

## Effective Partnerships

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is committed to building strong relationships with local, regional and federal partners. To best serve the community, Stanislaus County departments have found innovative ways to utilize partnerships to leverage resources and expand services to the public.

The goals and measures for this Board of Supervisors priority were developed by a cross-functional group of departments who have a primary role in supporting the other six Board of Supervisors priorities.

The Effective Partnerships team is comprised of the Auditor-Controller, Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Services, Child Support Services, Community Services Agency, Environmental Resources, Library and Parks and Recreation. All Departments are key partners in meeting the expected outcomes of the Effective Partnerships priority.

The primary focus of this priority team is the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors' Effective Partnership Recognition. The first annual Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Effective Partnership Award was presented at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on September 29, 2009. Since that time, the recognition award has been presented to eight departmental partnerships:

- ◆ The Parks Department's Empire Regional Water Safety Training Center
- ◆ Children and Families Commission's Family Resource Center/Child Abuse Prevention Project
- ◆ The Department of Environmental Resources' Stanislaus County Food Processing By-Product Use program
- ◆ The Chief Executive Office Employee Mentor program
- ◆ Child Support Services Probation project
- ◆ The Latino Emergency Council
- ◆ The Community Services Agency's Clean and Sober Living program through Valley Recovery Resources
- ◆ The Public Works Geographic Information System

Andrew Carnegie once said that *"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*

The names of each winning partnerships will join previous winners on the plaque located in the Board of Supervisors Chambers foyer and will serve as a longstanding testament to the outstanding efforts and "uncommon results" of Stanislaus County employees and their partners.

