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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Community Services Agency

BOARD AGENDA # B-6

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE December 9, 2008

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of the Stanislaus County Children's Council Annual Report 2008 to the Community-Community Services Agency

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Accept the Stanislaus County Children's Council Annual Report 2008 to the Community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Fiscal Impact associated with the acceptance of the Stanislaus County Children's Council Annual Report 2008 to the Community.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2008-831

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor O'Brien
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Grover, Monteith, and Vice Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: Mayfield

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

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The Stanislaus County Children's Council Annual Report 2008 highlights the Children's Council activities in 2007 and 2008, provides the Children's Council Goals for 2009 and includes the "Condition of Children and Youth Report 2008" published in October 2008 by the Children's Council.

POLICY ISSUES:

Acceptance of the Stanislaus County Children's Council Annual Report 2008 to the Community meets the Board's priority of *A healthy community* by providing information on the condition of the children of the community.

STAFFING ISSUES:

There are no staffing issues associated with this report.



Stanislaus County Children's Council

Annual Report 2008

By Cheryl Heppner
Children's Council Coordinator



STANISLAUS COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2008

History

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In September 2006, the Children's Council underwent changes in its staffing and budget due to the resignation of the Executive Director and an assessment of number of employees needed to adequately run the Children's Council. The members of the Children's Council made the decision to change the Executive Director's job description and classification to the Children's Council Coordinator position.

At this time also, the Council members agreed the Community Services Agency would be the sole funding source for the Children's Council.

Membership

There are currently 33 members on the Children's Council.

Christine Applegate, Community Services Agency
Lori Buendia, Golden Valley Health Centers
Tom Changnon, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Sheriff Adam Christianson, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
Tom Ciccarelli, United Way
Rosemary Crippen, District 1 Representative
William Fagan, Housing Authority of Stanislaus County
Carol Shipley, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office
Arturo Flores, Modesto City Schools
Raul Garcia, Community Representative (Gallo Center for the Arts)
Veronica Garcia, Stanislaus County Office of Education Child and Family Services
Craig Gundlach, Stanislaus County Child Development Local Planning Council
Denise Hunt, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
Dick Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center
Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Child and Family Services
Linda Kovacs, District 4 Representative
Mary Ann Lee, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency

Mark E. Loeser, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office
Judy Loretelli, District 2 Representative
Honorable Linda McFadden, Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge
Dick Monteith, Stanislaus County Supervisor
Laura Ochoa-Sanchez, Community Representative (El Concilio Community Center)
Rhonda Parker, Parent Representative
Ruben Pina, District 5 Representative
Terry Plett, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)
Karen Poppen, Keyes Union School District
Jerry Powers, Stanislaus County Probation Department
Madelyn Schlaepfer, Alcohol and Drug Programs
Dr. Hamid Shirvani, President California State University, Stanislaus
John Sims, Children and Families Commission
Jan Viss, Community Services Agency, Child and Family Services Division
Chief Roy Wasden, MPD, Domestic Violence Task Force
Ka Yang, Community Representative (The Bridge)

The Executive Committee oversees the business of the Children's Council and is voted in by Council Members.

The 2008 Executive Committee Officers are:

Chair – Dick Jacobs, Executive Director, Valley Mountain Regional Center
Chair-Elect – Jill Silva, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, for Jerry Powers, Probation
Vice- Chair – Jan Viss, Assistant Director, CSA, Child and Family Services Division
Past Chair – Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney's Office

Special Recognition/Retiring Members:

Linda Avedon, United Way
Dwight Bateman, Disability Resource Agency for Independent Living (DRAIL)
Rich Chubon, Housing Authority of Stanislaus County
James Enochs, Modesto City Schools
Doris Foster, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office
Lisa Henry, Stanislaus County Child Development Local Planning Council
Lee Honore Means, District 3 Representative
Rod Landes, District 3 Representative
Bob Loretelli, Hickman Community Charter School District
Nancy Millberry, Child Abuse Prevention Council
John Patrick O'Brien, Child Health Care Provider

Ken Patterson, Director, Community Services Agency
Martin Petersen, Stanislaus County Office of Education
Mark Puthuff, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department
Karla Rivera-Trejo, District 5 Representative
Helen White, Stanislaus Multi-Health Coalition/West Modesto King Kennedy
Neighborhood Collaborative
Dr. James H. Williams, Modesto Junior College

Mission

The purpose of the Council is to advocate for and support the interests of all children and families.

Purpose

Information sharing at the meetings is beneficial for strengthening collaborative between the various departments and community organizations which make up the Council membership. This allows the opportunity to expose any gaps in services and members work together through their respective agencies to fill in those gaps.

The Children's Council meets the third Wednesday of every month with the exception of July.

The Children's Council has worked to foster collaboration through various presentations at Council Meetings.

The following presentations were given in 2007-2008:

- February 21, 2007 - Stanislaus County Office of Education Leadership Academy – High School Students' version of Leadership Modesto
- March 21, 2007 – Selection of Winning Art for “Through the Eyes of a Child” Art Contest (Child Abuse Prevention Council)
- September 19, 2007 - Risk Assessment and Crisis Response Team Services Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Children's System of Care offers to the community schools.
- November 14, 2007 – The State Incentive Grant on Underage and Binge Drinking; A Summary of Activities and Results.

- March 19, 2008 – Selection of Winning Art for “Through the Eyes of a Child” Art Contest (Child Abuse Prevention Council)
- April 16, 2008 - Methamphetamine Task Force
- May 21, 2008 - 211 Program, United Way
- August 20, 2008 - Arts Education and Partnership Opportunities, Gallo Center for the Arts
- September 17, 2008 - Project Life Saver
- October 15, 2008 - Autism

As an advocate for children’s services, the Children’s Council has written **letters in support of:**

- Senate Bill 1288 (Cedillo) – A bill that expands alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment benefits for adolescents.
- Assembly Bill 346 (Beall) – A bill addressing the serious issues surrounding the targeting of youth for the purchase and consumption of “Alcopops” (alcoholic beverages designed and marketed for entry-level drinkers) in California.
- Assembly Bill 345 (Saldana) – Allocates the increased revenue generated by appropriate classification and taxation of alcopops to the prevention of underage drinking.
- Senate Bill 468 - A bill to reduce the prevalence of shaken baby syndrome in California.
- Center for Human Services’ Pathways Transitional Living Program Grant for 18-21 year olds.

The Children’s Council has also written **letters in opposition to:**

- Senate Bill 893 – The removal of Prop 10 funds from local county commissions to fund statewide health programs.
- Senate Bill X3 16 – Permanently abolishes First 5 commissions statewide and diverts the tobacco tax enacted Prop 10 to the state general fund. (Written and submitted by individual Council Members.)

By-Law Changes

The following changes were made to the Children's Council By-Laws:

Executive Director was changed to Coordinator.

November 14, 2007

Article III Officers

Section 2 – Nomination of Council Officers

“Prior to placing a name on the slate, the nominating committee shall obtain consent from each nominee. **If the Chair-elect is unable to fill the position of Chair, the nominating committee will provide another name to the Council for vote.** The candidates for Chair, Chair- Elect and Vice-Chair receiving a majority of the votes shall be declared elected to their respective offices. The Chair **and Chair -elect** elected in such balloting shall have served as a member of the Council as ~~Chair-Elect~~ **Executive Committee in the prior year.**”

Section 3 – Terms of Officers

“(b) Term of Chair. The Chair shall have served as Chair-elect **or as a member of the Executive Committee** for the year preceding the year as Chair.”

January 16, 2008

Article IV Committees

Section 1 – Number and Name

“The following are standing committees of the Council.

1. Stanislaus County Children's Council Executive Committee
2. ~~Promoting Safe and Stable Families Committee~~
3. ~~Stanislaus Child Development Local Planning Council Committee~~”

2007-2008 Project

CONDITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH REPORT

Goal: Heighten community awareness regarding the condition of children and youth in Stanislaus County.

Objective: Design and produce a “condition of children and youth report” providing a yearly update to the community of Stanislaus County.

In January 2008, the “Condition of Children and Youth Report 2007” was published showing the condition of children and youth in Stanislaus County for the year 2006 in the areas of child poverty, child health, child care, child abuse and neglect, juvenile crimes and delinquency and education.

A comparison report was released October 2008, the “Condition of Children and Youth Report 2008” comparing 2006 to 2007 data. The results are as follows:

Child Poverty

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Percentage of Children Living in Poverty	18.9%	20.1%
Percentage of Children Receiving CalWORKS	12%	13%
Percentage of Children Receiving Food Stamps	16%	24%

Data obtained from <http://factfinder.census.gov>.
“Poverty” is defined as the US Census Federal Poverty Level
(<http://www.census.gov/hhew/www/poverty.html>).

Child Health

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Births to Mothers Under 17 Years of Age (per every 1000 teen females)	15.5	12.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per every 1000 births)	5.5	4.8
Immunization Rate (for children under 2)	67.8%	66.7%

Childhood obesity is a current health concern for our children and a concern for the health and life expectancy for all the members of our community. As data becomes available this health concern will be monitored. Further information available at www.HSAhealth.org.

Child Care

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Total Licensed Family Child Care Homes	695	628
Total Licensed Private Child Care Centers	58	61
Total Licensed Subsidized Child Care Centers	77	83
Total Exempt Child Care Centers	68	68

Stanislaus County ranks 2nd lowest in the state for 2006 and 2007 in its availability of licensed child care for children with parents in the labor force.

Cost of Child Care and Family Income (annual income with 2 minimum wage earners)	\$28,080	\$30,720
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Further information available at www.stanscoe.org.

Child Abuse and Neglect

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Initial Child Abuse Reports	11,078	10,248
Percentage of Child Abuse Reports Substantiated	17.36%	14.77%
Average Number of Children in Foster Care	525	546
Adoption within 24 Months of Entering Foster Care (when unable to reunify with biological parents)	76.8%	73.7%

Data obtained from UC Berkeley website (<http://cssr.berkeley.edu>). Numbers may differ from previous reports due to changes in methodologies implemented July/August 2007.

Juvenile Crimes and Delinquency

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
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Juvenile Hall Admissions	2,005	2,088
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Gang Members (documented gang members between the ages of 12-17, which accounts for 30% of the documented gang members in the county)	1,150	not available
Community Service (hours completed by probation youth)	not available	3,423

More local and state crime statistics are available through the California Department of Justice website located at <http://ag.ca.gov/cjisc>. Local crime statistics are also available through the Stanislaus County Probation Department Annual Report located at <http://www.costanislaus.ca.us/probatn/index.htm>.

Education

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Total Number of student Enrollment (K-12)	106,994	107,712
Expulsion Rate	.46%	.54%
Total Number of High School Enrollment (9-12)	33,281	33,682
High School Graduation Rate (does not include GED)	82% enrolled 7,352 graduated 6,034	78% enrolled 7,667 graduated 5,965
Number of After School Programs (7,278 students attending)	81 sites	92 sites

For after school programs contact you child's school directly or you can access information through:

www.stancoe.org/scoe/iss/prevprog/prevention/pdfs/RegionSixDirectory.pdf
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Goals for 2009

The Stanislaus County Children's Council plans to continue to meet to exchange information and strengthen collaborative between county and community organizations.

In addition to meeting, the Children's Council plans to complete the "Condition of Children and Youth" Report 2009 keeping the community of Stanislaus County aware of problems facing children and youth today.

The future of the Children's Council is uncertain at this time when county departments and community organizations are making reductions in budget. Sustainability of the Children's Council is a goal for 2009 with members continuing to dedicate their time to advocate for children and their families in Stanislaus County.

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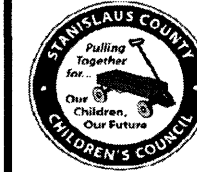
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Condition of Children & Youth Report 2008



The purpose of this report is to raise community awareness of the problems facing children and youth today.



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- ❖ Communicate – information sharing
- ❖ Interact – strengthening collaboration
- ❖ Participate – presentations



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- ❖ “Condition of Children and Youth”
Report 2009