

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



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 4, 2004

SUBJECT: START UP FUNDING FOR R.E.S.T. (REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF STRESS AND TRAUMA ON CHILDREN AND TEENS) IN THE JURUPA VALLEY, CORONA, NORCO AND SURROUNDING UNINCORPORATED AREAS

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the allocation of \$60,000 from the Youth Protection Trust Fund, for the initial years start-up cost for the above-referenced regional collaborative.

BACKGROUND: A group of community-based organizations, individuals and public sector entities has formed the R.E.S.T. collaboration to assist in providing information, skills and services to children and families who have been impacted by violence in the home. Following on the successful model called S.A.V.E., currently in place in the Hemet/San Jacinto area, community based and public sector representatives from the Corona, Norco, and Jurupa Valley communities contacted my office to request assistance in the first year "start-up" funding in order to better implement the R.E.S.T. program.

Statistics have shown that in about 50% of the homes in which domestic violence occurs, children were present and witnessed said violence. In 90% of the cases, the perpetrator came from a home where domestic violence and/or child abuse were present, leading to a "cycle of violence."

The collaboration includes Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County, Y.M.C.A., United Neighbors Involving Today's Youth (U.N.I.T.Y.), Trauma Intervention Team (TIP), Corona Police Department, Riverside County Public Health, Riverside County Probation, Corona-Norco Unified School District, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Riverside County Sheriff, Riverside County Child Protective Services (CPS) and the Riverside County Victim Witness Program.

The driving force of the R.E.S.T. team will include a steering committee and an intervention team, who will work together through the utilization of resources for the children and families in the program. Referrals will come from law enforcement, school administrators/counselors, probation and other community based who work with children.

The collaboration has been informed by my office that, if approved by the Board of Supervisors, this is a one-time only allocation of resources.



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