

**CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT FOR SECURE SHORT-TERM  
DETENTION OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS  
SPACE AVAILABLE**

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF MILAM §  
§

4M YOUTH SERVICES, INC  
**dba ROCKDALE REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER**  
Detention Services  
**September 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012**

This Agreement is entered into by and between the <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>, at the request of and on behalf of the <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> **Juvenile Probation Department** and **4M Youth Services, Inc., dba Rockdale Regional Juvenile Justice Center**, a Texas for-profit corporation, licensed to provide child care services by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, and/or any other appropriate State agency with licensure or regulatory authority over this facility ("Service Provider").

ARTICLE I  
PURPOSE

1.01 Whereas <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>, in order to carry out and conduct its juvenile program in accordance with the Juvenile Justice Code, Title III of the Texas Family Code has need of the use of detention facilities to house and maintain children of juvenile age, who are referred to a detention facility for act(s) of delinquency or act(s) indicating a need for supervision, during pre-trial and pre-dispositional status or in the post-dispositional treatment prescribed by the Court. The placement facility to be utilized is owned and operated by Service Provider, and is located at 696 N FM 487, Rockdale, Texas 76567. The business office of Service Provider is 696 N. FM 487, Rockdale, Texas 76567.

ARTICLE II  
TERM

2.01 The term of this agreement is for 12 months, commencing September 1, 2011 and ending August 31, 2012.

ARTICLE III  
PROVISIONS OF SERVICES

3.01 A. Service Provider will provide: room and board, supervision twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week; routine medical examination and treatment within the Facility (but shall not provide or pay for emergency examination, treatment, or hospitalization outside the Facility); an approved education program; recreation facilities; and counseling to each

child placed within the Facility.

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- B. If emergency examination, EMS treatment, health care treatment and/or hospitalization outside the Facility (“Outside Treatment”) is required for a child placed in the Facility, Administrator of the facility is authorized to secure the Outside Treatment at the expense of the <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>. <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> to indemnify and hold harmless Service Provider, its officers, directors, representatives, agents, shareholders and employees from any and all liability for charges for Outside Treatment. The Administrator shall notify the appropriate <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> officials of Outside Treatment within twenty-four (24) hours of its occurrence.
- C. Children from <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> who are alleged to have engaged in delinquent conduct, indicating a need for supervision, as reflected in a Child in Need of Supervision Order (CINS) will be admitted to the facility under the authority of any Juvenile Court having jurisdiction or its designated official. Children not released within forty-eight (48) hours (excluding weekends and holidays) must have a detention hearing in the appropriate Juvenile Court in accordance with the Texas Family Code, Title III (Section 54.01). If the child is ordered detained, a certified copy of the Detention Order must be delivered to the detention Facility prior to the child’s re-admission.
- D. Each child placed in the Facility shall be required to follow the rules and regulations of conduct as fixed and determined by the Administrator and staff of the Facility.
- E. If a child is accepted by the Facility from <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> and the child thereafter is determined to be, in the sole judgment of the Administrator, mentally unfit, dangerous, or unmanageable or whose mental or physical conduct would or might endanger the other occupants of the Facility, then the Administrator shall notify the Probation Department of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> of this determination. The child shall immediately be removed from the Facility. It will be the responsibility of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> to provide for the transportation for the removal of the child.
- F. Service Provider agrees that the facility will accept any child who qualifies, without regard to such child’s religion, race, creed, sex or national origin.
- G. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that children placed in pre-adjudication care in the Facility shall be removed from the Facility by the appropriate authorities from <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>, or its agents, servants or employees at the conclusion of the ten (10) day working period authorized by the Court Order issued at the conclusion of the initial detention hearing by the Judge of the appropriate Juvenile Court unless a new Order has been issued authorizing the continued detention, and a copy of the new Order has been delivered to the Facility, or unless a waiver of the ten (10) working day hearing has been executed and a signed copy of the waiver is received by the Facility. A copy of the Order issued pursuant to the waiver shall be furnished to the Facility. The same understanding

and agreement between the parties exists with the exception that court orders may authorize detention for up to fifteen (15) working days after the initial hearing and detention period.

H. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that should a child in pre-adjudication care not be removed as described above in paragraph (I), by 12:00 o'clock noon of the tenth (10) working day of an initial detention period, fifteenth working day if it is not, and

a new Order authorizing continued detention has not been received at the Facility, an employee of Service Provider shall deliver the child to the Juvenile Court of the placing <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> for which there will be an additional charge of .54 (fifty-four) cents per mile.

I. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that, children may be released to the Probation Officer or other appropriate authority of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> pursuant to: (a) paragraph E of this Agreement, (b) an Order of Release signed by the Judge of the Juvenile Court of the placing <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>.

J. Service Provider shall be in compliance with all Standards and requirements of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and all applicable State and Federal law.

K. Service Provider shall provide twenty (24) hour supervision for the client, including awake staff during sleeping hours in a Secure Facility.

L. Each child placed in the Facility shall be provided the opportunity to complete the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument (MAYSI-2) as required by the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. Facility personnel administering the MAYSI-2 shall be properly trained, sign the warning page, and document time and date administered. The MAYSI-2 shall then be promptly provided to the Juvenile Probation Officer of the detaining county.

M. Each child placed in the Facility shall be enrolled in an educational program. Special steps shall be taken to comply with requirements of Special Education students and their needs.

N. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that nothing in this contract shall be construed to permit the placing <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>, its agents, servants, or employees in any way to manage, control, direct or instruct Service Provider, its directors, officers, employees, agents, shareholders and designees in any manner respecting its work, duties or functions pertaining to the maintenance and operation of the Facility. However, it is also understood that the Juvenile Court of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>) shall control the conditions and terms of detention supervision as to a particular child pursuant to the Texas Family Code, Section 51.12.

O. It is further understood and agreed by the parties that <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> will be financially responsible for any damages caused by any child that <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> places at the Facility.

ARTICLE IV  
COMPENSATION

- 4.01 For and in consideration of the above-mentioned services, Juvenile Probation agrees to pay the Service Provider the sum of \$XX per day for each child. The daily rate shall be paid to the Service Provider for each day a child is in detention. The cost is based on the projected actual cost of care for children in the facility.
- 4.02 Psychiatric services will be provided to the child on an as needed basis. The initial psychiatric evaluation will be paid for by Juvenile Probation at the rate of \$XXX per exam. Follow-up evaluations will be paid by Juvenile Probation at the rate of \$XXX per exam.
- 4.03 Service Provider will submit an invoice for payment of services to the Juvenile Probation Fiscal Officer on a monthly basis. Said invoice shall be submitted with ten (10) working days following the end of the invoiced month and shall include information deemed necessary for adequate fiscal control, including but not limited to: to be attributed to specific clients if appropriate, date service was rendered, total daily cost, and total monthly cost. Each invoice received for payment will be reviewed by Juvenile Probation in order to monitor Service Provider for financial compliance with this Agreement. Invoices submitted by Service Provider in proper form shall be paid by Juvenile Probation in a timely manner.
- 4.04 Service Provider shall account separately for the receipt and expenditure of any and all state funds received from Juvenile Probation under this contract. Service Provider shall account separately for state funds received and expended utilizing the following Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP):
1. Service Provider has an outside audit completed on a yearly basis which specifies receipt and expenditure of State funds. Service Provider shall forward a copy of the annual outside audit to Juvenile Probation by March 1 following the end of the fiscal year.
  2. If Service Provider does not obtain an annual outside audit, then Service Provider shall in days provide a separate accounting of funds received from Juvenile Probation in whole or part paid from state funds. The accounting shall clearly list the state funds received from Juvenile Probation and account for expenditures of said funds including documentation of appropriate expenditures as well as the year's tax forms and documentation. The accounting shall be provided to Juvenile Probation thirty (30) days prior to the renewal date of the contract.
- 4.05 It is understood and agreed by Service Provider that this Agreement is funded in whole or in part with grant or state funds and shall be subject to termination without penalty, either in whole or in part, if funds are not available or are not appropriated by the Texas Legislature.
- 4.06 In the event that State Reimbursement Rates are increased during the duration of the terms of this contract, the new rates will become effective reflecting those of the increase.

- 4.07 Service Provider agrees to make claims for payment or direct any payment disputes to Juvenile Probation's Fiscal Officer. Service Provider will not contact other department employees regarding any claims of payment.
- 4.08 Service Provider will provide certification of eligibility to receive State funds as required by Texas Family Code Section 231.006.
- 4.09 Except to the extent that a party to this Agreement seeks emergency judicial relief, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve any disputes related to this contract that may arise, no matter when the dispute may arise. If a dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation before the parties resort to arbitration or litigation. The parties shall choose a mutually acceptable mediator to mediate the dispute, and the parties shall pay the costs of mediation services equally.

ARTICLE V  
ADDITIONAL TERMS & AGREEMENTS

- 5.01 Prior to transporting a child to the Facility for placement in Secure Short-Term Detention, the official authorizing the placement shall call the Facility to ensure that space is available. Placement of children by authorized officer's of Juvenile Probation may be denied if space limitations require as determined by the Facility.
- 5.02 A child will only be accepted in the Facility upon receipt by the Facility Administrator of a proper order from the Juvenile Court of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>
- 5.03 Each child placed in the Facility shall be required to follow the rules and regulations of conduct as fixed and determined by the Administrator and staff of the Facility.

ARTICLE VI  
EXAMINATION OF PROGRAM & RECORDS

- 6.01 Service Provider agrees that it will permit Juvenile Probation to examine and evaluate its program of services provided under the terms of this agreement and/or to review its record periodically. This examination and evaluation of the program may include site visitation, observation of programs in operation, interview and the administration of questionnaires to the staff of Service Provider and the children when deemed necessary.
- 6.02 Service Provider shall provide to Juvenile Probation such descriptive information contracted children as requested on forms provided by Juvenile Probation.
- 6.03 For purpose of evaluation, inspection, auditing or reproduction, Service Provider agrees to maintain and make available to authorized representatives of the State of Texas or Juvenile Probation any and all books, documents or other evidence pertaining to the costs and expenses of this Agreement.
- 6.04 Service Provider will keep a record of all services provided to Juvenile Probation under this

Agreement, and upon reasonable notice will provide information, records, papers, reports, and other documents regarding services furnished as may be requested by Juvenile Probation. Service Provider will maintain the records (as referenced above) for three (3) years after the termination of this Agreement.

- 6.05 “Contractor understands that acceptance of funds under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor’s Office, or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Contractor further agrees to cooperate fully with the State Auditor’s Office or its successor in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing all records requested. Contractor will ensure that this clause concerning the authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the Contractor and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.”

ARTICLE VII  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

- 7.01 Service Provider shall maintain strict confidentiality of all information and records relating to children involved in Juvenile Probation, and shall not re-disclose the information except as required to perform the services to be provided pursuant to this Agreement, or as may be required by law.

ARTICLE VIII  
DUTY TO REPORT

- 8.01 As required by §§261.101 and 261.405 of the Texas Family Code, Service Provider shall report any allegations or incident of abuse, exploitation or neglect of any child (including but not limited to a juvenile that has been placed by Juvenile Probation) within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the allegation is made, to all of the following:

- A. Local law enforcement agency (such as the **Milam County** Sheriff’s Office);
- B. Texas Juvenile Probation Commission by submitting a TJPC Incident Report Form to facsimile number 1-512-424-6717 (or if unable to complete the form within 24 hours, then by calling toll-free 1-877-786-7263, followed by submitting the report within 24 hours of said call); and
- C. <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>  
Juvenile Probation Department

ARTICLE IX  
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- 9.01 Service Provider warrants that, prior to entering this contract, it has verified and disclosed the following information to Juvenile Probation, and agrees that it shall have an ongoing affirmative duty under this Agreement to promptly ascertain and disclose in sufficient detail this same information to Juvenile Probation:

- A. Any and all corrective action required by any of Service Provider’s licensing authorities;

- B. Any and all litigation filed against the Service Provider, or against its employees, interns, volunteers, subcontractors, agents and/or consultants that have direct contact with juveniles;
- C. Any arrest of any employee, intern, volunteer, subcontractor, agent and/or consultant of the Service Provider that has direct contact with juveniles;
- D. Any finding of "Reason to Believe" by a state regulatory agency in a child abuse, neglect and exploitation investigation where an employee, intern, volunteer, subcontractor, agent and/or consultant of the Service Provider that has direct contact with juveniles was the alleged or designated perpetrator;
- E. The identity of any of the Service Provider's employees, interns, volunteers, subcontractors, agents and/or consultants that have direct contact with juveniles that are registered sex offenders; and
- F. The identity of any of the Service Provider's employees, interns, volunteers, subcontractors, agents and/or consultants that have direct contact with juveniles that have a criminal history. For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "criminal history" shall include: (1) current felony or misdemeanor probation or parole; (2) a felony conviction or deferred adjudication within the past ten years; or (3) a jailable misdemeanor conviction or deferred adjudication within the past five years.

ARTICLE X  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 10.01 Service Provider agrees to respect and protect the civil and legal rights of all children and their parents. During the performance of this contract the Service Provider agrees it:
- (a) Will not discriminate against any child, childcare provider, parent, employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin including but not limited to employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Service Provider agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provision of this non-discrimination.
  - (b) Will, in all solicitations or advertisement for employees placed by or on behalf of the Service Provider, state that all qualified applicants for positions in the Facility, will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
  - (c) Shall abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

ARTICLE XI  
OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

- 11.01 No officer, employee or agent of Juvenile Probation and no member of its governing body and

no other public officials of the governing body of the locality or localities in which the project is situated or being carried who exercise any functions or responsibilities in the project, shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects or conflicts with his/her personal interest or have any personal or pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or the proceeds thereof.

ARTICLE XII  
DEFAULT, SANCTIONS, PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

- 12.01 Juvenile Probation may, by written notice of default to Service Provider, terminate the whole or any part of this Agreement, as it deems appropriate, in any one of following circumstances:
- A. If Service Provider fails to perform the work called for by this Agreement within the time specified herein or any extension thereof; or
  - B. If Service Provider fails to perform any of the other material provisions of this Agreement, including failure to achieve the defined goals, outcomes, and outputs, or so fails to prosecute the work as to endanger the performance of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, and in either of these two circumstances after receiving notice of default, Service Provider does not cure such failure within a period of ten (10) days.
  - C. Except to the extent that a party to this Agreement seeks emergency judicial relief, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve any disputes related to this contract that may arise, no matter when the dispute may arise. If a dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation, the dispute shall be submitted to mediation before the parties resort to arbitration or litigation. The parties shall choose a mutually acceptable mediator to mediate the dispute, and the parties shall pay the costs of mediation services equally.
  - D. The prevailing party in any lawsuit arising out of this Agreement will be entitled to Attorney's fees from the other party, including actions for declaratory relief.
  - E. The prevailing party in any lawsuit arising out of this Agreement will be entitled to Attorney's fees from the other party, including actions for declaratory relief. All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing. They shall be sent by fax or by registered U.S. mail, return receipt requested, to the party at the addresses listed below. A party must provide notice of a change of address during the term of this Agreement. Unless specified otherwise, notice required in this Agreement shall be deemed to have been received when actually receive.

**4M Youth Services, Inc.**  
696 N FM 487  
Rockdale, Texas 76567

<<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>  
MAILING ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE, ZIP

- F. Captions in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall be deemed irrelevant in



construing the provisions of the Agreement.

G. The parties intend that, in construing and enforcing the provisions of the Agreement, mediators and judges shall give maximum effect to the principles of contractual freedom and contractual enforceability.

H. If any court finds any provision of this Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable, this finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of the Agreement.

I. No express or implied waiver by any party of any right of that party under this Agreement in any specific circumstance shall be considered to waive that right of that party in any other circumstance.

J. The covenants and agreements in this Agreement are binding on and issued to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

#### ARTICLE XIII TERMINATION

13.01 The term of this Contract shall be for a period of twelve months from the effective date; however, if either party feels in its judgment that the contract cannot be successfully continued, and desires to terminate this contract, then the party so desiring to terminate may do so by notifying the other party in writing, by certified mail or personal delivery to its principal office, of its intention to terminate the contract thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the Notice of Termination. At 12:00 o'clock Midnight, thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Termination, this contract shall terminate, become null and void, and be of no further force or effect. Such termination shall not affect or diminish <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> responsibility for payment of any amounts due and owing at the time of termination of the contract. <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> shall remove at its expense all children placed in the Facility on or before the termination date.

#### ARTICLE XIV INDEMNIFICATION

14.01 It is further agreed that Service Provider will indemnify and hold harmless <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> against any and all negligence, liability, loss, costs, claims or expenses arising out of wrongful and negligent act(s) of commission or omission by Service Provider, its agents, servants or employees arising from activities under this contract. Service Provider shall have no obligation to indemnify and hold harmless <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> for any act(s) of commission or omission of the County or the County's agents, servants, or employees arising from or related to this contract for which a claim or other action is made.

ARTICLE XV  
REPRESENTATIONS & WARRANTIES

15.01 Service Provider hereby represents and warrants the following:

- A. That it has all necessary right, title, license and authority to enter into this Agreement;
- B. That is qualified to do business in the State of Texas; that it hold all necessary licenses and staff certifications to provide the type (s) of services being contracted for; that it is in compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements for the operations of its business;  
and that there are no taxes due and owing to the State of Texas, the County of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>, or any political subdivision thereof;
- C. Service Provider will maintain in force policies of general liability insurance against loss to any person or property occasioned by acts or omissions of Service Provider. Certified copies of original insurance policies shall be furnished to Juvenile Probation. Furthermore the Juvenile Probation shall be notified immediately upon any changes in the status of insurance policies and shall promptly furnish updated certificates of insurance to Juvenile Probation.
- D. That all of its employees, interns, volunteers, subcontractors, agents and/or consultants will be properly trained to report allegations or incidents of abuse, exploitation or neglect of a juvenile in accordance with the requirements of Texas Family Code Chapter 261 and any applicable Texas Juvenile Probation Commission administrative rules regarding abuse, neglect and exploitation allegations.

ARTICLE XV  
TEXAS LAW TO APPLY

16.01 This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas,  
and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in **Milam County**, Texas.

ARTICLE XVI  
VENUE

17.01 Exclusive venue for any litigation arising from this Agreement shall be in **Milam County**, Texas.

ARTICLE XVII  
LEGAL CONSTRUCTION

18.01 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceable provision shall not affect any other provision thereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained therein.

ARTICLE XVIII  
PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED

19.01 This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understandings or written or oral Agreement between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

This Contract and Agreement is executed with the declared intention of the parties that this Contract and Agreement is a contract providing for the care of children who have allegedly committed an act of delinquency or an act indicating a need for supervision, and payment for such care will be made by <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> for the children placed in the Facility by the Judge of <<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>> having juvenile jurisdiction.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE, EACH OF WHICH SHALL HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF AN ORIGINAL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signature this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

<<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>

**4M Youth Services, Inc.**

Probation Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

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Tia Coleman-Garrett  
Facility Administrator

<<<CONTRACTING COUNTY>>>

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Authorized Personnel