fully with all rules and regulations imposed by a State licensing authority. All written or verbal communications or reports from a State authority or agency, including but not limited to summaries of inspection reports or complaints of abuse or neglect resulting in investigation(s), shall be provided to Story County immediately upon receipt of same by the Provider.

**Section 6.3 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws.** Provider agrees not to discriminate or differentiate in the treatment of any individual based on sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin or otherwise qualified handicapped individual. Provider agrees to ensure services are rendered to Story County Individuals in the same manner, and in accordance with the same standards and with the same availability, as offered to any other individual receiving services from Provider.

**Section 6.4 Equal Opportunity Employer.** Story County is an equal employment opportunity employer. Story County supports a policy which prohibits discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of age, race, sex, color, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability, veteran or any other classification protected by law or ordinance. Provider agrees that it is in full compliance with Story County's Equal Employment Policy as expressed herein.

**Section 6.5 Confidentiality of Records.** Story County and Provider agree to maintain the confidentiality of all information regarding Covered Services provided to Story County Individuals under this Agreement in accordance with any applicable laws and regulations. Provider acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with

information from Story County about Individuals, it is fully bound by federal (including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, HIPAA, if applicable) and state laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of medical records and mental health records.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Term and Termination**

**Section 7.1 Term.** The term of this Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on the date first above written.

**Section 7.2 Termination of Agreement Without Cause.** Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon ninety (90) days prior written notice of termination to the other party.

**Section 7.3 Termination With Cause by Story County.** Story County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to Provider upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) restriction, suspension or revocation of Provider's license, certification or accreditation; (b) Provider's loss of any liability insurance required under this Agreement; (c) chapter 7 bankruptcy files by the Provider, or (d) Provider's material breach of any of the terms or obligations of this Agreement.

**Section 7.4 Termination With Cause by Provider.** Provider shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately by giving written notice to Story County upon the occurrence of Story County's material breach of any of the terms or obligations of this Agreement.

**Section 7.5 Information to Story County Individuals.** Provider acknowledges the right of Story County to inform Story County Individuals of Provider's termination and agrees to cooperate with Story County in deciding on the form of such notification.

**Section 7.6 Nonrenewal of Agreement.** Either party may choose not to renew this agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party prior to the expiration of the contract.

## **SECTION 8**

### **Amendments**

**Section 8.1 Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written agreement of the parties. In addition, Story County may amend this Agreement upon sixty (60) days advance notice to Provider and if Provider does not provide written objection to Story County within the sixty (60) day period, then the amendment shall be effective at the expiration of the sixty (60) day period.

**Section 8.2 Regulatory Amendment.** Story County may also amend this Agreement to comply with applicable statutes and regulations and shall give written notice to Provider of such amendment and its effective date. Such amendment will not require sixty (60) days advance written notice.

**SECTION 9**  
**Other Terms and Conditions**

**Section 9.1 Non-Exclusivity.** This Agreement does not confer upon the Provider any exclusive right to provide services to Story County Individuals in Provider's geographical area. Story County reserves the right to contract with other providers. The parties agree that Provider may continue to contract with other organizations.

**Section 9.2 Assignment.** Provider may not assign any of its rights and responsibilities under this Agreement to any person or entity without the prior written approval of Story County.

**Section 9.3 Subcontracting.** Provider may not subcontract any of its rights and responsibilities under this Agreement to any person or entity without prior notification to Story County.

**Section 9.4 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and attachments attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between Story County and Provider, and supersedes or replaces any prior agreements between Story County and Provider relating to its subject matter.

**Section 9.5 Rights of Provider and Story County.** Provider agrees that Story County may use Provider's name, address, telephone number, and description of Provider and Provider's care and specialty services in any promotional activities. Otherwise, Provider and Story County shall not use each other's name, symbol or service mark without prior written approval of the other party.

**Section 9.6 Invalidity.** If any term, provision or condition of this Agreement shall be determined invalid by a court of law, such invalidity shall in no way effect the validity of any other term, provision or condition of this Agreement, and the remainder of the Agreement shall survive in full force and effect unless to do so would substantially impair the rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement.

**Section 9.7 No Waiver.** The waiver by either party of a breach or violation of any provisions of this Agreement shall not operate as or be construed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.

**Section 9.8 Notices to Story County.** Any notice, request, demand, waiver, consent, approval or other communication to Story County which is required or permitted herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed given only if delivered personally, or sent by registered mail or certified mail, or by express mail courier service, postage prepaid, as follows:

Story County Board of Supervisor's Office  
Story County Administration Building  
900 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Nevada Iowa 50201  
Attention: Sandra King

**Section 9.9 Notices to Provider.** Any notice, request, demand, waiver, consent, approval or other communication to Provider which is required or permitted herein shall be in writing and shall be deemed given only if delivered personally, or sent by registered mail or certified mail, or by express mail courier service, postage prepaid, as follows:

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Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

*This Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto, through their duly authorized officials.*

**COUNTY:**

**PROVIDER:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Stacy Lehman

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: Stacy Lehman

Print Title: Story County Board of Supervisors

Print Title: Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5.17.2022

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**SERVICE DEFINITIONS AND RATES**  
**FISCAL YEAR: 2023**

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Unit of Service</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Child Care – Infants Not to Exceed \$13,598	1 Full Day	\$103.06
Child Care – Children Not to Exceed \$10,160	1 Full Day	\$60.02