



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Sara Hensley, City Manager

DATE: September 16, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Denton and the Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas, providing for client and clinical services to victims of child abuse and non-offending family members; providing for the expenditure of funds in the amount of \$215,520; and providing for an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas (CACNT) is a non-profit agency that assists the Denton Police Department with the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases within Denton County. CACNT uses a multidisciplinary response to consolidate law enforcement, Child Protective Services, prosecutors, therapists, and volunteers in one location to help minimize the trauma experienced by victims of child abuse. CACNT also provides free counseling services to abused children and their family members. This approach has become the gold standard for investigating child abuse. The CACNT does not bill law enforcement for its services, but rather makes an annual request to participating municipalities to bridge the gap for the remaining "fair share" of funding based on services received. The fair share is calculated by multiplying the police department's percentage of services received from CACNT by the expenses remaining after subtracting federal and state funding, and special event/fundraising expenses from total agency expenses for the previous fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

On September 26, 2023, the City Council approved Ordinance 23-1557 in the amount of \$226,292.
On September 24, 2024, the City Council approved Ordinance 24-1646 in the amount of \$233,280.

FISCAL INFORMATION

These services will be funded from operating account 310102.7762. The budgeted amount for this item is \$215,520.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2 - Ordinance & Agreement

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