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Commission of Orange County

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Agenda Item No. 2  
March 4, 2009 Meeting

**DATE:** February 23, 2009  
**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County  
**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director   
**SUBJECT:** Renewal of the Special Needs Demonstration Project

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**BACKGROUND:**

Over the last four years, the Commission has participated with First 5 California in the Special Needs Demonstration Project matching fund program. Newport-Mesa Unified School District developed the "Learning, Early Intervention, and Parent Support" (LEAPS) program as Orange County's demonstration project site. Because of their expertise, LEAPS program staff has become valuable contributors to the development of similar Commission led projects such as the early developmental assessment pilot programs and strategic planning for expansion of speech and language services. First 5 California funding for the project ends at the end of the fiscal year. This agenda item requests that the grant agreement with Newport-Mesa Unified School District for the LEAPS project be extended to June 30, 2010 in order to continue to leverage their expertise in developmental screening and service programs.

**SUMMARY:**

The Special Needs Project focuses on improving school readiness for children with disabilities and other special needs by promoting strategies and practices that improve early identification and intervention for children with disabilities and other special needs. The LEAPS program has operated out of Newport Mesa Unified School District's (NMUSD) Pomona Elementary School campus and has annually served 500 families in the elementary school's catchment area in Costa Mesa, which is a low-income community with a high level of need.

The focus of LEAPS includes:

- Providing universal access to screening for early identification and referrals for physical and developmental concerns, including socio-emotional concerns;
- Improving access to and utilization of services and support through coordination of existing resources and developing supplemental resources; and
- Increasing inclusion of young children with disabilities and other special needs in appropriate preschools, child care and development centers, and other community settings with provision of support necessary to help children succeed.
- Produce evaluation results for evidence based practice.

**Project Outcomes** - In order to meet the multi-faceted needs of children and families, LEAPS has developed and strengthened relationships with community partners; a comprehensive screening protocol has been established; and a large number of individuals among the project partners have been trained on pre-referral intervention planning and the use of developmental screening tools. One direct result of the project has been that developmental screenings and referral follow-up, based on the LEAPS model, is now conducted by NMUSD district-wide in their school-based preschools.

Through the LEAPS project, data has been collected on child screening that has assisted Orange County in understanding the ages of children screened, the outcomes of the screening at differing ages, and the additional assessments and / or services identified to address the needs of the participating children. Data related to these questions is provided in Attachment 1.

**FY 09/10 Recommended Project Funding and Scope** – The Special Needs Demonstration Project was a matching fund program with fifty percent of annual project funds (\$500,000) committed from First 5 California (\$250,000) and fifty percent through the local contribution (\$250,000). Additional match for the project has been provided through the Commission's investments in the School Nurse Initiative, Family Support Network, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Pediatric Health Neurodevelopment Programs.

The LEAPS Community Action Planning Team (CAPT) has reviewed program outcomes and has developed priorities for the continuation of strategies, dependent on funding availability. The CAPT includes representatives from NMUSD, Commission, Regional Center of Orange County, American Academy of Pediatrics, Help Me Grow, Family Support Network, and families. A core strategy recommended for continuation includes the Preschool Child Study Teams. Each of three Child Study Teams, which includes special education staff with preschool expertise and LEAPS staff, assist preschool site teams (including a School Nurse and Preschool Teacher) in designing and monitoring interventions for children demonstrating signs of potential developmental concerns.

Due to their expertise in developmental screening and services, it is recommended that a Speech and Language early intervention component be added to the LEAPS demonstration project core service. This will allow local experience in integrating this service strategy at a district, consistent with the Commission's interest in expanding speech / language services in Orange County. A final component of the recommended scope is to add funds for teacher compensation so that NMUSD can participate in the second year of the Early Development Index (EDI) Pilot which was previously funded by the Commission and is currently being implemented with the University of California, Los Angeles Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities. The EDI provides a baseline community assessment for the entering kindergarten population and can help track community progress for school readiness outcomes.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY**

The proposed action has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with both the Ready to Learn and Healthy Children goals. \$484,000 will be included in the proposed Ready to Learn, FY 2009/10 budget for this project.

**PRIOR COMMISSION ACTION:**

- April 2, 2008 – Authorized extension of the Special Needs Demonstration Project grant.
- December 1, 2004 – Authorized agreement with California First 5 for participation in the Special Needs Demonstration Project and Newport Mesa Unified School District for the LEAPS demonstration project.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Adopt resolution (Attachment 3) authorizing the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate a Third Amendment to Agreement # FCI-SR-20 with Newport Mesa Unified School District extending the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2010, and adding an additional amount not to exceed \$484,000 for a new contract maximum obligation of \$2,129,089.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. LEAPS Community Action Planning Team Meeting Data Report, FY 2005 – 2008.
2. LEAPS FY 2009/10 Proposed Scope and Budget
3. Resolution authorizing amending LEAPS agreement # FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District

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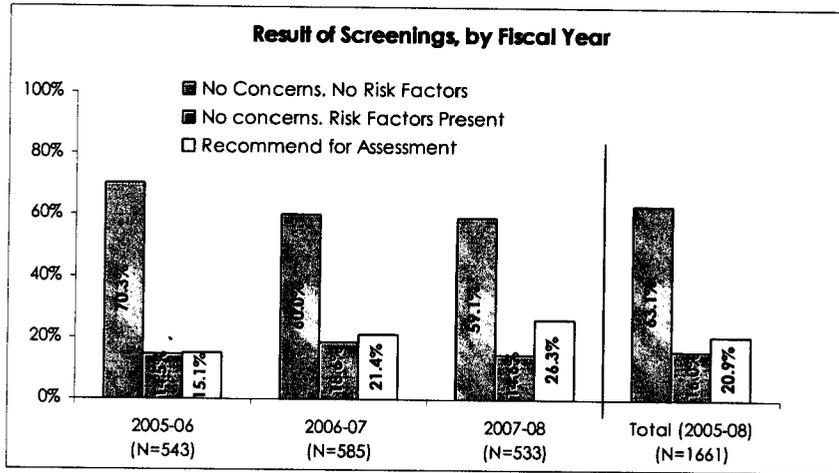
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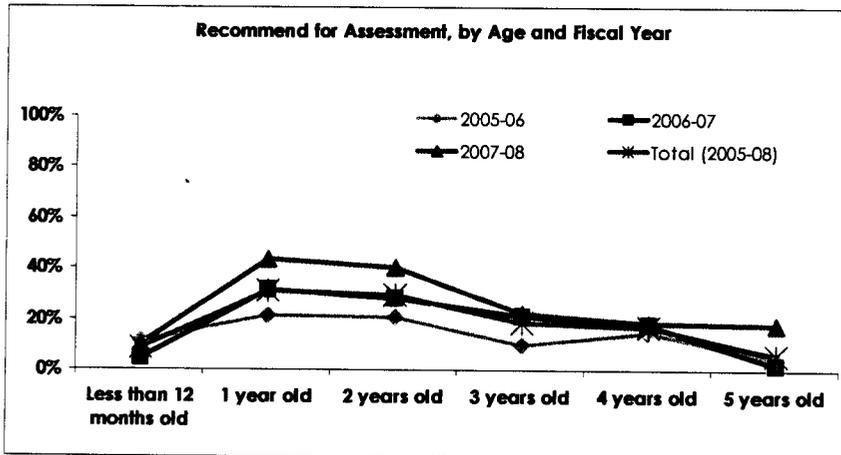
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2005 – 2008 Program Data

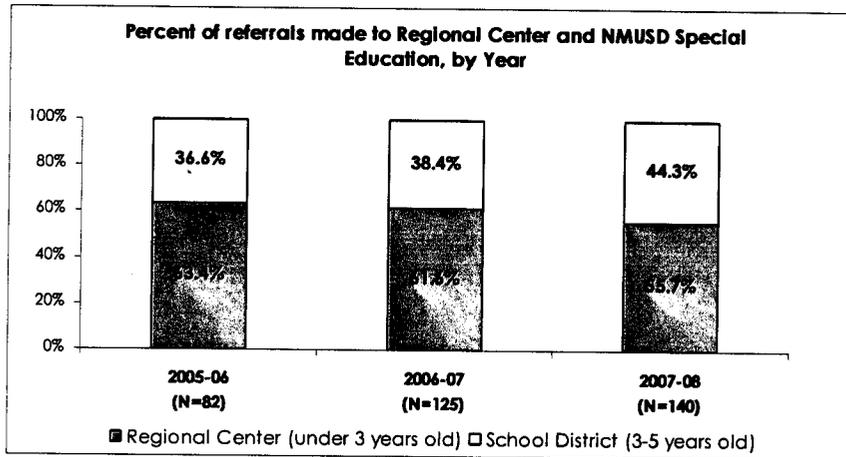
# Screening Results



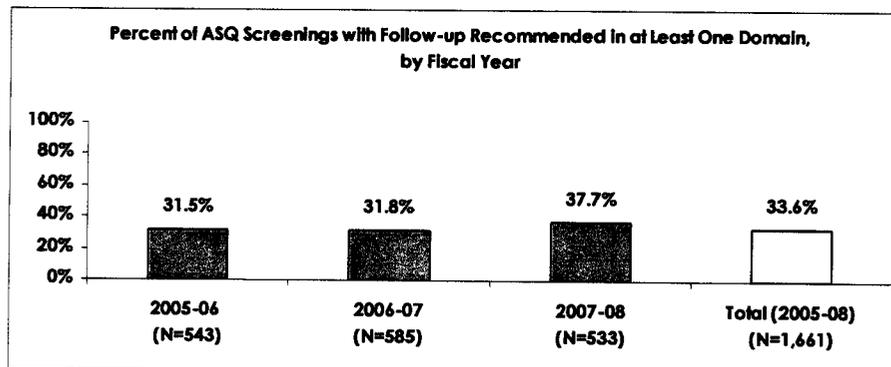
# Ages of children recommended for assessment



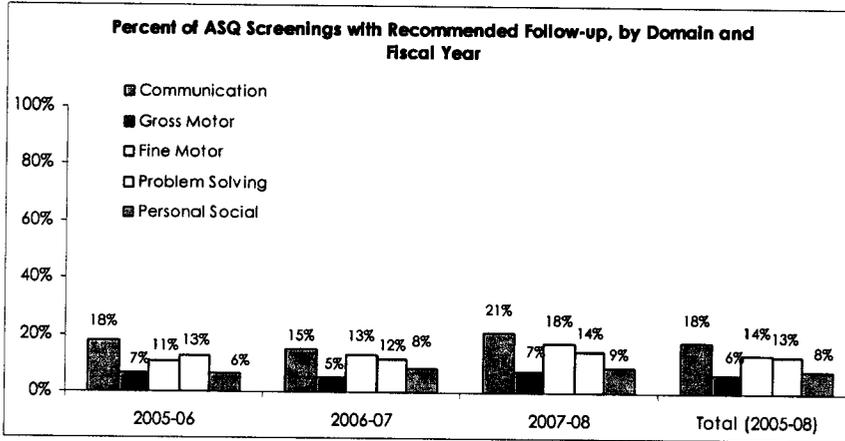
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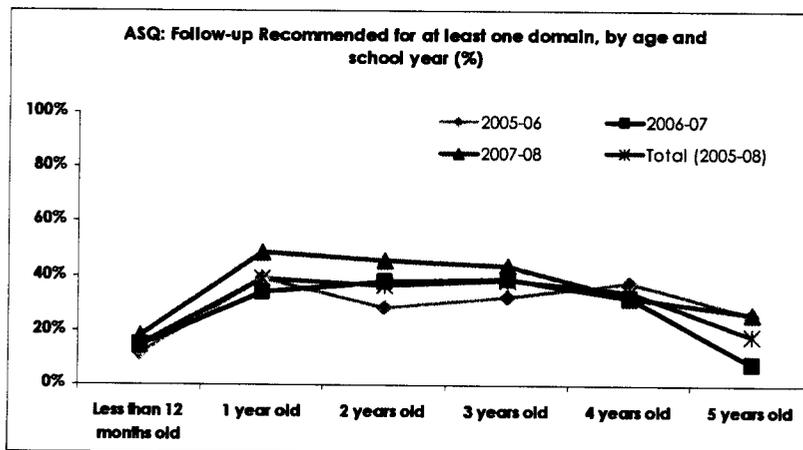
## ASQ: Recommended Follow-ups



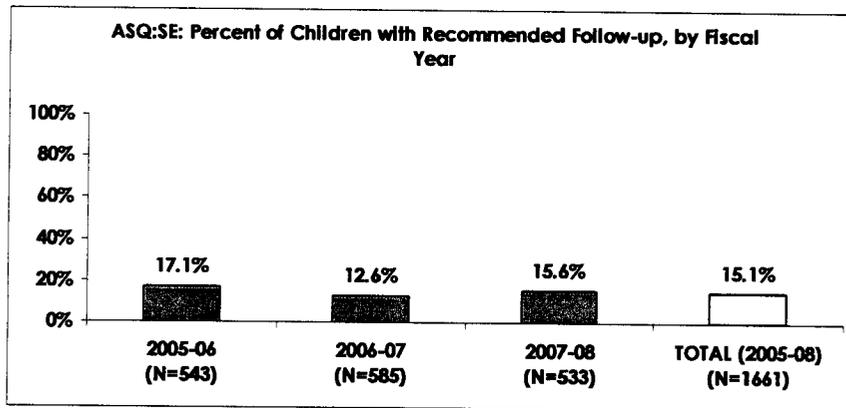
## ASQ: Recommended follow-up, by domain



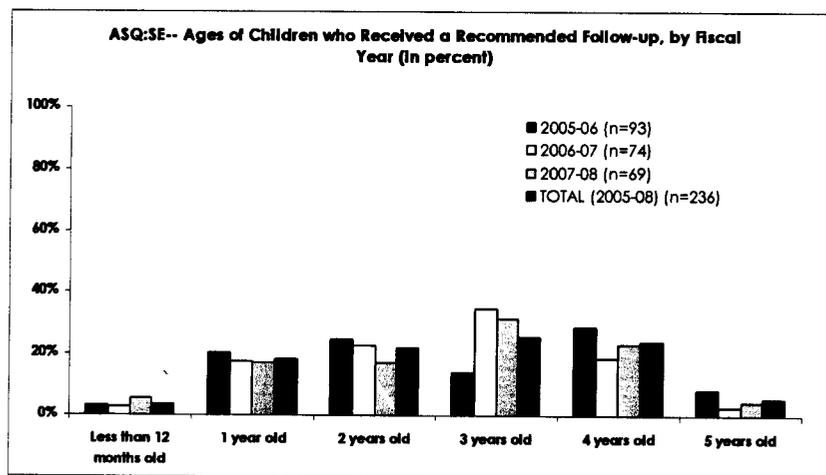
## ASQ: Ages of children recommended for follow-up



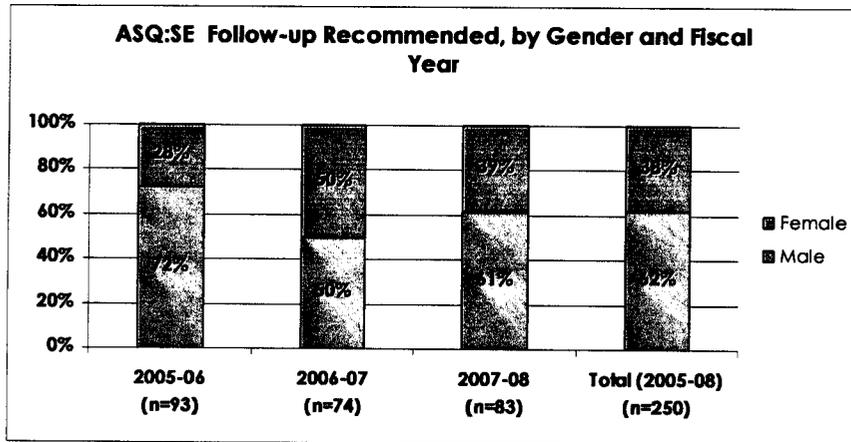
## ASQ:SE: Recommended for follow-up



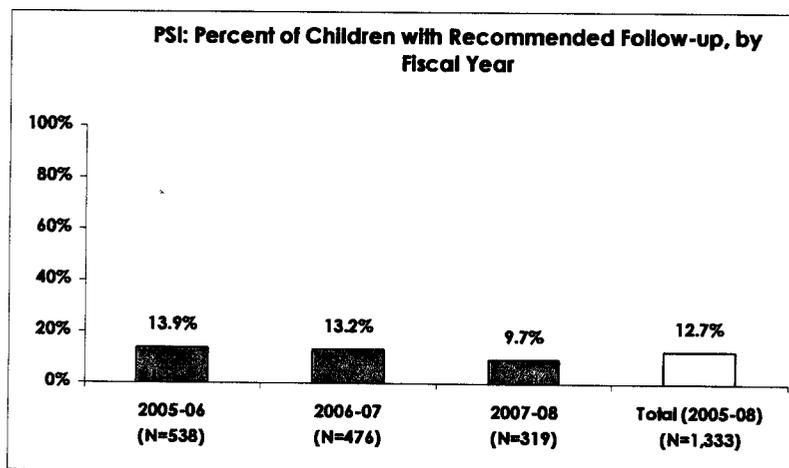
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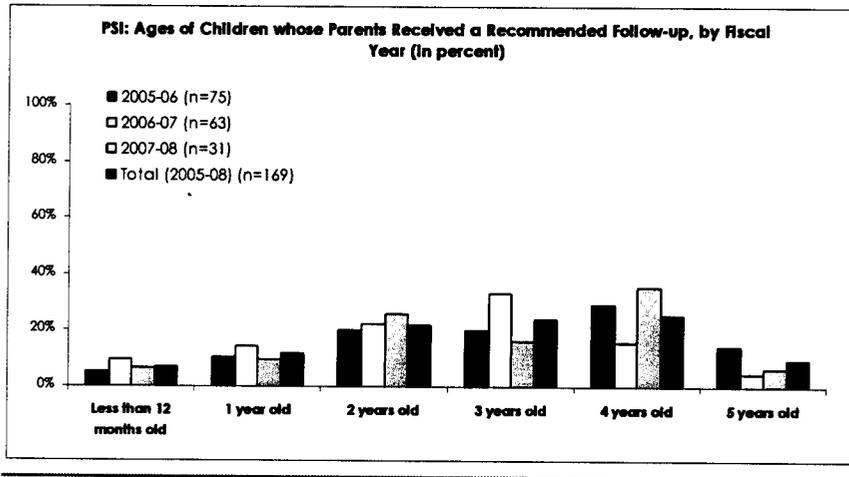
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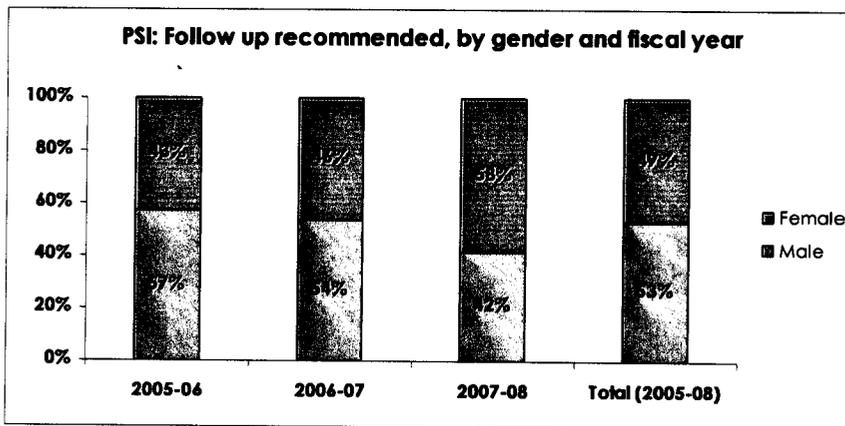
## PSI: Recommended for follow-up



## PSI: Ages of children whose parents had recommended follow-up



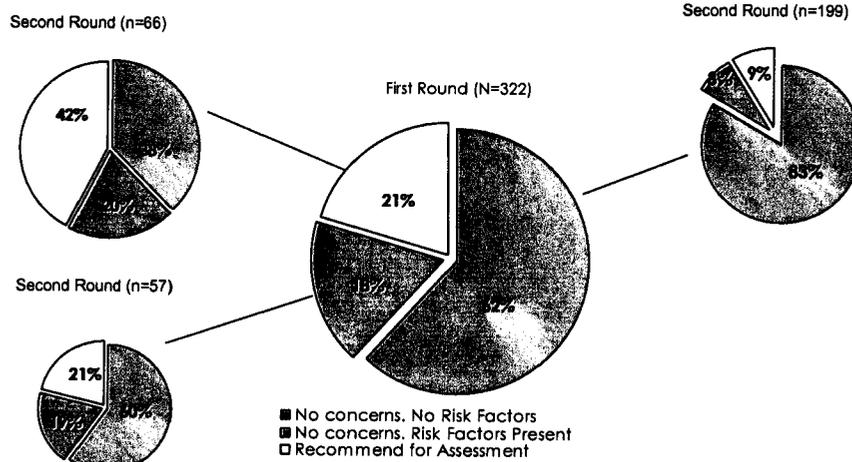
## PSI: Gender of children whose parents were recommended for follow-up



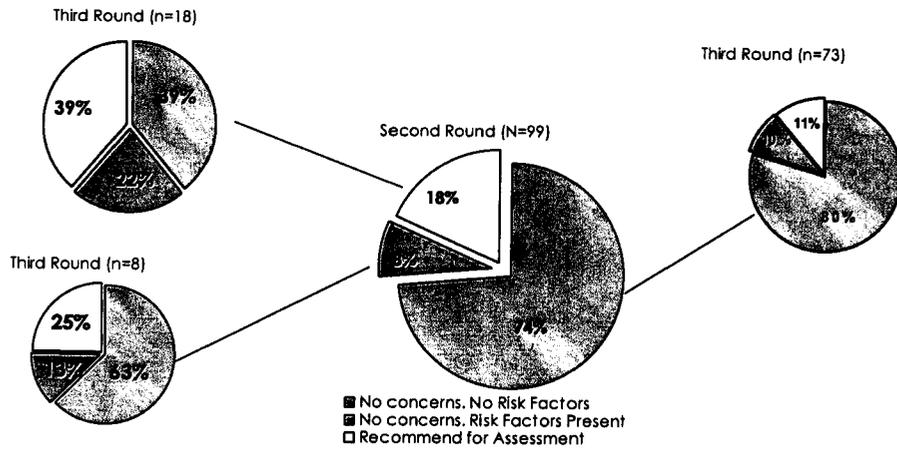
## Number of Children Receiving Screens and Rescreens

First Round	1,064
Second Round	322
Third Round	99
Fourth Round	42
Fifth Round	12
Sixth Round	1

## Result of First and Second Round Screening



# Result of Second and Third Round Screening



## LEAPS FY 2009/10 Proposed Scope and Budget

<b>Scope</b>	<b>Position / Role</b>	<b>Costs *</b>
LEAPS Core Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Nurse / Project Coordinator - Lead Child Study Teams; Participate in Commission's developmental planning projects</li> <li>• School-Community Facilitator - Direct case management; assist with speech and language intervention**</li> <li>• Health Assistant - Screening and referrals; Assist documentation of screening and referrals</li> <li>• Early Intervention Specialist (Behavioral) – Provide direct intervention to at-risk students; Participate in Child Study Team</li> </ul>	\$381,000
Speech / Language - Demonstration Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech-Language Pathology Assistant - Provide direct intervention to at-risk students; lead six 10-week session of speech and language intervention</li> </ul>	\$85,000
Early Development Index Pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher compensation for participation in Year 2 of the EDI pilot.</li> </ul>	\$18,000
<b>CONTRACT TOTAL</b>		<b>\$484,000</b>

\* Includes indirect costs. Staff costs include benefits

\*\* Hanen speech / language intervention - ("You Make A Difference")

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_-09-C&FC**

**March 4, 2009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION COUNSEL TO PREPARE AND ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION OF ORANGE COUNTY AND NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

**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**, on December 1, 2004, the Commission authorized Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, to provide Learning, Early Intervention and Parent Support (LEAPS) Project services promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2007, the Commission authorized a First Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, to provide additional funding for increased LEAPS Project services promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2008, the Commission authorized a Second Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, to provide additional funding for increased LEAPS Project services promoting the purposes of the Act and the Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission desires to authorize the Executive Director or designee to negotiate the terms and final form of a Third Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, to add an amount not to exceed \$484,000 for a new maximum payment obligation not to exceed \$2,129,089, extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2010, and to allow carry-forward of any unexpended state and local allocated funds for a given year within the contract term under the same general terms and conditions of the original agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission has reviewed the staff report for the March 4, 2009 Commission meeting relating to the scope of services to be provided and hereby finds and determines that the proposed Amendment is in furtherance of and consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Commission desires to authorize the Commission Chair and Commission Clerk to enter into an Amendment to Agreement No. FCI-SR-20 to add \$484,000 for a revised total maximum payment obligation of \$2,129,089 and extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2010.

**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 authorizes the Executive Director and Commission Counsel to prepare and negotiate the final form of a Third Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District to add an amount not to exceed \$484,000 for a new maximum payment obligation not to exceed \$2,129,089, extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2010, and to allow carry-forward of any unexpended state and local allocated funds for a given year within the contract term to provide LEAPS Project services consistent with the staff report for the March 4, 2009 Commission meeting and the scope of services referenced therein;

**Section 3** Commission hereby approves the Third Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, to add an amount not to exceed \$484,000 for a new maximum payment obligation not to exceed \$2,129,089, extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2010, and to allow carry-forward of any unexpended state and local allocated funds for a given year within the contract term to provide LEAPS Project services in support of the Act and the Strategic Plan as specified in the March 4, 2009 staff report.

**Section 4** The Commission Chair and the Clerk of the Commission are hereby authorized to execute and attest, respectively, the Amendment on behalf of the Commission.

**Section 5** A copy of the final Third Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, when executed by the Commission Chair and attested by the Clerk of the Commission 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 Amendment to Agreement shall be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of the Commission.

**Section 6** In addition to the authorization of Section 2 above, the Executive Director (or his designee) is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Commission, (i) to sign all documents necessary and appropriate to carry out and implement the Amendment, (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 7** 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 March 4, 2009 to wit:

AYES Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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CHAIR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)  
  )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, 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.

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DARLENE J. BLOOM  
Clerk of the Commission, Children and Families Commission of  
Orange County, County of Orange, State of California

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

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

**EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION OF COMMISSION**

(Attach copy of final executed Amendment to Agreement FCI-SR-20 with the Newport Mesa  
Unified School District)