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SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Dept. of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 1, 2003

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2003 to be Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**BACKGROUND:**

Child abuse remains a serious problem in our communities. Successful prevention and intervention requires the commitment of the entire community to nurture the growth of safe and stable families and ensure the welfare of future generations.

The Department of Public Social Services receives an average of 2,065 referrals for child abuse and neglect per month. In calendar year 2002 the Department received 24,783 referrals.

  
Dennis J. Boyle, Director

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

<b>CURRENT YEAR COST</b>	\$ N/A	<b>ANNUAL COST:</b>	\$ N/A
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ N/A	<b>IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:</b>	N/A
		<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	N/A
		<b>FY:</b>	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE**

County Executive Officer Signature



Department Recommendation:  Consent  Policy  
Per Executive Office:  Consent  Policy

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**BACKGROUND:**

Currently there are 4,329 children in out-of-home care. 42% of the children are placed with relatives, 14% with Legal Guardians and 44% in Non-Relative placements. There are 6,000 children receiving Family Maintenance, Family reunification and Permanent Placement Services.

DPSS currently contracts with 21 community-based, non-profit organizations. These contractors provide services to reduce the incidence of child abuse by helping parents resolve their issues with substance abuse, domestic violence, parenting skills, education, homemaking, and basic living skills. Contractors also provide prevention and early intervention services to prevent problems from intensifying, thus reducing the necessity of removing children from their homes in order to ensure their safety.

DPSS enjoys an outstanding collaborative relationship with county and city law enforcement personnel, the District Attorney's office, the school system and the Riverside County Regional Medical Center; all of who are directly involved in issues related to the prevention of child abuse as well as the tragic results of child abuse.

It truly does take an entire community to raise a child. The Department of Public Social Services is proud to work with its community partners and the many private citizens, whose efforts help make Riverside County a safer place for our children.

**ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation**

**CONCUR/EXECUTE:**



# Board of Supervisors

**PROCLAMATION  
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
APRIL 2003**

*WHEREAS, children deserve a safe, stable and permanent home in order to become productive members of our society; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse is found in families of all social and economic classes and every racial and ethnic group; and*

*WHEREAS, child abuse affects the entire community and finding solutions depends on community involvement to nurture family growth and plant seeds for future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and*

*WHEREAS, through the continued work of volunteers, parents, community partners, policy makers and professionals, child abuse may be eradicated, giving our children a bright, successful future; and*

*WHEREAS, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become more involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2003, as*

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

*and urges all its residents to become more aware of this county-wide problem and do what they can to prevent child abuse in their communities.*

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