



**Presentation  
December 7, 2011 Meeting**

**DATE:** November 23, 2011

**TO:** Children and Families Commission of Orange County

**FROM:** Michael M. Ruane, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** Presentation

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At the December meeting, there will be a presentation by Scott Larson, Executive Director of HomeAid Orange County outlining the need for a Year Round Emergency Shelter for Families and potential options for leveraging and implementations.

# YEAR ROUND FAMILY EMERGENCY SHELTER

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# Overview:

- Commission's FY 11/12 budget allocates \$940,000 to create a year round emergency shelter facility for families
  - Commission directed staff to work with HomeAid Orange County to take lead on developing the project
  - Catalytic investment targeted to increase the county's capacity to provide emergency shelter and basic services to homeless families with very young children
  - Project will need to reduce the Commission's ongoing support of related emergency services during the cold weather armory program
  - Project will require a significant amount of leveraged funding and will benefit from linkage to the countywide homeless plan efforts led by the Ending Homelessness 2020 Board

# Ending Homelessness 2020 Board

HomeAid has been selected by the 2020 Board to lead implementation efforts focused on achieving

- ❖ **Goal #3:** Improve the Efficacy of the Emergency Shelter System and Access System
- ❖ **Goal #4:** Make strategic improvements in the transitional housing system.

Implementation efforts include

- ❖ Stakeholder meetings
- ❖ Shelter bed inventory
- ❖ Policy Recommendations on Emergency Shelter facilities

# Opportunities

- ❖ County of Orange proposed Notice of Funding Availability for a year-round emergency shelter(s) to replace the Armory Emergency Shelter Seasonal Program
- ❖ Senate Bill 2
  - ❖ Strengthens state law
    - ❖ Ensuring that every jurisdiction identifies potential sites where new emergency shelters can be located without discretionary review by the local government
    - ❖ Applicable to all cities and counties in California, SB2 took effect January 1, 2008 and will impact all housing element updates due after this date
  - ❖ Key Elements
    - ❖ Planning for emergency shelter
    - ❖ Siting of emergency shelters, transitional housing and supportive housing

# Process

## Site Identification

- ❖ Existing service providers with facilities that can either be modified or expanded to serve this specific need
- ❖ New opportunities county wide that would be built specifically to meet this need

Identify an Orange County non-profit service provider that has

- ❖ a mission to assist the homeless
- ❖ operational funding in place or capability to raise the necessary funding
- ❖ strong community and political support, and
- ❖ good track record of enabling clients to sustain independent living

These are minimum requirements. Others might apply in specific situations

# Next Steps

- ❖ Continue to support County efforts to release Notification of Funding for an Emergency Shelter
  - ❖ Outreach to providers about opportunity
  - ❖ Provide feedback and information on policy recommendations
- ❖ Outreach to existing providers that meet criteria to identify expansion opportunities
- ❖ Outreach to cities including the Association of California Cities Orange County to identify funding and sites