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DATE: October 25, 2009

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Ten Year Community Investment Report

SUMMARY:

February 2010 marks the ten year anniversary of the first investment made by the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. Proposition 10 passed in 1998 and the Commission adopted its first Strategic Plan in February 2000 embarking on a mission to provide leadership, funding and support for programs that achieve the vision that all children are healthy and ready to succeed when they enter school. To mark the significant achievements the Commission has made over the past ten years, staff will be developing a comprehensive evaluation report.

Background

Staff proposes developing an overall evaluation report and strategy to highlight how the Commission has strengthened Orange County children and families. The report will coincide with the anniversary of the Commission's ten years of funding programs. Five different areas will be the focus of the analysis. The report will identify how the Commission has impacted each area resulting in a system-wide change in the landscape of services and support for young children in Orange County.

The Commission will report on each of the goal areas and the following dimensions:

- **Services to Children and Families** – Direct impact of Commission-funded programs on children and families.
- **Workforce** – How the Commission developed an expanded network of health and education professionals who are committed to serving young children.
- **Community** – How the Commission has strengthened communities with more volunteers and partnerships to support young children.
- **Agencies** – How the Commission helped launch or expand organizations committed to serving young children.
- **Financial Strength & Investments** – How the Commission managed this growth while building a solid platform for sustainable services.

Staff is beginning work on the report through the collection of key indicators and will provide regular updates to the Commission.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

The development of the evaluation report will be done to reflect the Commission's priorities and will report against outcomes and indicators included in the Strategic Plan. The report will be accomplished with existing budgetary and staffing resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and file the report on the Commission's proposed ten year impact report.

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