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Agenda Item No. 2
July 2, 2008 Meeting

DATE: June 23, 2008

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: **Performance Outcomes Measurement System (POMS) Quarterly Report, "Strong Families"**

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 July 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

Contact: Alyce Mastrianni

Quarterly Performance Report

Focus Area: Strong Families

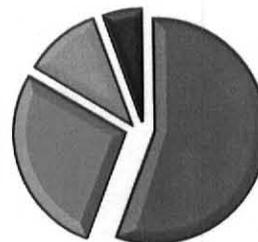
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Budget by Goal Area (\$45.3 million in program spending)

- 56% Healthy Children
- 29% Ready to Learn
- 10% Capacity Building
- 5% Strong Families



Orange County Fast Facts

- 41,905 total births (2005 Data)
- 262, 229 children ages 0 - 5 (2000 Census)
- 100,753 children ages 0 - 5 directly touched by services - 38% of children 0 - 5
- 128 Commission-funded programs
- 117 organizations providing services

Strong Families Fast Facts

- 37,763 shelter bed nights provided to pregnant women or families with young children
- 5,347 home visits provided to promote child health and safety
- 2,960 case management meetings provided for families at risk for homelessness
- 2,059 in-home counseling sessions provided for 290 adults and/or children
- 1,981 children provided transportation to increase access to health services
- 1,054 children enrolled in the Healthy Tomorrows early care and education program
- 451 children newly connected to a health home, 102 of whom were homeless children
- 182 children screened for health and developmental milestones
- 116 shelter residents enrolled in educational programs
- 49 pregnant women referred for prenatal care

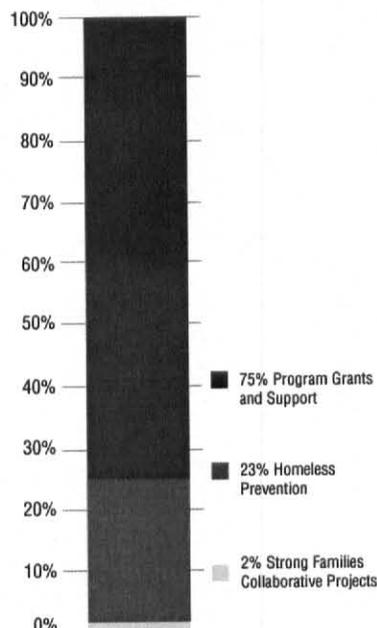
Strong Families - \$2,518,130

Program	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Homeless Prevention	\$587,035	54	80
Strong Families Collaborative Projects	55,184	269	203
Program Grants and Support*	1,875,911	1,193	1,209
Total	\$2,518,130	1,516	1,492

*Includes homeless prevention projects.

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Allocation of Strong Families Expenditures



Strong Families Program Summaries

Child Guidance Center

Child Guidance Center's therapists are trained in the Parent-Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT) program, which is an early intervention, evidence-based program targeted to families with children at-risk for child abuse. During 2006-07, Child Guidance Center developed training protocol and cross-trained two of their Mental Health therapists in PCIT methodology, allowing for Medi-Cal funded PCIT services. Child Guidance Center also added two PCIT rooms at its Santa Ana facility.

VNA Foundation of Orange County

Over fifteen community agencies referred families to the VNA Foundation's Parent-Infant Support Program during 2006-07. Families referred may have a history of domestic violence, child abuse, special medical needs of the child, or drug/alcohol abuse. This year more than 30 families participated in the Program, where professional staff work with families to cover a wide range of topics including nutrition, the importance of a "medical home" and preventative health care, risks associated with alcohol and substance abuse, child abuse, and linkage to community resources.

Western Youth Services

Western Youth Services (WYS) provides mental health services for young children who are seriously emotionally disturbed or at risk for becoming seriously emotionally disturbed. These services range from assessments to crisis intervention, individual and family therapy, and collaboration with preschools to ensure the children's success.

WYS is able to access a Federal Medicaid program known in California as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) through a collaborative agreement with the County of Orange Health Care Agency. Because WYS is a qualified provider and eligible to bill for EPSDT funds, they can leverage the Commission funding, maximize the revenue available, and increase sustainability of mental health services for young children.

In 2006-07, WYS increased the number of staff available to work with children ages 0 - 5, adding two clinical staff members, a case manager and a psychology intern (previously there were a single program coordinator and a single clinical staff). This allowed the program to serve 114 children and provide 4,144 hours of mental health services.