

**Agenda Item 4
December 3, 2014**

DATE: November 14, 2014

TO: Children and Families Commission of Orange County

FROM: Christina Altmayer, Executive Director

SUBJECT: The 20th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County**SUMMARY:**

The Children and Families Commission supports the development of countywide indicator reports to inform the Commission's work related to the healthy development and school readiness of Orange County children. The Commission has co-sponsored the development and distribution of the Annual Report on the Conditions of Children with the County of Orange through the Orange County Children's Partnership. This staff report includes information on the release of the 20th Annual Report and provides recommendations related to the production of future reports.

DISCUSSION:

Since 1993, the Orange County Children's Partnership has sponsored the Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County. The Orange County Children's Partnership is a formal advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors. This year, Commission staff has supported and championed the Partnership's review of the Conditions of Children Report to strengthen how the report helps to achieve its mission to "advance more responsive services that effectively meet the needs of children and families in Orange County communities". An executive committee of the Partnership was established to direct the redesign effort including the following areas of consensus for change:

- Focus more on outcomes (as opposed to services)
- Prioritize, streamline, and improve the quality of the current indicators
- Ensure indicators and data are presented in context of the County's population
- Produce a report that is more streamlined and actionable

The 20th Annual Report was received to the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on October 21, 2014. Attachment 1 includes the presentation of select indicators relevant to young children from birth to 5 years of age.

Since the Annual Report has been tracking and monitoring the well-being of children for the past 20 years, this report includes a 20-year retrospective on a few of the indicators where comparable data was available. Identified improvements include children's access to health care, the decline in the percent of preterm births, a decrease in the teen birth rate, as well as a decline in the infant mortality rate. There has also been a significant increases in the rate of child poverty and obesity.

The historical perspective also presents reflections on what has impacted trends in regards to policy, legislation, budgets, programming and collaborative efforts, including the creation of the Children and Families Commission of Orange County. In addition to distribution of the hard copy publication, the report is available online at: <http://ochealthinfo.com/occp/report>. Five community

forums have been scheduled to present the report to the community. The first forum was convened on November 13, 2014 with Supervisor Janet Nguyen in the First District.

Future Conditions of Children Reports

Development of the Conditions of Children Report has been co-sponsored and co-funded by the County of Orange through the Social Services Agency (SSA), and the Commission. The 20th Annual Report marks the conclusion of the County's partnership with Orangewood Children's Foundation and California State University, Fullerton to produce the report. Their three-year contract term will conclude in February 2015 and they did not submit a proposal for continuing the effort during the recent SSA solicitation.

Due to the Commission's continuing role in co-sponsoring the development of the Conditions Report, along with the Commission's recent leadership in the redesign of the report format, SSA has requested that the Commission take the lead in development of the report for the next three years. The Social Services Agency has proposed a three year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission and SSA.

Assuming responsibility for the Annual Report on Conditions of Children in Orange County aligns with the Commission's Strategic Plan and three year Business Plan approved in April. This responsibility provides further recognition of the Commission's strong competency in evaluation as well as leadership in understanding the key issues and trends affecting young children in Orange County.

Staff requests Commission approval to execute an MOU with SSA that would authorize the following:

1. MOU for Scope of Work and Funding - The Social Services Agency would seek authority to transfer their current report funding commitment of approximately \$113,000 per year to the Commission for completion of a scope of work related to each year's annual report development, production and release.
2. Commission Funding Commitment – In April 2014, the Commission approved a \$25,000 annual contribution for the development of the 21st and 22nd Annual Conditions of Children Reports (\$50,000 two-year total). The Commission's contribution was authorized to be paid to the County Social Services Agency. This designated funding would need to be reallocated from payment to the County to payment to the Commission's selected evaluation consultant(s) for production of the report.
3. Qualified Project Management – The Commission would contract with a qualified evaluation consultant or consultants for management and implementation of the full scope of the project, as would be authorized in the Conditions of Children Report MOU. In October 2014, the Commission approved a panel of qualified on-call consultants for providing evaluation support and services for the Commission. One of the areas identified in the Commission's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for evaluation services *included developing, compiling, and preparing countywide assessment and reports to provide an overview of the present and emerging needs of children and their families.* Twelve consultants/firms were qualified for this category of services. Commission will solicit proposals from these qualified consultants to

prepare the 21st, 22nd and 23rd editions of the Annual Report on Conditions of Children in Orange County, consistent with the executed scope of work.

Staff would return to the Commission for the February 2015 scheduled meeting to request authorization to enter contracts with the recommended evaluation consultants. The MOU for the Conditions of Children Report, or other selected vehicle for agreement, along with the consultant contract(s) are targeted to be executed by March 2015 to allow for timely production of the 21st Annual Conditions of Children Report.

STRATEGIC PLAN & FISCAL SUMMARY:

This action has specifically been reviewed in relation to the Strategic Plan, and is consistent with the Capacity Building goal. The funding received from the Social Services Agency will be added to the Commission FY 2014/15 budget, and expenditures will be allocated to the evaluation line item within the Capacity Building goal area.

PRIOR COMMISSION ACTIONS:

- October 2014 – Authorized panel of qualified on-call evaluation consultants
- May 2014 – Authorized funding for the 21st and 22nd Conditions of Children Reports
- November 2013 – Received 19th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2013 and authorize funding

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. Receive the Summary: 20th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2014 (Attachment 1).
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee and Commission Counsel to negotiate an agreement with the County of Orange Social Services Agency to receive an annual payment estimated at \$113,000 to develop the Conditions of Children Report for FY 2015/16, with a renewal option for two additional years. The County of Orange Social Services Agency's maximum three-year obligation is estimated to not exceed \$339,000.
3. Approve reallocating \$50,000, approved in April 2014 for the development of the 21st and 22nd Conditions of Children Report, from the County of Orange Social Services Agency to a selected evaluation consultant(s).

ATTACHMENT:

1. Summary: 20th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2014

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The 20th Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County, 2014

Sponsored by the
Orange County Children's Partnership
Supervisor Janet Nguyen, Chair

Supported by

- ❖ Orange County Social Services Agency
- ❖ Children and Families Commission of Orange County
- ❖ Orange County Health Care Agency

Produced by

- ❖ Orangewood Children's Foundation
- ❖ California State University, Fullerton,
Center for Community Collaboration





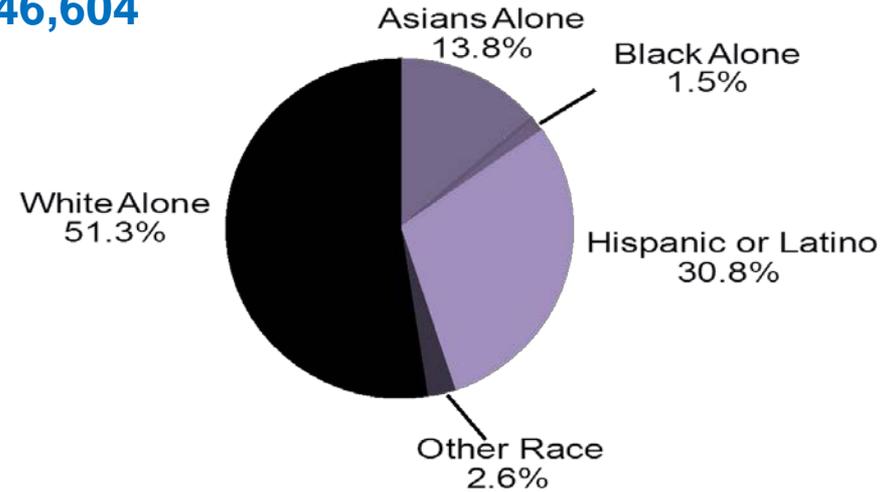
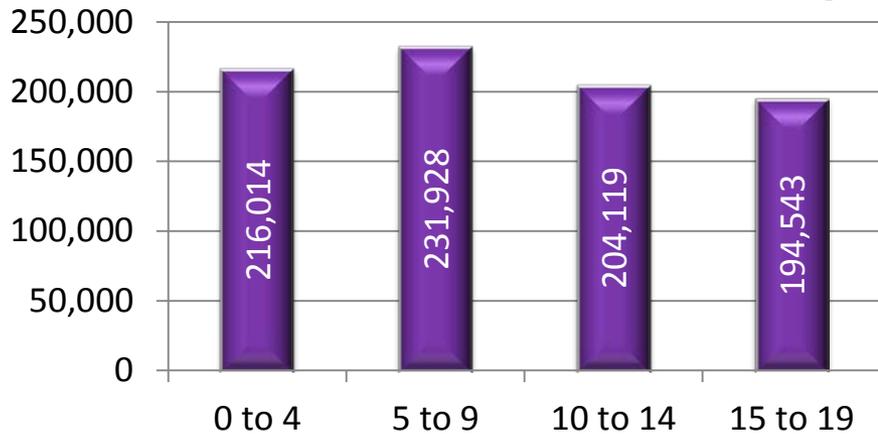
Children's Demographics

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PERCENT OF RACE AND ETHNICITY

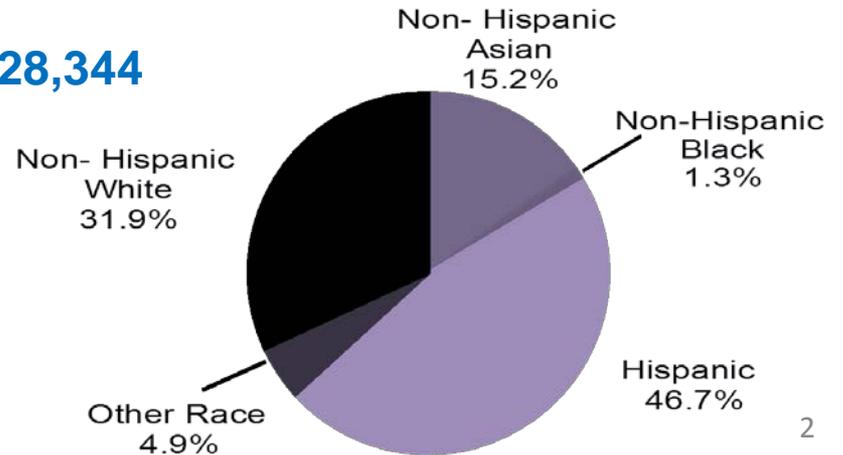
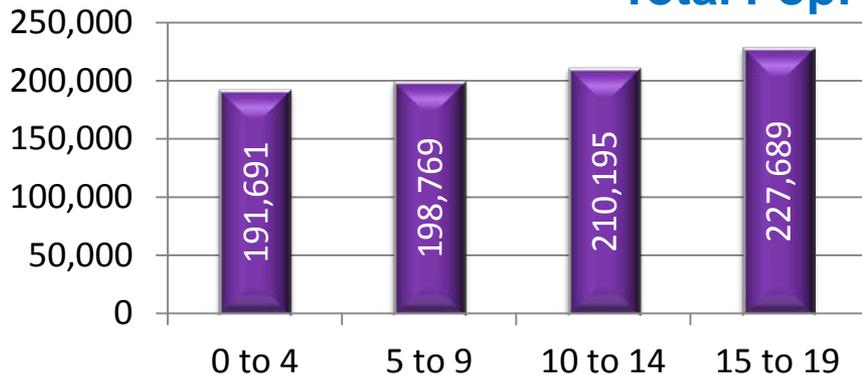
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Total Pop: 846,604



2010

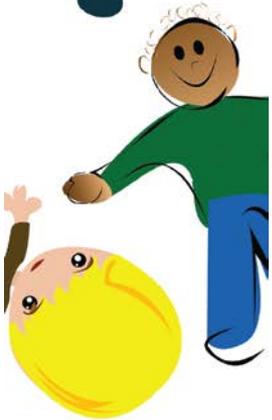
Total Pop: 828,344





Redesign of the Conditions of Children's Report

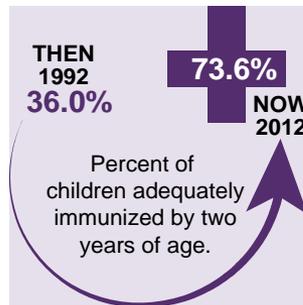
- ❖ In 2013, OCCP established a subcommittee to redesign the Annual Report
- ❖ Redesign focused on making the report more concise and actionable
- ❖ 25 primary indicators are included, highlighting critical trends
- ❖ Supplemental tables of all indicators remain



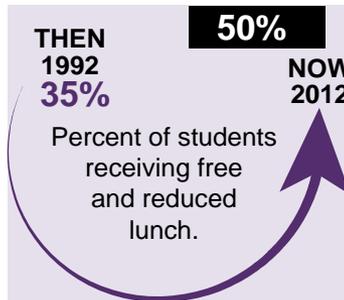
Twenty-year Retrospective

- ❖ Annual Report has highlighted critical issues needing to be addressed
- ❖ There have been many new initiatives and collaborative efforts
- ❖ Increased interest from elected officials, County agencies, and community members

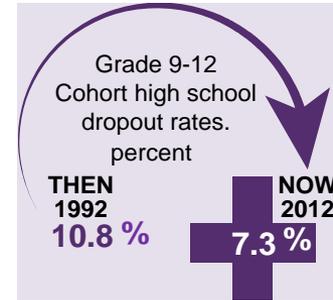
Good Health Immunization of Children



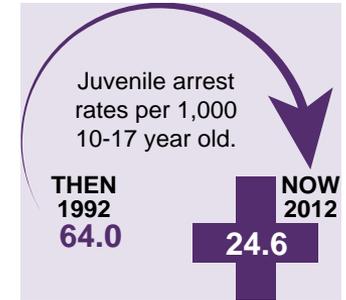
Economic Well-being Child Poverty



Education High School Dropout



Safe Homes & Communities Juvenile Arrests



Good Health Summary of Indicators



	Past Data	Most Current Data	10-year Status
Access to Health Care Percent of Uninsured Children	9.0% (2001)	6.9% (2012)	
Early Prenatal Care Percent of Women who Received Early Prenatal Care	91.6% (2003)	88.6% (2012)	
Infant Mortality Rate of Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	4.4 (2003)	3.4 (2012)	



Legend:

- Upward Trend Improvement
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- Improvement based on an increase or decrease in the number or rate is difficult to assess due to the nature of the data.



Good Health Summary of Indicators

	Past Data	Most Current Data	10-year Status
Immunization of Children Percent of Children Adequately Immunized by Two Years of Age	77.6% (2004)	73.6% (2013)	
Births to Teens Birth Rate per 1,000 Females 15 to 19 Years of Age.	31.3 (2003)	19.1 (2012)	
Behavioral Health Adolescents Receiving Substance Abuse Treatment	2,527 (2002/03)	1,764 (2011/12)	



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Economic Well-being

Summary of Indicators



	Past Data	Most Current Data	10-year Status
Child Poverty Percent of Students Receiving Free and Reduced Lunch	39.5% (2004/05)	50% (2013/14)	
Supplemental Nutrition Percent of Children Receiving CalFresh	6.4% (2003/04)	18.9% (2012/13)	
Child Support Percent of Current Support Distributed	53.5% (2003/04)	65.7% (2013/14)	



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Economic Well-being (pgs. 46-57)



Education Summary of Indicators

Total Public School Enrollment 2013-2014

500,487 students



	Past Data	Most Current Data	10-year Status
Academic Performance Index Academic Performance Index Growth Score	747 (2004)	850 (2013)	
High School Dropout Rates Percent Grade 9-12 Cohort High School Dropouts	12.3% (2009/10)	7.3% (2012/13)	
College Readiness Percent of Graduates with UC/CSU Eligible Requirements	37.6% (2003/04)	46.4% (2012/13)	



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Safe Homes & Communities

Summary of Indicators



	Past Data	Most Current Data	10-year Status
Child Mortality Injury Death Rate per 100,000 Youth 1 to 19 Years Old	10.2 (2003)	7.3 (2012)	
Substantiated Child Abuse Substantiated Child Abuse Allegations Rates per 1,000 Children	11.9 (2004)	7.4 (2013)	
Juvenile Arrest Juvenile Arrest Rates per 100,000 Youth 10 to 17 Years Old	3,742 (2003)	2,457 (2012)	
Gang Members Number of Known Juvenile Gang Members	918 (2004)	635 (2013)	



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Engaging the Community

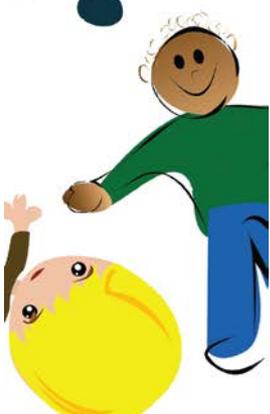
Five Community Forums

Date & Time	Location	Address
November 13 th 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Garden Grove Community Center	11300 Stanford Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840
November 20 th 8:00am – 11:00am	Murray Community and Senior Center	24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692
December 1 st 8:00am -11:00am	Orange County Dept. of Education	200 Kalmus Dr, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
December 4 th 8:00am – 11:00am	Heritage Park Community Center	14301 Yale Ave, Irvine, CA 92604
December 12 th 8:00am- 11:00am	California State University Titan Student Union	800 N. State College Blvd, Fullerton, Ca 92834





To Obtain a Copy of the Report

- ❖ Available for pick up at a Forum
 - ❖ Contact Orangewood Children's Foundation
(714) 566-2840
 - ❖ Available online at
<http://ochealthinfo.com/occp/report>
 - ❖ Quick Guide is also available online
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**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS TO
THE 20TH ANNUAL REPORT**

