

KACY ALLEN-BRYANT COMMISSIONER SOCIAL SERVICES

TO:

Mayor Linda Gorton

Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM:

Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner of Social Services

DATE:

October 20, 2025

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with CASA of Lexington, Inc.,

Fayette County Family Courts and Fayette County Attorney Office

## Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between CASA of Lexington, Inc. and the Department of Social Services, the Fayette County Family Courts, and the Fayette County Attorney's Office (FCAO) to provide statutorily required services for children in Fayette County.

## **Purpose:**

The Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program was created pursuant to KRS 620.505 and through LFUCG Code of Ordinances Section 2-381. LFUCG, the Courts, and FCAO are vital and essential stakeholders; partnerships with each are necessary in order for CASA of Lexington, Inc. to provide an independent, efficient, and thorough representation for children who enter the court system as a result of dependency, abuse or neglect.

This MOU shall go into when approved by Council and shall remain in effect for a term of twelve (12) months, to renew automatically at the end of each twelve-month period. Either party may, at any time upon thirty (30) days notice to the other party, terminate or negotiate amendments in good faith. Any amendment to the Memorandum shall be in writing signed by both parties.

## **Budgetary Implication:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.

## Are the funds budgeted?

There is no fiscal impact associated with this Memorandum of Understanding.

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Director/Commissioner: Briana Persley / Kacy Allen-Bryant

