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**Agenda Item No. 2**  
**June 27, 2007 Meeting**

**DATE:** June 14, 2007  
**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County  
**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director   
**SUBJECT:** Performance Outcomes Measurement System (POMS) Quarterly Report,  
"Strong Families"

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The Commission 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 that includes both process and outcome measures that are established in the short, intermediate, and long term. In addition, the evaluation framework includes both Commission-wide and initiative-specific evaluations along with the development of community-wide data. Evaluation results are communicated through reports that are presented to the Commission and its grantees and posted on the Commission's web site.

One of 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. "Strong Families" is the focus of the June Quarterly Performance Report.

**STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:**

The proposed report has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Commission's Strong Families goal, among others. This agenda item does not include a funding request.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive "Strong Families" Quarterly Performance Report.

**Attachment:**

"Strong Families" Quarterly Performance Report

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# Quarterly Performance Report

## Focus Area: Strong Families

### June 2007



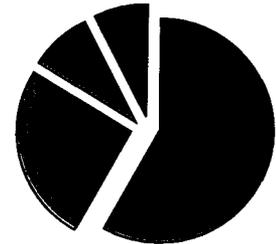
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### Budget by Goal Area (\$41.7 million in program spending)

#### Orange County Fast Facts

- 262,229 Children ages 0-5 (2000 Census)
- 45,345 Total births (2003 Data)
- 98,845 Children ages 0-5 directly touched by services – 38% of children 0-5
- 105 Organizations providing services
- 72 Commission-funded programs

- 58% Healthy Children
- 26% Ready to Learn
- 9% Capacity Building
- 7% Strong Families



#### Strong Families Fast Facts

- 21,028 Shelter bed nights provided to women and their children
- 7,140 Home visits conducted, providing parenting education, support, and case management
- 1,803 Children provided transportation to services
- 1,218 In-home counseling sessions provided to children and parents
- 1,120 Counseling group sessions held to support families
- 624 Children determined to be up-to-date on their immunizations
- 548 Children given developmental screenings
- 366 Classes or individual sessions held to improve parenting and life skills
- 245 Home safety inspections completed
- 35 Mothers participated in substance abuse treatment meetings

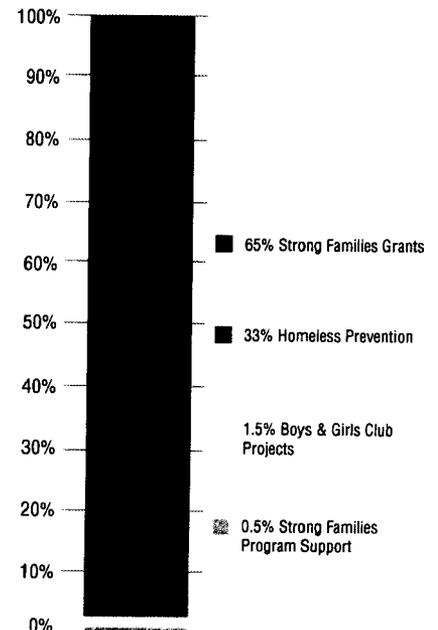
### Focus Area: Strong Families Programs \$2,885,173

Program	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Strong Families Program Grants	\$1,867,834	1,640	1,837
Homeless Prevention	963,034	57	90
Boys & Girls Club Projects	42,529	*	*
Strong Families Program Support	11,776	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,885,173</b>	<b>1,697</b>	<b>1,927</b>

\*The Boys and Girls Club Project began in March 2006. Numbers of children and families served will be provided in the FY 2006-07 reporting period.

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### Strong Families Program Expenditures (\$2,885,173 – 7% of Total Expenditures)



## **Strong Families Program Summaries**

Safe and stable homes are critical for children to reach their full potential upon entering school. The Commission partners with several shelters as well HomeAid Orange County to provide housing and support services so that homeless families can stay together in a stable and supportive environment as they work their way back into productive roles in mainstream society. Following are some of the highlights of this work in 2005-06.

### **Precious Life Shelter**

Precious Life Shelter is a structured, supportive residential program that helps homeless pregnant women deliver safe and healthy babies, and learn parenting skills. Women and their children can stay at the shelter up to two years. Problems with arranging and transporting children to day care have historically been barriers to success in the job market for these women. Precious Life Shelter created a unique program to offer child care onsite at the shelter. In 2005-06, six women graduated from the program. They left with full-time jobs and money saved for transportation, housing and insurance. One family was reunited with other children in the public system. One woman got her AA degree; another completed her teaching credential at California State University, Fullerton. The security of quality child care and a safe and supportive living environment played a major role in their success.

### **Casa Teresa**

In October 2006, Casa Teresa added 12 new shelter beds. Casa Teresa provides housing for homeless, single working mothers and their children as they work toward revitalizing their lives in preparation for becoming self-sufficient. This extensive rehabilitation of Casa Teresa's apartment complex, which was completed by HomeAid Orange County, doubled the number of available beds and families that can be helped.

### **Orange County Rescue Mission, Strong Beginnings**

Strong Beginnings is an outreach case management based program developed to give a homeless individual or family or a family at-risk of becoming homeless a path to permanent housing. Strong Beginnings has developed a comprehensive outreach to motels throughout the county, using the effective strategy of taking services to people, eliminating transportation barriers, and increasing access to resources. This fiscal year, 20 families ended their homelessness, making the transition to permanent housing.

### **Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service**

Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service operates the New Vista Transitional Living Center for homeless families with dependent children. This program provides case management, counseling and Life Skills training on topics such as parenting, nutrition, money management, and other life skills that will help the families gain independence. In January 2006, a 1,900 square foot addition was opened which can accommodate four additional families, bringing the total bed count for New Vista to 48. This expansion was also completed in partnership with HomeAid Orange County.