



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 28, 2026

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SYSTEM FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY CHILD ASSESSMENT TEAM TO
ESTABLISH A CHILD ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

ISSUE:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside University Health System for the Riverside County Child Assessment Team to establish a Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside University Health System for the Riverside County Child Assessment Team to establish a Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team; and
2. Authorize the Chief of Police, or designee, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside University Health System for the Riverside County Child Assessment Team to establish a Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team.

BACKGROUND:

Participation in joint operations, such as the Riverside County Child Assessment Team, which the Riverside Police Department (RPD) regularly participates in, ensures a well-coordinated law enforcement effort and increases the flow of intelligence information among the various law enforcement agencies in the region.

The purpose of the Riverside County Child Assessment Team Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to state the goals, clarify the underlying philosophy, and delineate the roles of the responsible agencies that comprise the Riverside County's Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team, including the commitment of each agency to the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) model. It also describes the general structure for a coordinated investigation and the treatment of children that are the victims of child abuse and neglect.

DISCUSSION:

By entering into the proposed MOU with the Riverside University Health System for the Riverside County Child Assessment Team, the City of Riverside Police Department agrees to be responsible for the criminal investigation of reported child abuse, the collection of evidence, and the submission of the investigation to the District Attorney's (DA) Office for criminal complaint consideration.

There will be two (2) Riverside Police Detectives assigned to this joint operation.

The MOU may be terminated at any time by giving a thirty-day advance written notice to all other members of the MOU.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations in this report.

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Attachment: MOU with RUHS for Riverside County Child Assessment Team to establish Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team