

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL

DATE: July 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval of Notice of Intent for Riverside County to Act as Fiscal Agent for the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Allocations, and Approval of Three-Year Plan for Riverside County CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF Funding.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached "Notice of Intent" authorizing DPSS to apply to the State of California for Riverside County CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF programs for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008, and contract with public and private agencies for prevention services;
2. Approve the attached Three-Year Plan/Application for Riverside County CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF programs for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008; and

BACKGROUND:

On January 8, 2002 Your Honorable Board approved a Form 11 (Agenda item # 3.27) designating Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County (PCARC), a countywide child abuse council, as the lead child abuse agency for Riverside County.

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Cynthia Hinckley
Cynthia Hinckley, Director

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	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:	FY05/08

SOURCE OF FUNDS: CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF	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

Consent
 Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref: 1/8/02 # 3.27 | District: All | Agenda Number:

**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

3.70

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BACKGROUND (continued):

AB 636, the California Outcomes and Accountability Act, became effective January 1, 2004, and mandated all counties to conduct a comprehensive assessment of child welfare services, known as a County Self-Assessment. At the completion of the County Self-Assessment, AB 636 required counties to develop a plan to address areas of needed improvement, using results obtained during the self-assessment. This plan, known as the System Improvement Plan (SIP), describes how these improvements will be accomplished. Each county is responsible for assuring that the Three-Year Plan meets the SIP goals.

DPSS collaborated with PCARC to produce the attached comprehensive Three-Year Plan/Application. This plan utilizes these funds in providing needed services to residents of Riverside County. This plan also allocates funding to local service providers offering an array of family centered, preventive services, while avoiding duplication of existing services delivered through other funding or programs.

Services will be provided to under-served regions of Riverside County, to geographically isolated families, particularly those with young children at home, and to children with special needs. These services will be provided in collaboration with both public agencies and private non-profit organizations. Additionally, some services are expected to be provided in one or more of the four Family Resource Centers located within the County.

The following contracted CAPIT and PSSF services will be provided during the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008:

Targeted Services

For Families Needing Preservation Services:

Services that help families alleviate crises that might lead to out of home placements of children due to abuse or neglect. These services help maintain the safety of children in their own homes, support families preparing to reunify or adopt, and assist families in obtaining other services to meet multiple needs.

For Families Needing Support Services:

Voluntary, preventive services to help families nurture their children. These services are designed to alleviate stress and help parents care for their children's' well-being, before a crisis occurs. They connect families with available community resources, supportive networks, and opportunities to assist parents with child rearing.

For Families under the Supervision of the Juvenile Court:

Services provided to a child that is removed from the home and placed in a foster family home or a child care institution, and to the parents or primary caregiver of such a child. These services are intended to facilitate the reunification of the child safely, appropriately and in a timely manner, but only during the 15-month period that begins on the date that the child is considered to have entered foster care. Children and families served under this program must have an active, open juvenile court case.

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BACKGROUND (continued):

Services to be provided will also address the following key principles:

- The welfare and safety of children, and of all family members, shall be maintained, while strengthening and preserving the family;
- It is advantageous for the family as a whole to receive services which identify and enhance its strengths, while meeting individual and family needs;
- Services shall be easily accessible, delivered often in home or community-based settings, and will respect cultural and community differences;
- Services shall be flexible, responsive to real family needs, and be linked to other supports and services outside the child welfare system;
- Services shall involve parents, community organizations and other residents, in their design and delivery; and
- Services shall be intensive enough, in both preventive and crisis modes, to keep children safe and meet family needs.

In order to receive funding retroactive to July 1, 2005, the Notice of Intent and Three-Year Plan must be signed and returned to California Department of Social Services (CDSS) by September 1. The Notice of Intent also designates DPSS as the public agency to administer the combined CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF programs. The Three-Year Plan establishes the community based funding for the next three years.

DPSS will be notified of funding award by CDSS through an All-County Letter, following approval of the Notice of Intent and CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF Three-Year Plan. Agreements for FY 05/06 CAPIT-PSSF services in excess of \$100,000 will come to Board of Supervisors for approval under a separate Form 11.

Therefore, DPSS requests designation of DPSS as Fiscal Agent to administer the combined CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF programs, approval of the intent of DPSS to apply to the State of California for Riverside County CAPIT, CBCAP and PSSF allocations, as well as approve the attached CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF Three-Year Plan and Application, and the intent of DPSS to contract with public or private agencies to provide primary prevention and intervention services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No County funds are required.

CONCUR/EXECUTE: COUNTY COUNSEL

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