



**Agenda Item No. 1
November 6, 2013 Meeting**

DATE: October 27, 2013

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

SUMMARY:

The Children and Families Commission supports the development of countywide indicator reports to help evaluate Orange County children and their families. One of the reports is *The Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2013*. The Commission has co-sponsored the development and distribution of the Conditions of Children Report with the County of Orange through the Orange County Children's Partnership. This staff report includes information on the release of the 19th Annual Report, an update on the review process to redesign future reports, and a request to support the development of the 20th Annual Report.

DISCUSSION:

Release of the 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

The 19th Annual Report provides baseline and trend data on 41 indicators that describe the health, economic, educational, and safety status of Orange County's children. This year, the positive trends:

- From 2002 to 2011, there was a 31% decrease in the number of infant mortalities, from 216 infant deaths to 160 infant deaths.
- Over the past decade, the proportion of births to teens in Orange County has declined from 7.0% in 2002 to 5.8% in 2011, and the teen birth rate has declined from 32.6 per 1,000 to 20.1 per 1,000.

Trends that are concerning:

- From 2003 to 2012, the percentage of kindergarten children with up-to-date immunizations decreased from 92.9% to 89.3%.
- The Free and Reduced Lunch indicator is a proxy for children living at or near the poverty level. The proportion of students receiving free and reduced lunch as a percent of the total public school enrollment increased from 38.7% in 2002/03 to 46.4% in 2011/12.

Attachment 1 includes a presentation of select indicators relevant to young children from birth to 5 years of age.

Commissioners

Executive Director

The 19th Annual Report was released this month when it was filed with the Board of Supervisors for their October 22 meeting. The report has become an important tool for the Commission’s planning processes and for Commission grantees and other community stakeholders that use the local data to identify the changing needs of children, target services, and measure the success of key investments. The Special Section this year is on Military Families. The discussion topics include:

Report Section	Discussion Topic
Good Health	Children’s Vision
Economic Well-Being	Food Insecurity
Education	Foster Youth Services
Safe Homes and Community	Impact of DUI’s

Recently, there was a change in format in presenting the report to the community. In past years, there had been one large convening for the community to attend and hear about the status of Orange County’s children in regards to the indicators. Last year, a new community forum format was developed that included five forums held throughout the county to promote better access to the information and better engage community members in a dialogue about the conditions of Orange County’s children. The expanded community format will be implemented again this year (Attachment 2). The south county forum will be focused on children’s vision. Due to the Commission’s leadership in this topic, Commission staff will moderate the forum and Dr. Robert Lingua M.D., Clinical Professor of Pediatric Ophthalmology at the University of California, Irvine - Gavin Herbert Eye Institute will present on children’s vision.

Update on the Review Process to Redesign Future Reports

The Orange County Children’s Partnership (Partnership) is a formal advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors. A significant role of the Partnership has been to sponsor the development of the Conditions of Children Report. This year, Commission staff has supported and championed the Partnership’s review of its Conditions of Children Report to strengthen how the report helps to achieve its mission and “advance more responsive services that effectively meet the needs of children and families in Orange County communities”. The ultimate shared goal is to improve outcomes for children in Orange County.

An executive committee of the Partnership has been established to direct the redesign effort including the following areas of consensus for change:

- Focus more on outcomes (as opposed to services)
- Prioritize, streamline, and improve the quality of the current indicators
- Ensure indicators and data are presented in context of the County’s population.

In addition to engaging Partnership members in the review, the process is also being informed by key stakeholder interviews, analysis of reports nationwide which measure child well-being, and other resources like a recent survey of how the current Conditions of Children report is used by readers. The review process started in July 2013 and recommendations were presented to the Partnership at their October meeting. It is anticipated that the review will continue through this year to ensure that final recommendations include the proposed structure, format, and cycle of the redesigned report.

Support for the Development of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report

The County of Orange, Social Services Agency (SSA) contracts with the Orangewood Children's Foundation/California State University, Fullerton for the development of the Conditions of Children Report. Their current contract covers the 18th, 19th and 20th annual reports. The Commission's current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SSA to contribute to the development of the report covers only the 18th and 19th annual reports and will expire in February 2014. Staff recommends the commitment of \$25,000 contribution for the development of the 20th Annual Report. The 20th Annual Report is proposed to be a transition year with the intent for full implementation of redesign recommendations intended to start with future reports after the 20th Annual Report.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This action has specifically been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal. Funding for the 19th Annual Conditions of Children Report was included in the Performance Outcomes Measurement System line item of the Commission's FY 2013/14 budget. Funding for the 20th Annual Report is recommended to be included in the proposed FY 2014/15 budget.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- November 2012 – Received the 18th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.
- March 2012 – Approved funding for Indicator Report projects including the 18th and 19th Annual Conditions of Children Reports.

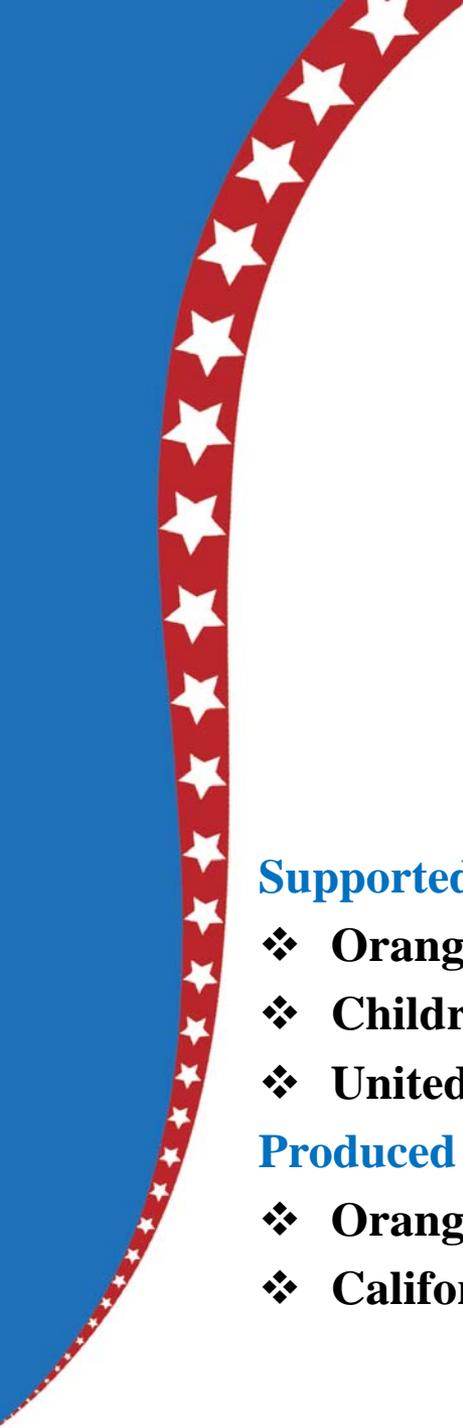
RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive the 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County.
2. Receive update on the Conditions Report redesign process.
3. Adopt resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate a new agreement, or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion, with the County of Orange Social Services Agency to contribute \$25,000 funding for the development of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Presentation: the 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2013
2. Conditions of Children Report community forum flier
3. Resolution for renewal or amendment of agreement with the County of Orange Social Services Agency for the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report

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The 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2013

Attachment 1

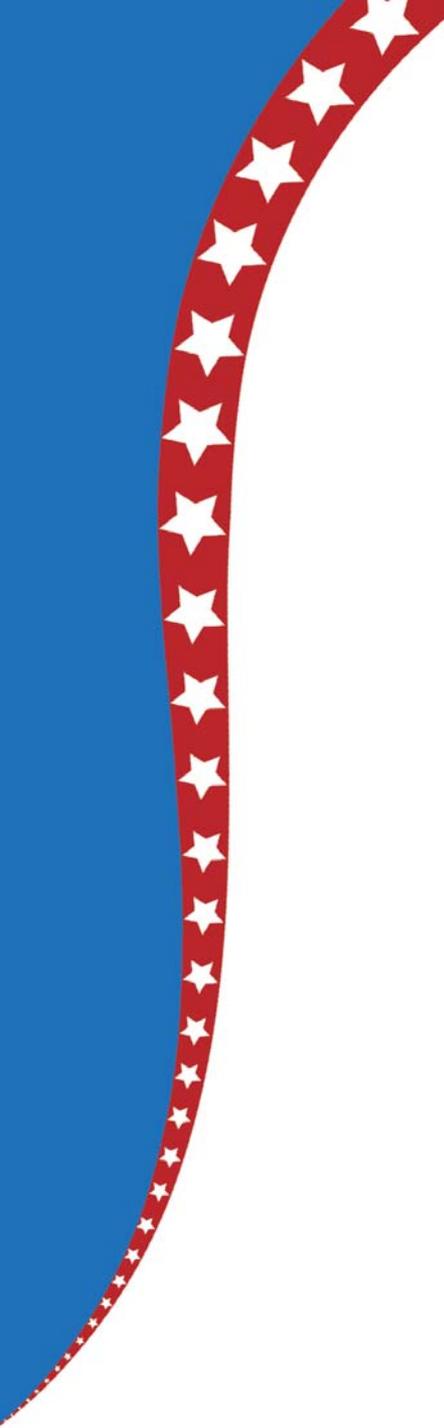
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Supervisor Janet Nguyen, Chair**

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- ❖ **Orange County Social Services Agency**
- ❖ **Children and Families Commission of Orange County**
- ❖ **United Way Orange County**

Produced by

- ❖ **Orangewood Children's Foundation**
- ❖ **California State University, Fullerton, Center for Community Collaboration**



The 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children

Executive Summary:

**Good News/Challenges
Summary of Indicators**

Special Section:

**The Impact of Military Service
on Children and Families**

Discussion Topics & 41 Indicators related to:

Good Health: Children's Vision

Economic Well-Being: Food Insecurity

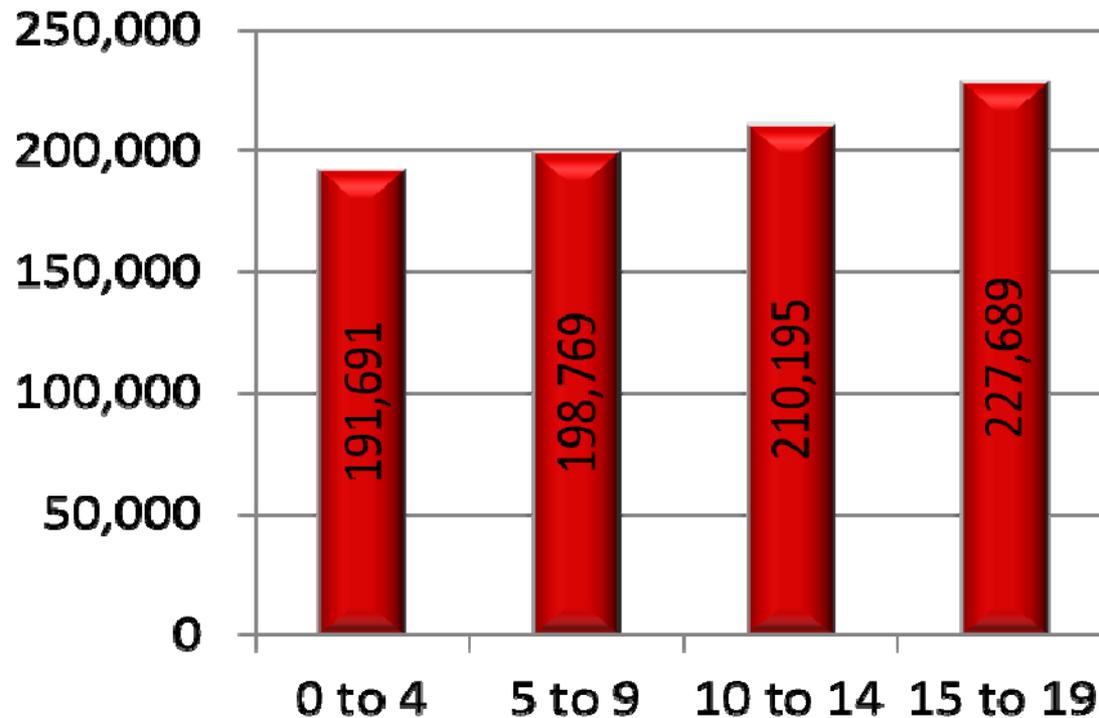
**Educational Achievement: Foster Youth Services to Support
Academic Achievement**

**Safe Homes and Communities: Impact of Driving Under the
Influence on Youth and Families**

Children's Demographics

Total Population: 828,344

AGE DISTRIBUTION 2010

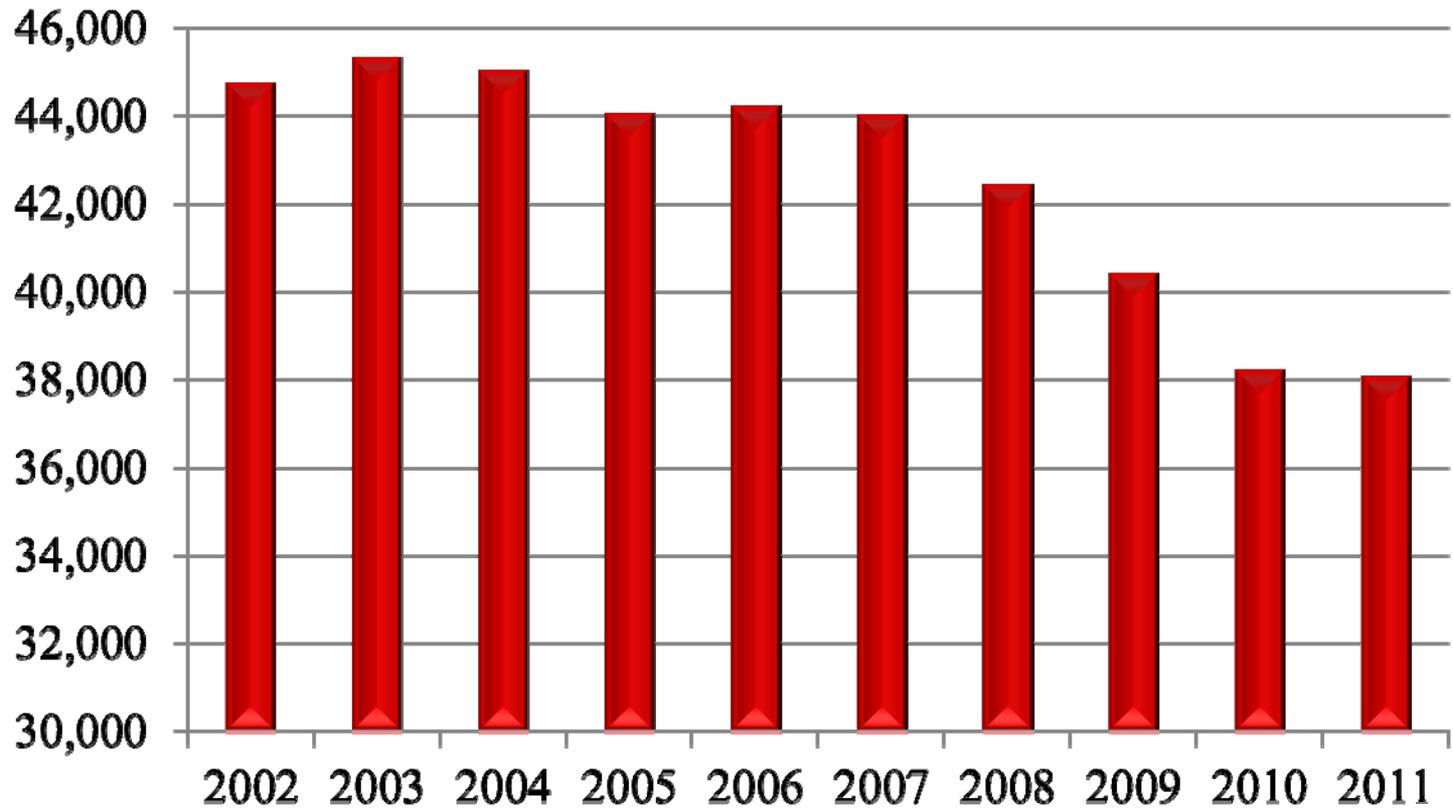


AGE DISTRIBUTION

Source Center for Demographic Research, 2010

Orange County's Children

Births in Orange County, 2002 to 2011



Special Section

The Impact of Military Service on Children & Families

Key Issues that Military Families Experience

- Repeated and extended deployments
- Deployment-related injury
- Family roles and structure in relation to deployment
- Financial strain

Efforts to Support Military Families

National Efforts

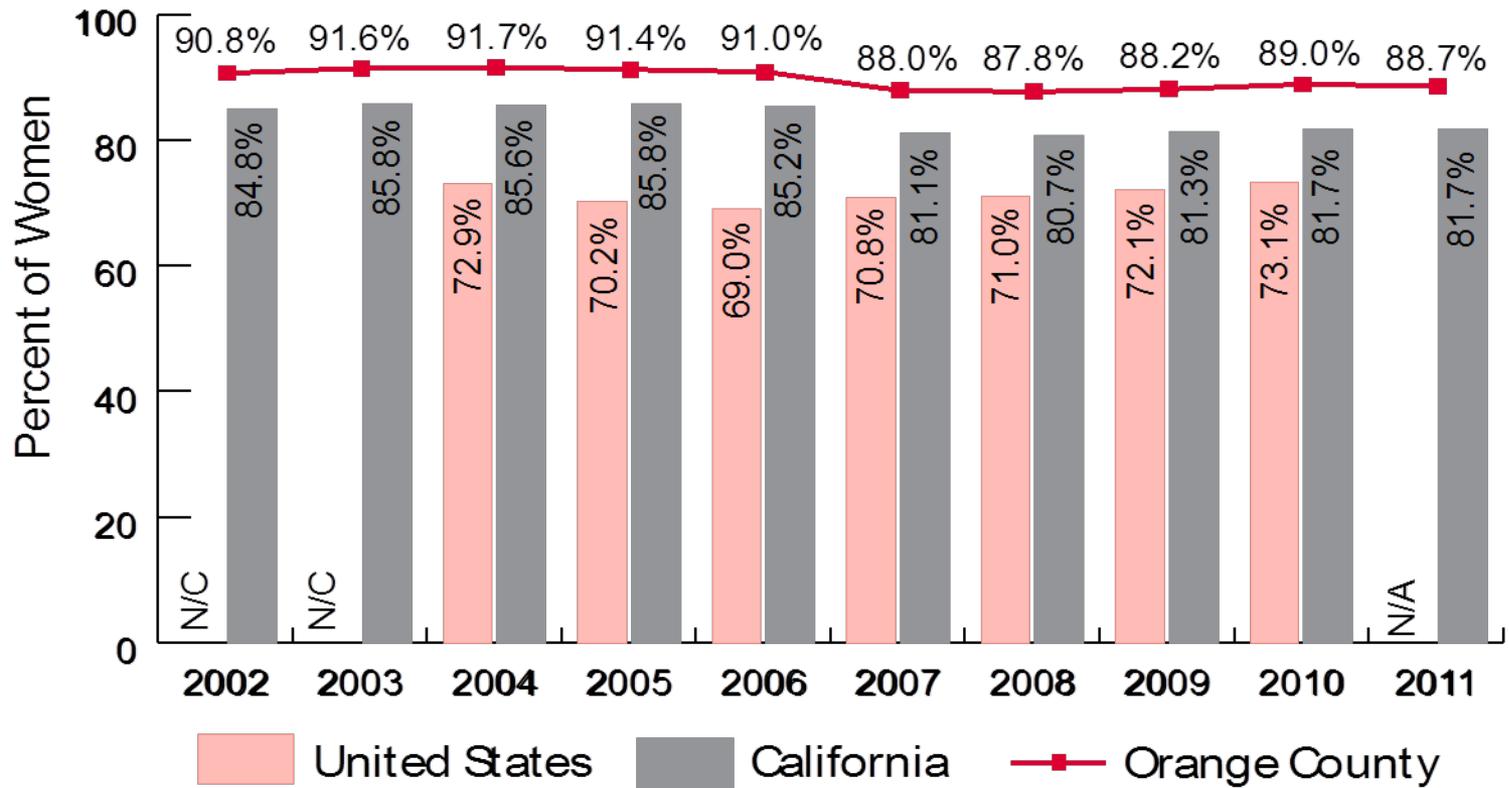
**Zero to Three, Families OverComing Under Stress™ (FOCUS) Project,
Children of Veterans Project**

Local Efforts

**Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative, Orange County
Veterans Advisory Council, County Veterans Service Office, Veterans First
Orange County, Child Guidance Center**

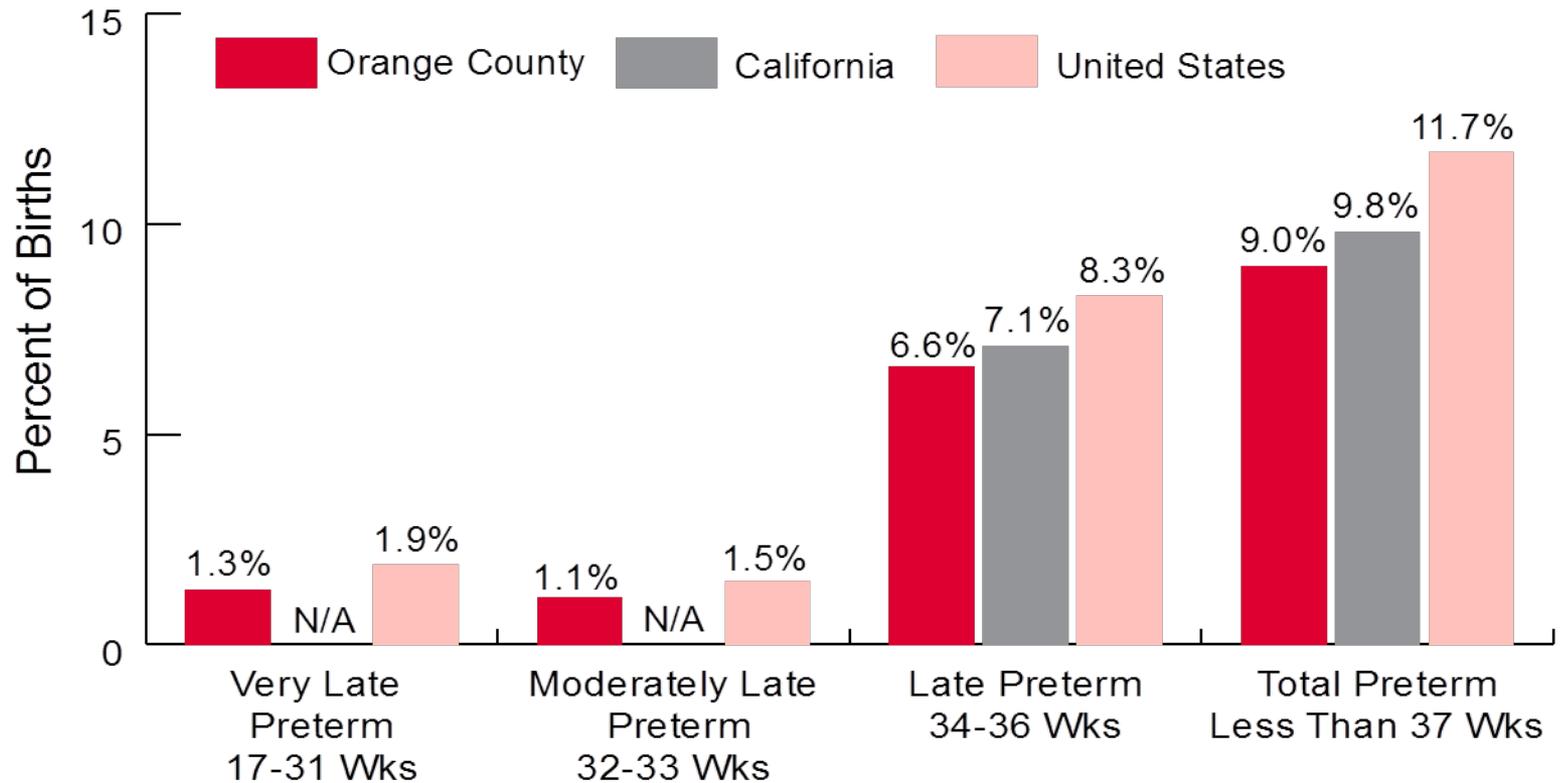
Early Prenatal Care

Percent of Women Who Received Early Prenatal Care in Orange County, California, and the United States, 2002 to 2011



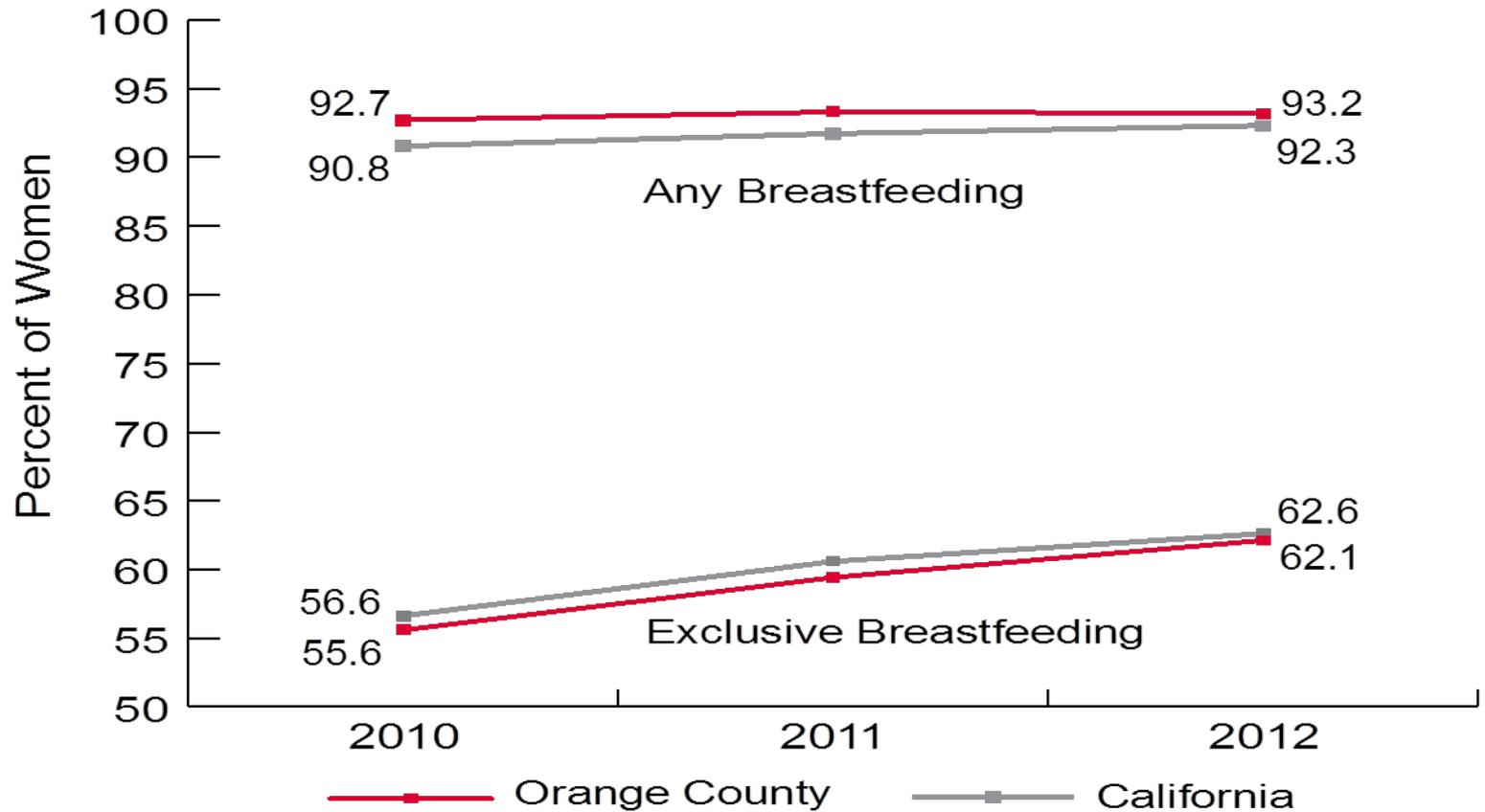
Preterm Births

Preterm Birth Rates for Orange County, California, and United States, 2011



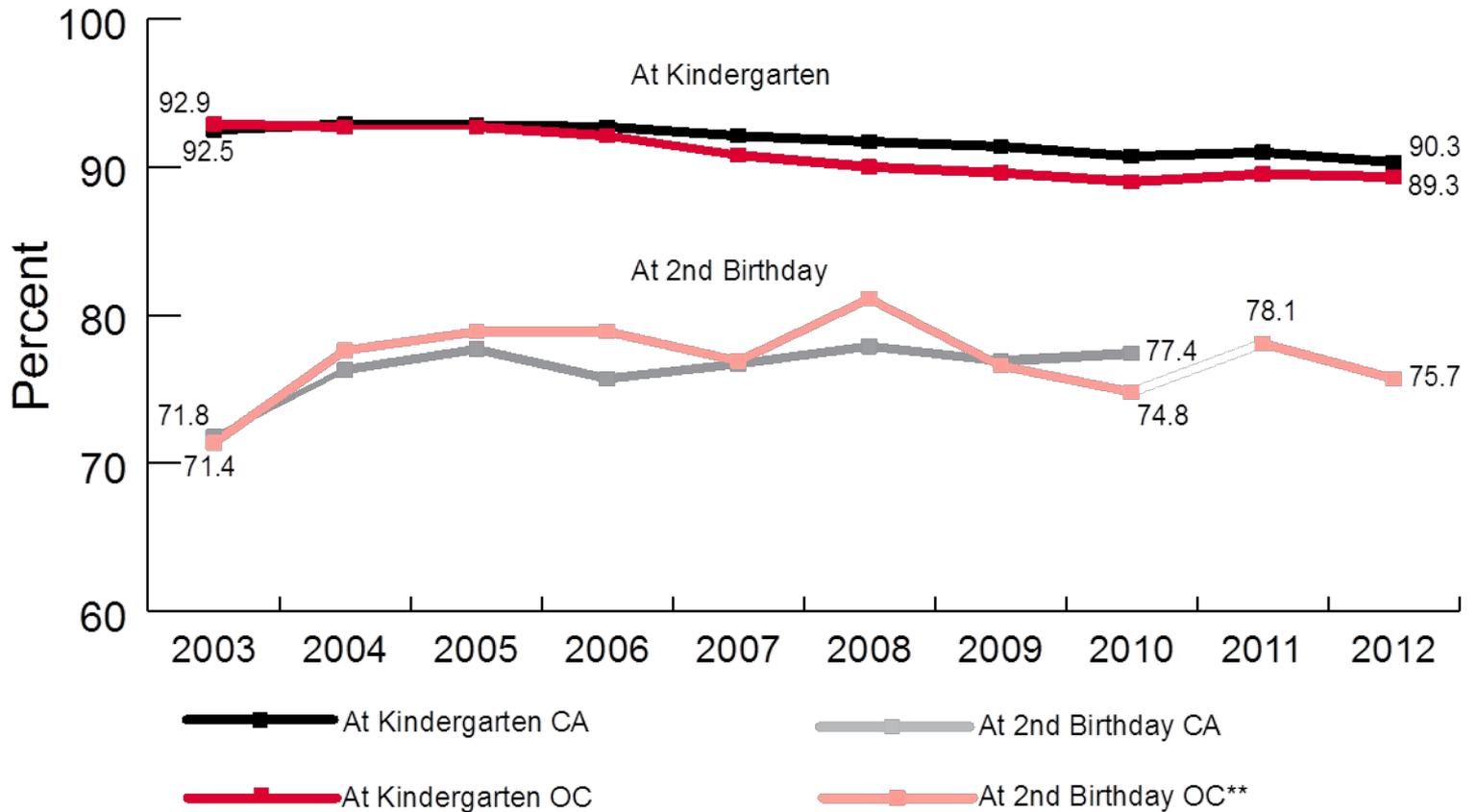
Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding Percentages* in Orange County and California, 2010 to 2012



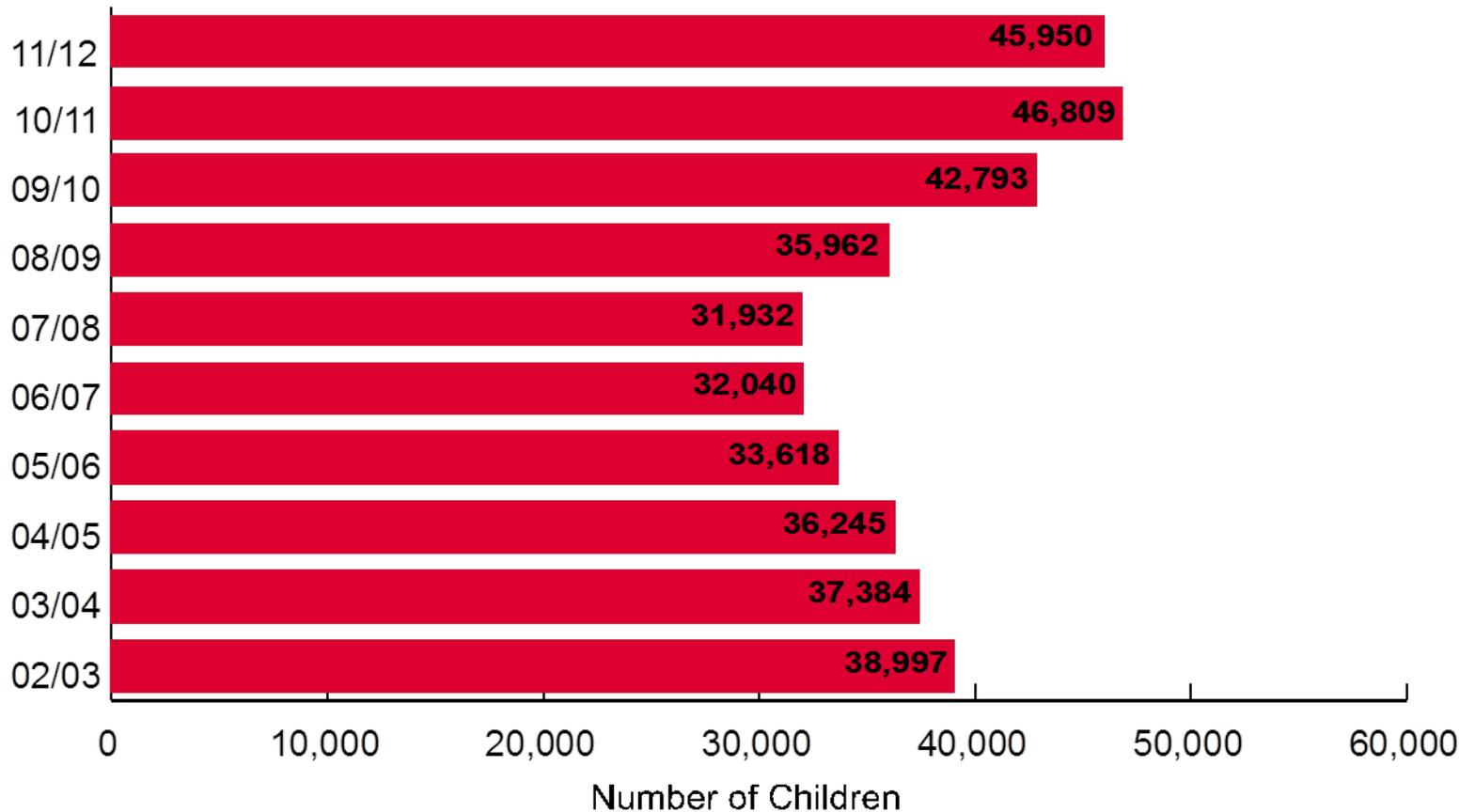
Immunization Of Children

Percent Vaccination Coverage Among Children Age 2 Years* and at Kindergarten in Orange County and California, 2003 to 2012



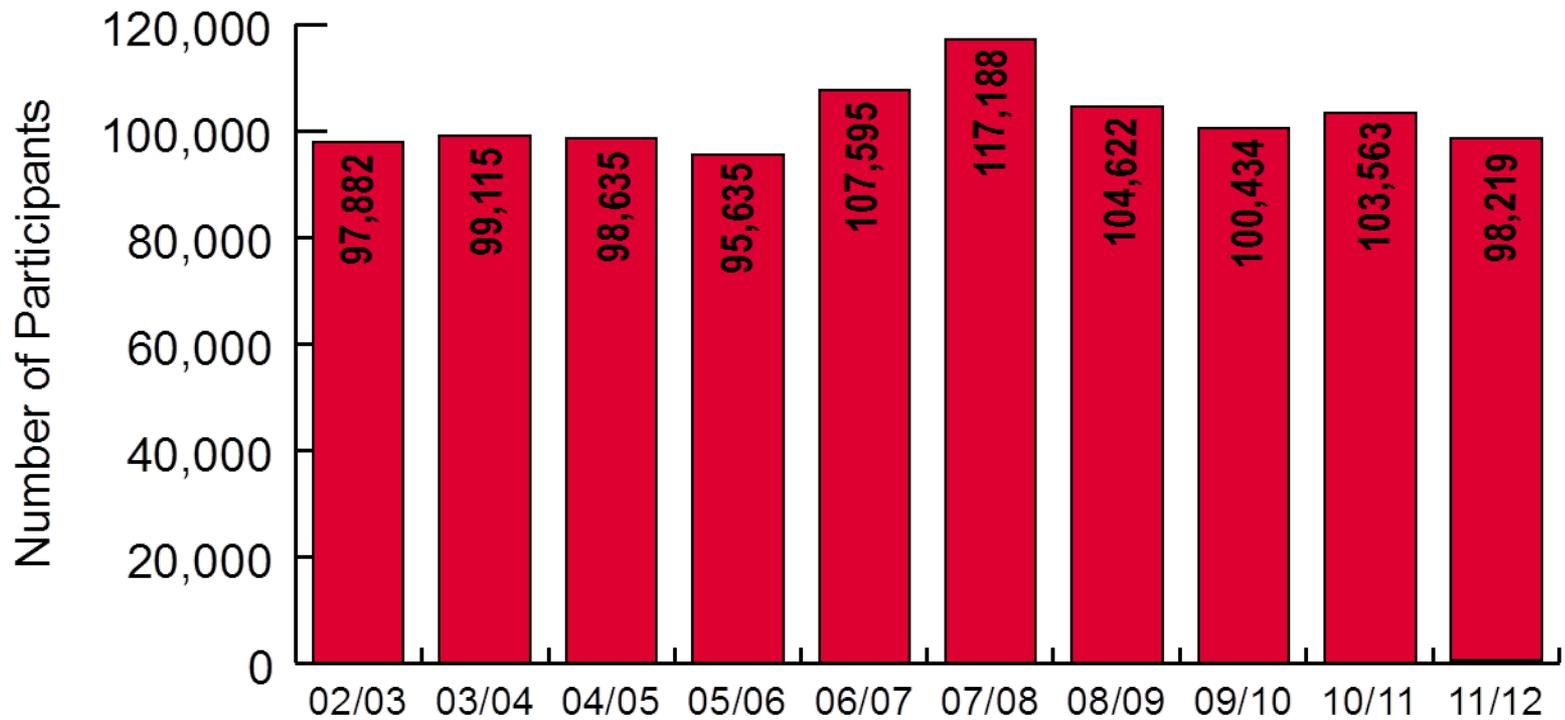
CalWORKs

**Children Receiving Financial Assistance Through Cal WORKs,
2002/03 to 2011/12**



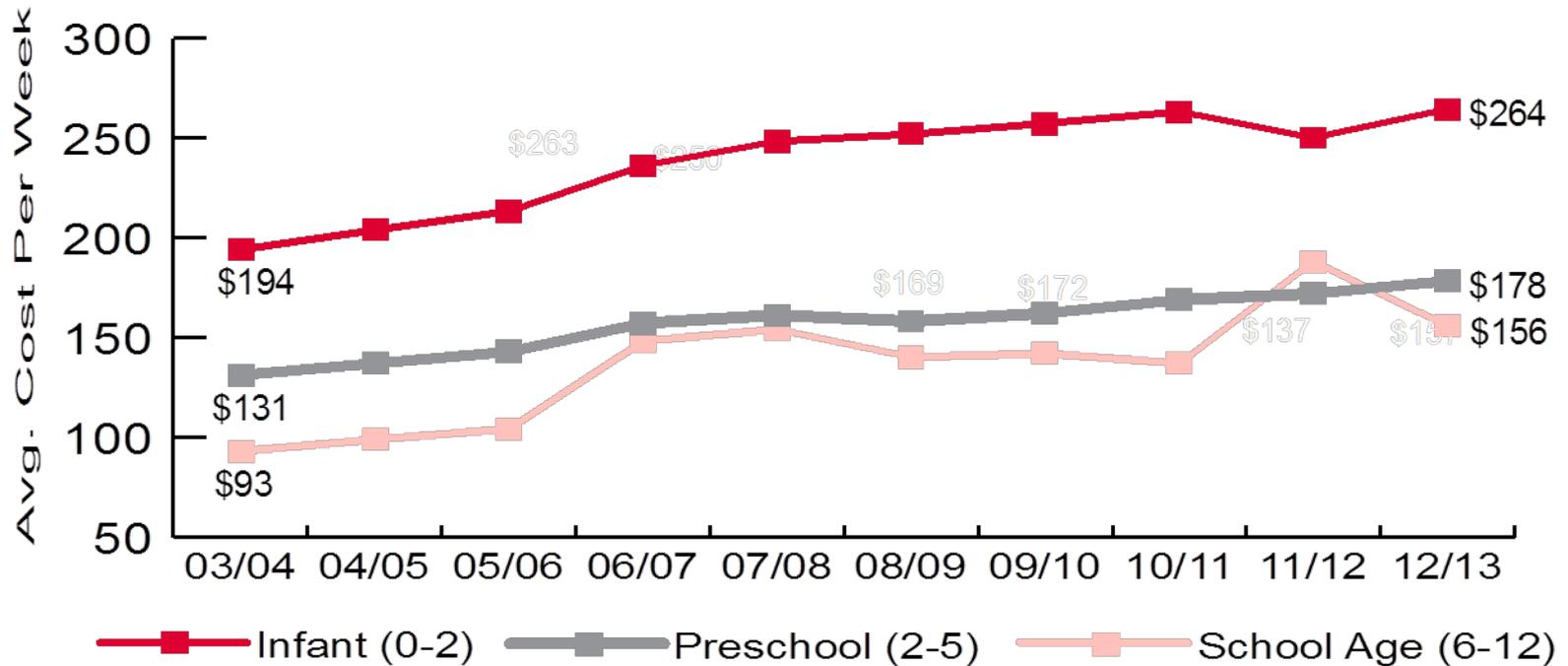
Supplemental Nutrition Programs: WIC & CalFresh

Number of Women, Infants, and Children Served by the WIC Program, 2002/03 to 2011/12

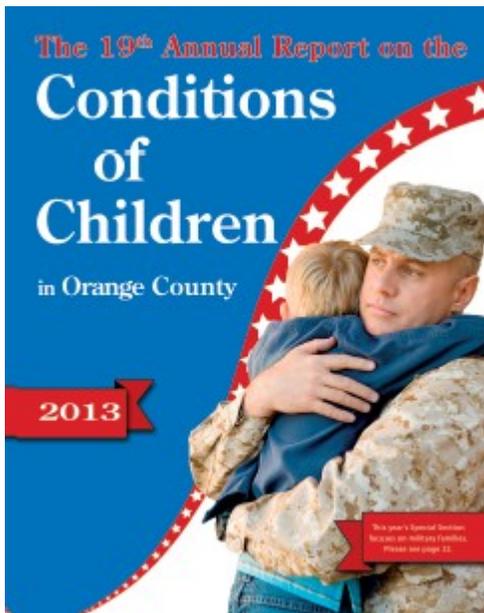


Cost of Early Care and Education

Average Cost of Early Care and Education Per Week in Child Care Centers, 2003/04 to 2012/13



The Orange County Children's Partnership & The Orange County Board of Supervisors



FREE!

Invite you to the Community Forum Series on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

- ◇ Hear Report Highlights & Data Trends
- ◇ Learn From the Experts About: Good Health, Economic Well Being, Educational Achievement and Safe Homes & Communities
- ◇ Explore the Implications of the Featured Topic
- ◇ Receive a Copy of the 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

Register Now!

Date and Time	Location	Featured Topic	Registration Link
November 13, 2013 8:30-11:30 a.m.	First District Delhi Center, Santa Ana	"Off the Battlefield" - Supporting Military Families	https:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/8860041623
November 21, 2013 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Fourth District Cal State Fullerton	"Paving the Way to High School Graduation" - Foster Youth Services	https:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/8860129887
December 3, 2013 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Third District Northwood Community Center, Irvine	"Losing More Than Your License" - Impact of DUIs on Children and Families	https:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/8860615339
December 18, 2013 8:30-11:30 a.m.	Second District Neighborhood Community Center, Costa Mesa	"The Next Meal?" - Addressing Food Insecurity in Orange County	https:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/8860488961
January 10, 2014 12:30-3:30 p.m.	Fifth District Mission Hospital, Mission Viejo	"Seeing Student Success" - The Importance of Children's Vision	https:// www.eventbrite.com/ event/8480811335

For questions, please contact Alicia Recob at recob001@csu.fullerton.edu or call (657) 278-3487

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. ___-13-C&FC

November 6, 2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE AND NEGOTIATE THE FINAL FORM OF A NEW AGREEMENT, OR AMENDMENT TO EXISTING AGREEMENT FCI-SSA-11 AT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SOLE DISCRETION, WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY FOR FUNDING CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE 20TH ANNUAL CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN REPORT; AND, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF SUCH AGREEMENT OR AMENDMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development, the legislature adopted legislation set forth in the California Children and Families Act of 1998, Health and Safety Code Section 130100, *et seq.* (as amended, the "Act") implementing the Children and Families First Initiative passed by the California electorate in November, 1998 and establishing the California Children and Families Commission and County Children and Families Commissions, including this Children and Families Commission of Orange County ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, Commission adopted its Strategic Plan to define how funds authorized under the Act and allocated to the Commission should best be used to meet the critical needs of Orange County's children prenatal to five years of age as codified in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange has prepared a template Memorandum of Understanding for services (MOU Template); and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate a new agreement, or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion, with the County of Orange Social Services Agency to contribute \$25,000 in funding toward the development of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report, as specified in the November 6, 2013 staff report for this Agenda Item; and

WHEREAS, Commission has reviewed the staff report relating to the Scope of Services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Agreement, or Amendment to Agreement, is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Commission finds and determines the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2 Commission hereby authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the terms, conditions and final form of a new agreement, or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion, with the County of Orange Social Services Agency to contribute \$25,000 in funding toward the development of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report, as specified in the November 6, 2013 staff report and scope of services referenced therein; and

Section 3 The form of any new agreement shall be substantially similar to the form of the County's MOU Template, subject to minor, non-substantive revisions as reviewed and approved by the Executive Director or designee. The approval by the Executive Director of the new agreement, or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion, with the County of Orange Social Services Agency shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of the agreement or amendment by the Commission Chair to the Commission Clerk.

Section 4 Commission hereby approves the new agreement, or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion, with the County of Orange Social Services Agency for services related to the preparation of the 20th Annual Conditions of Children Report, for a period not to exceed one (1) year and an amount not to exceed \$25,000, as specified in the November 6, 2013 staff report for this Agenda Item.

Section 5 The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the new agreement or amendment to existing agreement FCI-SSA-11 at Executive Director's sole discretion with the County of Orange Social Services Agency on behalf of the Commission.

Section 6 A copy of the final agreement or amendment, when executed, shall be appended hereto as a part of Exhibit A to this Resolution. Exhibit A is hereby fully incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference and made a part hereof. The final executed agreement or amendment shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

Section 7 In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director (or designee) is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Service Agreement, (ii) to cause the issuance of warrants, (iii) to administer the Commission's obligations, responsibilities, and duties to be performed under such agreement, and (iv) during the term thereof to provide waivers, administrative interpretations, and minor modifications of the provisions of such agreement in the furtherance thereof.

Section 8 The Clerk of the Commission shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County on November 6, 2013 to wit:

AYES: Commissioners: _____

NOES: Commissioner(s): _____

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): _____

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) _____

CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, SUSAN NOVAK, Clerk of the Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chair of the Commission and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.

SUSAN NOVAK
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: __-13-C&FC

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the

SUSAN NOVAK, Clerk of the Commission

By: _____
Deputy

EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION

(Attach copy of final executed agreement or amendment with the County of Orange
Social Services Agency)