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**THE ROAD AHEAD FAMILY SERVICES  
FISCAL COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT (DESK REVIEW)**

**REVIEW OF REPORT**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Contracts Administration Division (CAD) conducted a Fiscal Compliance Assessment (Desk Review) of The Road Ahead Family Services (the Contractor) during May 2021 through July 2021. The Contractor provides Foster Family Agency and Foster Family Agency - Emergency Shelter Care and is headquartered in the Third Supervisorial District.

**Key Outcomes**

NUMBER OF PRIORITY FINDINGS
PRIORITY 1 1
PRIORITY 2 0
PRIORITY 3 0

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CAD conducted a Fiscal Compliance Assessment (Desk Review) of the Contractor's financial records (Financial Overview) to determine their compliance with the Foster Family Agency and Foster Family Agency - Emergency Shelter Care contract.

CAD identified a potential internal control weakness in the area of:

Priority 1

- Financial Overview
  - The Annual Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, reflected a negative Net Asset of \$56,626.

On July 22, 2021, the DCFS CAD Financial Specialist IV held an exit conference with the Contractor's representative: Executive Director. The Contractor's representative agreed with the review finding and recommendation, and was receptive to implementing systemic changes to improve compliance with regulatory standards. The Contractor agreed to address the noted potential internal control weakness in a Fiscal Corrective Action Plan (FCAP).

The Contractor provided the attached approved FCAP addressing the recommendation noted in this report.

If you have any questions, your staff may contact me or Aldo Marin, Board Relations Manager, at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachments

c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer  
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Carla Franco, Executive Director, The Road Ahead Family Services



Requesting Party: DCFS Fiscal Division  
 Program Name: Foster Family Agency  
 Audit Start Date: 5/4/2021  
 Audit Exit Interview: 7/20/2021

Short Title	Summary	Agency Concur	Planned Corrective Action	Responsible Person	Status	Due Date
Negative Net Asset	According to the Audited Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2020, the contractor had negative net asset in the amount of \$56, 626	Agency Concur	During the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, the Agency was negatively impacted by the cancellation of fundraising events due to COVID-19. The Agency plans on correcting this finding moving forward by reducing the negative net assets by (a minimum of) \$10,000 per year via fund raising, grant applications and in kind donation.	Carla Franco	U	7/1/21 7/1/22 7/1/23 7/1/24 7/1/25

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