

**Agenda Item No. 1
July 1, 2009 Meeting**

DATE: June 22, 2009

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Quarterly Performance Reports

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission of Orange County evaluates the programs it funds to learn about program accomplishments, the changes made in the lives of children and families in Orange County and to guide program improvements. The Commission has adopted a comprehensive evaluation plan and communicates results through reports that are presented to the Commission and its grantees and posted on the Commission's web site.

Quarterly Performance Reports

The Commission's portfolio of management reports includes quarterly performance reports developed to present summary level program and evaluation information in relation to the Commission's four Strategic Goal areas: Healthy Children, Strong Families, Ready to Learn, and Capacity Building. The report on Strong Families is the focus of the July Quarterly Performance Report (Attachment 1).

Core Data and Outcomes Module Report

The Core Data and Outcomes Module Report for Fiscal Year 2007-08 and the Status Upon Entry of Clients Served by the Commission are reports that analyze client level data to compare the characteristics of clients as they begin to receive Commission funded services from January 2002 to December 2007. These reports present the findings for three primary subpopulations of Commission clients: those in the Bridges for Newborns program, children enrolled in State School Readiness programs, and those children served in other, non-Bridges programs.

Findings from the analysis suggest that there have been some critical improvements among children beginning to participate in Commission funded programs, and other areas in which the children's conditions have declined. They also suggest that the Commission is serving populations that face substantial challenges. The following are excerpts from the reports; the full reports are available on the Commission website.

- Commission funded clients who receive dental services have surpassed the Healthy People 2010 objective to increase the proportion of children who use the oral health system each year (Commission data 64 percent, Health People 56 percent).
- The most common cited barriers to getting children to the doctor included lack of transportation (12 percent), lack of health insurance (4 percent), and language barriers, child care, and hours that the health care provider is open (2 percent each).

- As they entered the program, a lower percentage of children in State School Readiness programs were uninsured in 2007 than in prior years. Although the percentage of uninsured children in other programs had increased in 2006, the proportioned of uninsured children in these programs decreased in 2007 for almost all ages.
- The percentage of children in State School Readiness and other programs that had no medical doctor or clinic at which they regularly received services declined in 2007. From 2002 through 2007, the proportion of children without a medical home decreased from 17 percent to eight percent among participants in other programs. In School Readiness programs, these percentages decreased from 20 percent in 2003 to six percent in 2007.
- In 2007, almost half (49 percent) of all children being served by the Commission were in families that are living at or below 100 percent of the Federal poverty level. Also, 70 percent of all families were living at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level.
- From 2004 through 2007, the proportion of families that reported sharing a home with another family decreased gradually for all three subpopulations.
- The percent of families with more than 10 books in the home has increased from 43 percent to 48 percent from 2005 to 2007.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

No funding action is proposed for this item.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTION:

March 4, 2009 - Commission received the FY 07/08 Quarterly Performance Report - Focus Area: Ready to Learn

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive an update on the Performance Outcome Measurement System Report including the Strong Families Quarterly Performance Report.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Strong Families Quarterly Performance Report

Contact: Alyce Mastrianni

Quarterly Performance Report

Focus Area: Strong Families

July 2009



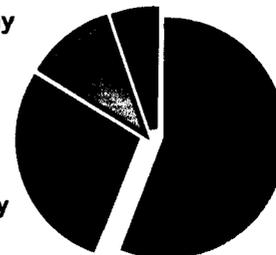
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Orange County Fast Facts

- 42,145 total births (2006 Data)
- 262,229 children ages 0 - 5 (2000 Census)
- 115,537 children ages 0 - 5 directly touched by services
- 128 Commission-funded programs
- 115 organizations providing services

Budget by Goal Area (\$54.4 million in program spending)

- 56% Healthy Children
- 27% Ready to Learn
- 9% Strong Families
- 8% Capacity Building



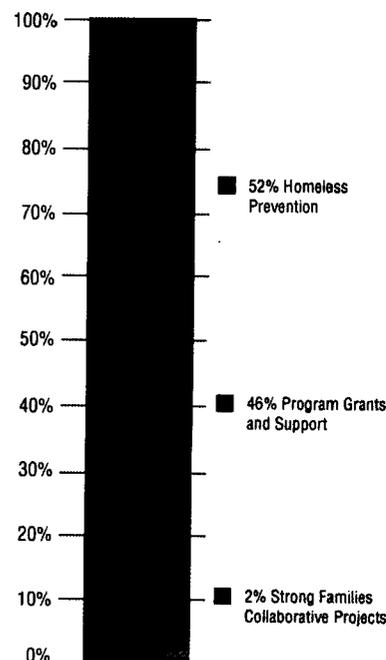
Strong Families Fast Facts

- 44,795 shelter bed nights provided to pregnant women or mothers of young children
- 5,282 home visits provided to support families and promote child health and safety
- 2,225 children enrolled in the Healthy Tomorrows early care and education program
- 1,738 case management sessions provided for families at risk for homelessness
- 1,561 children transported to health or early learning services
- 331 children or their family members received in-home mental health services and 119 received outpatient mental health services
- 140 children newly connected to a health home, 116 of whom were homeless children
- 129 shelter residents enrolled in educational programs
- 139 shelter children placed in quality child care settings
- 65 homeless pregnant women referred for prenatal care
- 50 families secured housing and are continuing toward self-sufficiency

Strong Families Programs – \$4,577,867

Program	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Homeless Prevention	\$2,383,395	59	125
Program Grants and Support	2,092,022	1,372	1,317
Strong Families Collaborative Projects	102,450	152	233
Strong Families Total	4,577,867	1,583	1,675

Allocation of Strong Families Expenditures



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Strong Families Program Highlights

Homeless Prevention and Shelter Programs

This year, the Commission supported three projects to expand homeless shelter beds and services to families with children ages 0-5 facing homelessness in Orange County. Through HomeAid Orange County, construction was completed on Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope in Tustin (36 units for families including a medical clinic, dental clinic and child care center), Hope Family Housing in Buena Park (17 units of transitional housing), and the expansion of Precious Life Shelter in Los Alamitos (24 beds for pregnant women and new mothers with young children).

With the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center in Garden Grove, the Commission launched a Motel Family Referral Partnership. This partnership coordinates among many agencies to provide families with young children living in motels with health screenings, developmental assessments, breastfeeding support, immunizations, and assistance with health insurance applications.

Through nine unique transitional shelter programs, we provided 44,795 shelter bed nights for young children and their parents. A "shelter bed night" means one person in one warm and safe bed for one night. Total shelter bed nights are determined by the number of people housed multiplied by the number of nights they are sheltered. These shelter programs also provide prenatal care for pregnant mothers, comprehensive medical screenings and dental care for children, and assistance with health insurance.

Early Childhood Mental Health

The Commission supports a range of programs promoting young children's mental health including:

- **Home Visitation:** Six separate home visitation programs serve unique populations in need, such as first time teen parents, families with children with severe behavioral health issues, and pregnant women with a history of drug or alcohol abuse.
- **Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT):** A highly effective best-practice for children, PCIT works with children with severe behavioral issues, through teaching and coaching parents in a clinical setting.
- **EPSDT Collaboration and Expansion:** Through collaboration with Western Youth Services, Orange County Health Care Agency, Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA, the Commission expanded mental health services to young children, including some services in preschool settings.
- **Early Care and Education Support:** Through Commission funding, the YMCA provides on-site consultation to assist preschool teachers in expanding their behavioral health capacity for all children and specifically for those who are at risk for expulsion due to behavioral difficulties.

In 2007-2008, these programs provided over 25,500 home visits to families in need of mental health services, and conducted over 4,120 developmental screenings for children. In-home mental health services were provided to 331 families, and 119 families received outpatient mental health services. Additionally, the Commission funded 1,525 clinical hours for families with young children who had no mental health insurance coverage.

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