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Agenda Item No. 2
December 3, 2008 Meeting

DATE: **November 19, 2008**

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Quarterly Performance Report – Focus Area: Healthy Children**

SUMMARY:
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. "Healthy Children" is the focus of the December Quarterly Performance Report. Programs funded within the Healthy Children goal area includes the Bridges for Newborns Program, Community Clinics, Children's Dental and School Nurses.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:
The proposed report has been specifically reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan and is consistent with the Commission's Capacity Building goal, among others. This agenda item does not include a funding request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive FY 07/08 Quarterly Performance Report - Focus Area: Healthy Children

ATTACHMENT:
FY 07/08 Quarterly Performance Report – Focus Area: Healthy Children

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Quarterly Performance Report

Focus Area: Healthy Children

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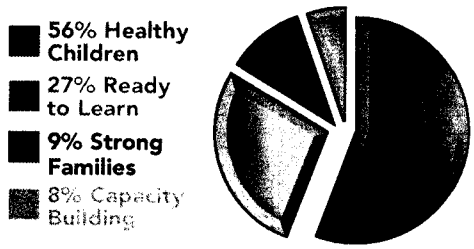
Budget by Goal Area
($54.4 million in program spending)



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

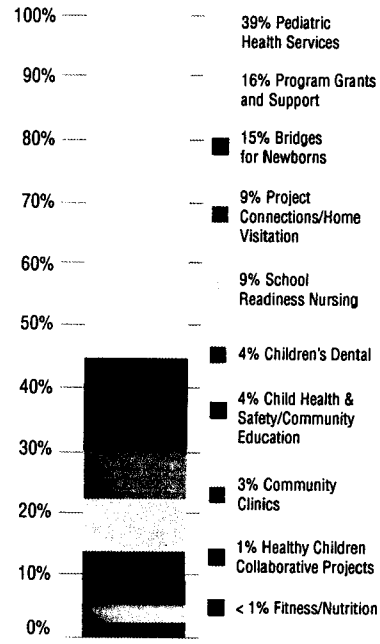
Healthy Children Fast Facts

- 49,734 families received children's health-related home visits
- 46,681 children received health screenings (e.g. vision, hearing, health status)
- 33,422 children screened for developmental milestones
- 27,831 Kits for New Parents distributed
- 18,182 children assisted with a health insurance application
- 16,400 children screened for dental health; 4,457 dental clinic visits provided
- 14,063 well-child visits provided; 4,728 sick child visits provided
- 11,190 children connected to a medical home
- 4,903 home safety checks completed
- 1,576 children or families received behavioral health assessment

Healthy Children Programs – $30,594,515

Program	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Bridges for Newborns	$4,559,742	28,025	32,050
Child Health & Safety/ Community Education	1,146,601	553	1,450
Community Clinics	955,905	3,176	318
Fitness/Nutrition	256,372	--	632
Children's Dental	1,209,711	5,888	2,389
Pediatric Health Services	11,904,766	28,391	35,321
Project Connections/ Home Visitation	2,653,670	2,354	3,665
School Readiness Nursing	2,720,304	11,743	6,885
Program Grants and Support	4,847,647	9,669	6,653
Healthy Children Collaborative Projects	339,797	63	226
Healthy Children Total	**$30,594,515**	**89,862**	**89,589**

Allocation of Healthy Children Expenditures



Fiscal Year 2007/08

Healthy Children Program Summaries

The Commission provides for prevention and early intervention services for Orange County's youngest children. By investing in children's health and development now, the Commission is helping to avoid costly problems in years to come. Many of the prevention and early intervention initiatives are implemented across several programs. This multi-disciplinary approach increases the breadth and depth of impact to targeted children and families, improving children's health and in turn, their capacity for early learning.

Developmental Screenings

Orange County's provider community has a priority for all young children to receive developmental and behavioral baseline screenings at milestone ages with linkage to appropriate services, in order to provide early intervention services and optimize each child's development. Commission-funded programs providing developmental screenings include School Readiness Nurses, American Academy of Pediatrics, Family Support Network, Help Me Grow, LEAPS and the Pediatric Health Service Programs.

In 2007-2008, Commission-funded School Readiness Nurses continued to use the Ages and Stages developmental screening tool to ensure children receive evidence-based screening and early intervention. They screened over 11,000 children ages 0-5 for developmental milestones. Using this same tool, Family Support Network screened almost 1,200 children at 21 community screening events, including four screenings held in collaboration with the LEAPS special needs demonstration project. Children identified with severe delays were referred for comprehensive services and children with less severe delays were linked with early intervention services.

Further, Help Me Grow promoted the use of the Ages and Stages screening tool by medical providers, providing training at 46 provider offices. Help Me Grow's developmental screening pilot was implemented at four pediatric provider sites, with four more planned to participate in 2008-2009—thanks to recruitment support by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Health Access

The Commission is interested in increasing health insurance coverage for children, increasing the number of children with a medical home, and promoting appropriate utilization of health care services. Services are funded in a variety of accessible community settings including hospitals, schools, clinics, family resource centers, home visits, and community events. Due in part to these efforts, children ages birth to five are more likely to be insured than older children. For example, by the time they graduate, 100% of children in home visitation programs have a regular source of ongoing health care.

This year, Health Access Teams based at eight family resource centers enrolled 2,499 children in health insurance; linked 2,283 children to a health care provider; and made 13,365 referrals to appropriate community resources. School Readiness Nurses assisted 1,594 children with health insurance enrollment. Overall in 2007-2008, after participating in Commission funded programs, 33% more children had a regular medical home and 17% more had health insurance.

Dental Care

Tooth decay is the most prevalent health problem in children, ahead of asthma, hay fever and diabetes. For this reason, the Commission funded Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County to provide access to pediatric dental care including dental screenings, fluoride varnish treatments, and oral health education. In 2007-2008, Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County and St. Joseph's Pediatric Dental Collaborative provided 4,457 dental clinic visits to children ages five and under.

Many of the Healthy Smiles services were carried out in partnership with other Commission grantees. For example, twelve school districts participated in the Commission's spring health fair campaign which included collaboration with Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County. Through these fairs, dental screens were provided to 375 children. Infants and toddlers in home visitation collaborative programs were also connected with a pediatric dental provider. And over 40 children involved in the homeless prevention programs received dental care.