

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

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**FROM:** Department of Public Social Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
02/18/05

**SUBJECT:** Child Abuse Prevention Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

That the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2005 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 1,992 referrals for child abuse and neglect per month. In calendar year 2004, the Department received 23,906 referrals.

*Susan Loew*

Susan Loew, Interim Director

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 04/05

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Dan Martin*

- Dep't Recomm.:  Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.:  Policy
- Consent
- Consent

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**BACKGROUND (Cont.):**

Currently there are 4,775 children in out-of-home care. 48% of the children are placed with Relatives and Legal Guardians, and 52% in Non-Relative placements. There are 6,975 children receiving Family Maintenance, Family Reunification and Permanent Placement Services.

DPSS, in collaboration with Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC), currently contracts with 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 has made a point of developing strong outstanding collaborative relationships with county and city law enforcement personnel, the District Attorney's Office, the school system and the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, to promote the prevention of child abuse as well as respond to incidents 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.

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