

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION AND FUNDING
OF JUVENILE ASSESSMENT SERVICES BY
THE LINK, A COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT & RESOURCE CENTER**

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (hereafter "IGA") is made and entered into by and between Adams County, a political subdivision of the state of Colorado represented by and through the Adams County Sheriff's Office "Sheriff", the City of Commerce City, a Colorado municipal corporation ("Commerce City"), the City of Brighton, a Colorado municipal corporation ("Brighton"), the City and County of Broomfield ("Broomfield"), a Colorado municipal corporation, the City of Northglenn, a Colorado municipal corporation ("Northglenn"), the City of Thornton, a Colorado municipal corporation ("Thornton"), the city of Westminster, a Colorado municipal corporation ("Westminster"), and The Link, A Community Assessment and Resource Center, a Colorado non-profit corporation ("The Link"). The municipal corporations and the Sheriff identified herein will be referred to as "Participating Jurisdictions" and each individually as "Participating Jurisdiction." All parties to this IGA, including The Link, are referred to herein as "the Parties" and each individually as "Party."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Part 2 of Article I of Title 29, C.R.S., permits and encourages governments to make the most efficient and effective use of their powers and responsibilities by cooperating and contracting with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized by each of the contracting governments; and

WHEREAS, The Link has operated and initially served Adams County and the City and County of Broomfield located within Adams County since its inception in October 1999; and

WHEREAS, The Link seeks annual intergovernmental agreements between itself and the identified Participating Jurisdictions it serves to establish joint funding obligations to enable The Link to continue to provide service to its Participating Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Parties collectively desire to enter into this IGA to provide funding for The Link and thereby ensure that The Link can continue to provide its services to juveniles and their guardians.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements and promises contained herein, it is understood and agreed as follows:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A The Link shall maintain a location for the provision of assessment, mediation, and intervention services (such as but not limited to youth education programming, diversion intake, mental health and substance abuse assessments, referrals to therapy or community resources, case management, etc.) for juveniles and their families who are referred to The Link from the Participating Jurisdictions; and,

agrees to provide the following services, as identified herein, for the Participating Jurisdictions that are a party to this IGA.

- B. The Link will operate from 9025 Grant Street, Suite 150, Thornton Colorado 80229, and will provide services to the Participating Jurisdictions from this location. Nothing herein intends to restrict The Link from relocating or moving to another location within the 17th Judicial District for practical and economical purposes. The Link will operate pursuant to the direction of a Board of Directors (“Board”) as established by The Link’s by-laws and management will be by the Executive Director.
- C. The Participating Jurisdictions agree to allocate and commit funds for The Link’s 2023 operating year in accordance with the terms of this IGA. This amount will be consistent with the payment from 2022 for those jurisdictions that do not utilize The Link much for their municipal diversion. There is an increase for those jurisdictions who utilize The Link more frequently for municipal diversion.
- D. The Participating Jurisdictions may also, throughout the term of this IGA, agree, without restriction or limitation, to provide in kind contributions to The Link to assist The Link in providing services to and for the benefit of all Participating Jurisdictions.

II. SERVICES PROVIDED

- A. General Service. The Link shall have authority over the operation of its programs and facilities which are provided for the use and benefit of the Participating Jurisdictions and their residents. Funding provided to The Link pursuant to this IGA by the Participating Jurisdictions shall be for the services described herein.
- B. Specific Services. The Link shall be authorized to provide the services identified below to children who are between the ages of 7 and 17 years of age; up to the day prior to an individual’s eighteenth birthday (“Juvenile”). The services of The Link are or shall be for Juveniles and families:
 - 1. Provide a centralized location for the assessment and referral to community resources of Juveniles and their families.
 - 2. Conduct assessments of the needs of Juveniles and their families which may include, but is not limited to, screening for potential violence and self-destructive tendencies, human trafficking, substance use, abuse and neglect, future criminal behavior risk, and treatment need factors.
 - 3. Based on needs identified, The Link will provide immediate social and mental health service referrals to Juveniles and their families through community service providers, private providers who offer such services along with other resources and connections.

4. Provide in-person or virtual family mediation intervention for Juveniles and their families referred from the Participating Jurisdictions.
5. Provide client follow-up to support the progress of the intervention and resource referrals. Case information and The Link reports shall be shared for applicable pre-sentencing and status reports for municipal courts.
6. Coordinate and centralize the information collected by The Link for the Participating Jurisdictions involved with the Juveniles and their families. This may include sharing past involvement with The Link.
7. The Link can also pre-screen youth for municipalities for Diversion Eligibility upon request.
8. Disseminate assessment information to municipal courts, and the Participating Jurisdictions in accordance with all laws concerning confidentiality.
9. Provide multi-tiered service approach, 24 hours-a-day, on all days of the year, through the provision of detention and screening services for delinquent Juveniles placed into a juvenile detention center, or intervention for applicable alternatives to detention according to Colorado Youth Detention Continuum (CYDC) and the funding provided The Link by contract pursuant to that legislation. This will only be provided up until June 30, 2023. After such time, there may be a change in available open hours depending on staffing and need. During that time, The Link will continue to provide support services to Law Enforcement transports of youth to The Link who are not detention eligible.
10. Apply for and receive grants and other sources of funding and provide all services related to Juveniles which are authorized by the terms of any such grant or funding awards.
11. Provide pre-screening of Juveniles for county and municipal offenses, misdemeanor and traffic warrants within the 17th Judicial District. In addition, The Link shall provide: Personal Recognizance bonding for municipal charges, screening of Juveniles to other levels of care according to the tool approved and used by the State of Colorado as well as current Chief Judge Orders, and the screening of Juveniles into juvenile detention if pending criminal charges require detention pursuant to the annual review of the CYDC funding. This will only be provided up until June 30, 2023.
12. Work with and provide information to area school districts on youth transported by law enforcement and/or assessed at The Link.
13. Provide psycho-educational group programming for youth, such as

LifeSkills, in coordination with appropriate licensed providers. Develop other updated programming based on need identified by municipal jurisdictions dependent on available funds.

14. Train new law enforcement officers or co-responders about The Link's policies and procedures to ensure mutual understanding of The Link's role in the community.
15. Have any additional authority and power necessary to accomplish the foregoing programs and objectives.

- C. Contracts. The Link shall have the responsibility and authority as reasonable and necessary to carry out the powers set forth in this IGA. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, the authority to contract and lease property, purchase all necessary supplies, equipment, materials, and services, including professional services, and to hire and discharge employees of The Link as deemed necessary to operate The Link.
- D. Fees. Fees, if any are to be charged for additional services, shall be established by The Link and shall be uniform and reasonable. Nothing herein is intended to limit the ability of The Link to charge fees for recoupment of expenses, as deemed appropriate. Such fees, however, shall not be duplicative of expenses or charges related to the Annual Assessments or IGA Contributions.
- E. Usage by other Entities. The Link Board of Directors ("Board"), by formal Board action, may permit other entities to make use of The Link services, or to permit Juveniles residing outside the 17th Judicial District, to be referred to The Link. The formal Board action shall include the charge to other entities to make use of The Link services and the terms of payment for such services. The Annual Assessments from Participating Jurisdictions shall not be used to fund services to other entities.

III. APPROPRIATION AND PAYMENT BY PARTIES OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

- A. Appropriation and Funding Obligations. Each Participating Jurisdiction shall pay an Annual Assessment to the Link as set forth in Exhibit A by the 1st day of May of the year during which said funds are to be expended by The Link. The payment of each of the Participating Jurisdictions to The Link pursuant to this IGA is subject to the annual appropriation process of the respective Participating Jurisdiction in the manner required by state statute and local ordinance.
- B. Calculation of the Annual Assessment. Each Participating Jurisdiction shall be apportioned a percentage of the budget as an Annual Assessment based on the cost of that jurisdiction's pro rata share of the current six-year average of historical juvenile transports from the relevant jurisdiction to The Link as compared to the total for all of the Participating Jurisdictions ("Annual Assessment") with an increase

for those jurisdictions who utilize The Link for municipal diversion or probation assessments.

- C. Should any of the Participating Jurisdictions be partially within and partially without the territorial limits of the 17th Judicial District, the Party's Juvenile transport data within the 17th Judicial District shall be computed with the pro rata share of the Annual Assessment. Such jurisdiction shall only refer Juveniles within the boundaries of the 17th Judicial District to The Link.
- D. Contributions of New Parties. In the event that any municipal jurisdiction or county enforcement agency, other than the Participating Jurisdictions, wishes to use The Link services and provide funding for such services, after January 1st of each year, such entity may be included in this IGA by amendment as a "New Jurisdiction." The New Jurisdiction's assessment for its first year shall be determined based upon that jurisdiction's historical juvenile arrest and transport data available as applicable from that New Jurisdiction as a proportion of the revised total for all of the Participating Jurisdictions multiplied by the Annual Assessment and adjusted for the remaining number of months of service in the calendar year. The monies as determined by this formula will be appropriated and paid sixty (60) days subsequent to execution of an Amendment to this IGA by all the Parties, as provided herein. For subsequent years, a New Jurisdiction's Annual Assessment shall be based on the formula provided for Participating Jurisdictions.

IV. BUDGET

- A. Budget Process. The Link shall annually prepare a preliminary budget and submit said budget to The Link's Board for approval. The preliminary budget shall contain detailed estimates of the operating expenses for the subsequent year. The preliminary budget shall identify the dollar amount of all revenue sources including the portion of revenue anticipated from Annual Assessments. The preliminary budget shall be approved by the Board by October 1st of each year. The approved preliminary budget shall be made available to the governing bodies of each of the Participating Jurisdictions as soon as possible.
 - 1. The Participating Jurisdictions may provide proposals, comments, or changes to the approved preliminary budget to the Board on or before November 1st of each year. The Board may adjust the budget or Annual Assessments based on the proposals or comments of the Participating Jurisdictions.
 - 2. The final budget shall then be approved by the Board and certified by the Board's chair and treasurer ("Final Budget") The Final Budget shall be submitted to each of the governing bodies of the Participating Jurisdictions no later than December 31st of each year that this IGA is in effect.
- B. Contributions to the Budget. The Participating Jurisdictions shall contribute Annual Assessments as set forth in Exhibit A for each term of this IGA.

V. FUNDS AND OPERATIONS

- A. Designation of Funds. All funds paid to The Link by the Participating Jurisdictions, and any monies generated by The Link itself, shall be placed into a designated fund. Any operating expenses incurred by The Link shall be paid from said fund.
- B. Choice of Depository. All monies belonging to The Link or designated for use by The Link shall be deposited in the name and to the credit of The Link with such depositories as The Link shall from time to time designate, in compliance with all applicable laws.
- C. Disbursement of Funds. No disbursements of funds as provided by this IGA shall be made from the funds of The Link except by check, or credit card under the name of The Link.
- D. Fiscal Responsibility. The Link shall not borrow money nor shall it approve any claims or incur any obligations for expenditures unless there is sufficient unencumbered cash in the appropriate fund, credited to The Link with which to pay the same.
- E. Operating and Capital Reserves. The Board shall have the authority to set aside unexpended revenues generated by the operation of The Link for purposes of establishing reserves which may be used for operating expenses such as expansion of services or replacement of equipment; or to establish capital improvement funds to provide for non-operating expenses of The Link such as improvements to the leased building to accommodate The Link's use.
- F. Insurance. The Link shall obtain and maintain adequate liability and property insurance coverage to protect against any claims and liabilities which may arise due to the activities conducted by The Link or the Board in an amount not less than the monetary limitations of liability provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. § 24-10-101, et. seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.
- G. Use of Funds. Nothing herein is intended to restrict or prohibit The Link from using the budget funds for any purpose as authorized by any grant funds or in connection with the services provided by The Link.

VI. RECORDS AND REPORTS

- A. Record Keeping. The Link shall maintain accounts of its funds, properties, and business transactions, in accordance with applicable law.
- B. Annual Audit. The Link shall cause to be conducted an annual audit prior to the end of the calendar year. Such audit shall be conducted by an independent certified public accountant, registered and licensed to practice in the State of

Colorado. The audit shall be made available for review by the respective Participating Jurisdictions upon request.

- C. Annual Report. By December 31st of each year, The Link shall prepare, present, and provide to the respective Participating Jurisdictions, a comprehensive annual report of The Link's activities and finances during the preceding year.
- D. Reports Required by Law, Regulations or Contract. The Link shall prepare and present such reports as may be required by law, regulation, or contract to any authorized federal, state or local officials to whom such report is required to be made in the course of operations.
- E. Reports Requested by the Participating Jurisdictions. The Link may, where practical, make available to Participating Jurisdictions reports or accountings of internal operations or expenses upon reasonable request.

VII. DEFAULT IN PERFORMANCE

- A. Default by The Link. If, for whatever reason, The Link ceases its operation at any time during the calendar year, such cessation of services shall constitute a material breach of this IGA and will relieve the Participating Jurisdictions of their funding obligation for any pro rata share of funding submitted for the end of the IGA term. In such an event, the Link shall immediately notify the Participating Jurisdictions of the cessation of services. Upon such notice, the Participating Jurisdictions shall be relieved of any and all obligations contained herein. The Link shall reimburse to the Participating Jurisdictions their remaining pro rata share to the extent that such funds are available and upon the cessation of the services.
- B. Default by Participating Jurisdiction. In the event that any Participating Jurisdiction fails or refuses to provide the agreed upon funding pursuant to Exhibit A for any calendar year, after June 1st of such calendar year, such failure to pay shall constitute a material breach of this IGA. The Link shall notify the Participating Jurisdiction of such breach and if such breach is not cured within 30 days of such notification, the failure to cure shall constitute a material default and the Participating Jurisdiction shall be deemed excluded as a Participating Jurisdiction from this IGA. The Link shall thereafter be free to refuse the provision of services for any Juvenile from that Participating Jurisdictions' geographical area.

VIII. TERM, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Term and Renewal of IGA. The IGA shall be in full force and effect for a period of one calendar year commencing on January 1, 2023 and ending on December 31, 2023 ("Term"). After the Term, the Participating Jurisdictions shall have an option to renew this IGA for an additional one year ("Renewal Term") upon written notification to The Link of intent to renew, dated 90 days prior to the end of the Term.

- B. Termination by Written Notice. Any Participating Jurisdiction's participation in this IGA may be terminated by written notice from the Participating Jurisdiction to The Link dated at least 90 days prior to January 1st of any given year. Any Participating Jurisdiction terminating its participation pursuant to this provision shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of its Annual Assessment previously paid to The Link.
- C. Termination of Participating Jurisdiction/Loss of Funds. Upon termination of a Participating Jurisdiction, whether by default in performance or by written notice, the remaining Participating Jurisdictions may continue to participate in this IGA. The Board, upon such termination of a Participating Jurisdiction may act to adjust the budget, or hours of operation to accommodate the loss in funds unless the remaining Participating Jurisdictions negotiate an amendment to the IGA setting forth revised Annual Assessments to address the immediate shortfall of funds or the Parties agree to terminate the IGA.
- D. Powers of The Link upon Termination by a Majority. This IGA may be terminated by the mutual agreement of a majority of the Parties. Upon such termination, the powers granted to The Link under this IGA shall continue to the extent necessary to make an effective disposition of the property, equipment, and assets of The Link.

IX. AMENDMENT

This IGA may be amended at any time in writing by agreement of the Parties to this IGA subject to approval of the various governing bodies of the Participating Jurisdictions and The Link.

X. SEVERABILITY

If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this IGA is held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid for any reason, such holding shall not affect the validity, enforceability or constitutionality of the remaining provisions of this IGA.

XI. COUNTERPART

This IGA may be signed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all counterparts taken as a whole shall constitute one and the same instrument. A copy of an executed original IGA signed by a Party and transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail shall be deemed an original and any Party is entitled to rely on the validity, authenticity, and authority of an original transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail. The IGA shall become effective once all Parties have executed the IGA.

XII. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

Nothing contained herein shall give rise to any rights or allow any claim by any third party. It is the express intention of the Parties that any third-party receiving benefits from this IGA shall be deemed an incidental beneficiary only.

XIII. SUPERSEDES

This IGA supersedes and replaces all prior agreements and all amendments.

XIV. NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The Link shall make its services, facilities, and programs available to all persons ages 7-17 up to their eighteenth birthday regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, or disability.

XV. NO GENERAL OBLIGATION INDEBTEDNESS

As this IGA will extend beyond the current fiscal year, the Parties understand and intend that the obligation of the Participating Jurisdictions to pay the Annual Assessment hereunder constitutes a current expense of the Participating Jurisdiction payable exclusively from the Participating Jurisdiction's funds and appropriated each fiscal year and shall not in any way be construed to be a multi-fiscal year debt or other financial obligation within the meaning of Article X, Section 20, of the Colorado Constitution, a general obligation of indebtedness of the Participating Jurisdictions within the meaning of any provision of Article XI, of the Colorado Constitution, or any other constitutional or statutory indebtedness. None of the Participating Jurisdictions has pledged the full faith and credit of the state, or the Participating Jurisdictions to the payment of the charges hereunder, and this IGA shall not directly or contingently obligate the Participating Jurisdictions to apply money from, or levy or pledge any form of taxation to, the payment of the annual operating costs.

XVI. LITIGATION

Each Party hereto shall be responsible for any suits, demands, costs or actions at law resulting from its own acts or omissions.

XVII. WAIVER

A waiver by any Party of a breach of any term or provision of this IGA shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by any other Parties.

XVIII. PARAGRAPH CAPTIONS

The captions of the paragraphs are set forth only for the convenience and reference of the Parties and are not intended in any way to define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this IGA.

XIX. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY

The Participating Jurisdictions acknowledge that each Party, their officers and employees, are relying on, and do not waive or intend to waive, by any provision of this IGA, the monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado

Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. 24-10-101 et seq., as it is from time to time amended, or otherwise available to the Participating Jurisdictions, their officers, or employees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this IGA to become effective upon final execution by all Parties.

The Link - A Community Assessment & Resource Center
 A Colorado Non-Profit Corporation

BY: _____
 Date

Title: Gina Weitzenkorn, President of The Board

	2021 Non-Detention	Percentage	2022 Non-Detention	2022 Non-Detention Screen %	2023 - Stay same and increase on diversion users	Difference from 2022
ACSO	28	6%	30	7%	\$ 100,624	\$ -
Brighton	65	14%	40	9%	\$ 72,988	\$ -
Broomfield	14	3%	4	1%	\$ 26,480	\$ -
Commerce City	26	6%	14	3%	\$ 47,568	\$ -
Northglenn	20	4%	40	9%	\$ 49,500	\$ 15,028
Thornton	260	58%	269*	59%	\$ 324,500	\$ 89,839
Westminster	38	8%	60	13%	\$ 71,500	\$ 19,696

* Transports decreased but Diversion increased

CITY OF BRIGHTON

By: Greg Mills _____ Date _____
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Natalie Hoel _____
Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Alicia Calderón _____
Title: City Attorney

CITY OF NORTHGLENN

By: Heather Geyer _____ Date _____
Title: City Manager

ATTEST:

By: Johanna Small _____
Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Corey Y. Hoffman _____
Title: City Attorney

CITY OF THORNTON

By: Kevin S. Woods
Title: City Manager

Date

ATTEST:

By: Kristen Rosenbaum
Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: Tami Yellico
Title: City Attorney

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

By: Mark Freitag Date
Title: City Manager

ATTEST:

By: Abby Fitch
Title: City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: David Frankel
Title: City Attorney