

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY
AND
SUWANNEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COORDINATED CHILD CARE, INC.**

THIS AGREEMENT, by and between HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, hereinafter called the School Board, and the SUWANNEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COORDINATED CHILD CARE, INC., hereafter called SV4Cs, each in consideration of the agreements to be performed by the other, agree:

1. The purpose of the Teenage Parent Program is to help the teenage parent complete their high school education and become responsible parents and adults, while providing high-quality early childhood education and care to their children.
2. The School Board shall pay SV4Cs for and SV4Cs shall provide child care in accordance with the Teenage Parent Program/Drop Out Prevention Services Plan for the period beginning **August 20, 2018 and ending June 6, 2019**. The plan is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth in this agreement.
3. The services to be provided by SV4Cs shall comply with pertinent provisions of Florida Statutes and rules of the Florida Department of Education.
4. SV4Cs shall maintain all records required by the Florida Department of Education and by the School Board for purposes of audit. SV4Cs shall make available such records to the School Board or to the Florida Department of Education upon request.
5. SV4Cs shall maintain, at its own expense, such insurance coverage as required by law and by Florida Department of Education including liability and property damage.
6. SV4Cs acknowledges that total funding for its services under this Agreement is dependent upon State of Florida appropriations as dispersed by the Department of Education. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice, if the pertinent legislative body fails to appropriate funds for this Agreement. SV4Cs agrees that it will look only to such Department of Education funding for payment for its services hereunder, and that the Hamilton County School Board shall not be obligated to pay SV4Cs any amounts other than the amounts received by Hamilton County School Board from the Department of Education for child care as indicated herein in paragraph 8f.
7. PROVISION OF SERVICES:
 - a. Teen Parenting Program staff at Hamilton High School will determine which students qualify for child care services and shall forward written referrals to SV4CS Family Services Department for those students who qualify.
 - b. SV4Cs agrees to make enrollment opportunities available (at least 5 slots) for children of Teenage Parent program participants at the beginning of the **2018-2019** school year until **September 7, 2018** at Jasper Early Head Start Center. The School Board agrees that it will

identify and refer initial program participants as early as possible in the school year, but in any event no later than **September 7, 2018**.

- c. SV4Cs is required by Head Start Program Performance Standards to verify that all participants meet age and income eligibility requirements. Therefore, it will be necessary to obtain information from each potential parent prior to enrollment in the Jasper Early Head Start program to ensure eligibility for the program.
- d. The School Board may identify and refer to SV4Cs teenagers who are pregnant but have not yet delivered their babies. SV4Cs will enroll these teenagers in the Early Head Start program if program space is available and begin providing pre and postnatal support services through referrals to include but not be limited to: nutritional assessments, health promotion and treatment, mental health interventions, prenatal education information on fetal development (including risks from smoking and alcohol), labor and delivery, and postpartum recovery (including maternal depression), and information on the benefits of breast feeding to all pregnant and nursing mothers.

The School Board will not be charged for these services. The School Board will only be charged for child care services on scheduled school days as per Paragraph f herein.

- e. The parties agree that, absent compelling documented need for another care situation, participant's children will receive child care services at the Jasper Early Head Start Center and will be enrolled as full participants in the Early Head Start program. If Jasper Early Head Start Center is full, or if it is documented that the teen parent needs after-hours or weekend care in order to work or meet other legitimate needs, the parent shall select another center for child care services. SV4Cs agrees to provide assistance in contacting other child care providers to check for child care openings. SV4Cs will notify the parent of any child care openings and the parent will be responsible for choosing a child care provider. SV4Cs will not recommend a provider and will not be responsible for services provided by other child care providers. SV4Cs will refer parents to the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway as appropriate for the parent to obtain additional information regarding child care services or if unable to locate any child care openings.
- f. The School Board shall pay SV4Cs a rate of \$9.00/day for extended child care services until 3:30 p.m. If child care is provided by another provider, the School Board shall pay SV4Cs the provider's daily rate plus a 10% administrative fee for every school day that the participant is registered in the Teenage Parent Program. SV4Cs will ensure that payment is made accordingly to the child care provider. SV4Cs will ensure that child care is available to participants on every school day. It is understood and acknowledged that the School Board will not pay for care on scheduled school holidays, even if the child attends care on that day. It is further understood and acknowledged that the School Board will pay for care on every scheduled school day, whether the child attends care or not.
- g. As agreed to between both parties, SV4Cs will provide attendance information on children of participating teen parents to the Office of Attendance at Hamilton High School or other designated school site, and will require other providers under this agreement to do the same. The School Board agrees to provide SV4Cs and other providers with reciprocal attendance information on teenage parents. In the event that a child is placed in care on a school day and SV4Cs or other provider receives a report that the parent is absent from school, SV4Cs or other provider as appropriate will attempt to contact the parent to remove

the child from care for the day.

- h. The School Board agrees to notify SV4Cs, in writing, when a student is withdrawn from school and no longer eligible for child care services. Upon receiving such written notification, SV4Cs may, at its discretion, continue to provide child care services but will stop billing the School Board for child care services as of the date of receipt of such written notice.
 - i. Periodic meetings between Hamilton County School Board Teenage Parent Program Coordinator or his/her designee and the SV4Cs Executive Director or his/her designee will be held to keep both parties updated on potential progress or problems.
8. SV4Cs agrees that it will save and hold School Board harmless from all cost, expenses for personal injury or death or property damage which may occur in the program by virtue of SV4Cs operation and supervision of the program.
9. If either the School Board or SV4Cs shall fail to perform, or shall breach any provisions of this Agreement, the School Board or SV4Cs may give notice to terminate this Agreement, or take such actions and pursue such remedies as provided by law. The prevailing party in any action for breach of this agreement shall be entitled to receive attorney's fees and costs incurred in such legal action.
10. This Agreement is made in the State of Florida and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.
11. Each party warrants and covenants to the other that the officers executing this Agreement have the authority to do so.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals by their appropriate officers this 19th day of June, 2018.

Suwannee Valley Community
Coordinated Child Care, Inc.

School Board of Hamilton
County, Florida

By: Michelle Dard Executive Director

By: Johnny Bullard

Attest: Emily Ansley

Attest: Rex L. Mitchell
Superintendent of Schools

APPROVED BY HAMILTON SCHOOL BOARD
ON 6/19/18
Rex L. Mitchell
SUPERINTENDENT