

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Prevention Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2007 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 2,014 referrals for child abuse and neglect per month. In Calendar Year 2006, the Department received 24,171 referrals.

Cynthia Hinckley
Cynthia Hinckley, Director

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:	FY 06/07

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 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 *Debra Cournoyer*

- Consent
- Policy
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BACKGROUND (Cont.):

Currently there are 5,600 children in out-of-home care. 46% of the children are placed with Relatives and Legal Guardians, and 54% in Non-Relative placements. There are 7,898 children receiving Family Maintenance, Family Reunification and Permanent Placement Services.

DPSS, in collaboration with Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County, 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 takes 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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PROCLAMATION
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
APRIL 2007

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 impacts the entire community and finding solutions depends on community involvement to nurture family growth and inspire 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, Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County works in collaboration with the Department of Public Social Services to educate the public to reduce the incidence of child abuse and provide other services to help alleviate its effects; 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 2007 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and urges all its residents to become more aware of this Countywide problem, and do what they can to prevent child abuse in their communities.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH - APRIL 2007
SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 RIVERSIDE COUNTY DPSS - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TOTAL OPEN CASES IN RIVERSIDE **7,986**
 Data as of 01/05/2007

<u>Service Type</u>	Total Children		
Permanent Placement	3217	40%	} 7,898 Total PP/FR/FM
Family Reunification	2835	32%	
Family Maintenance	1846	23%	
CDU	88	1%	
TOTAL	7,986		

Portion of Open of Cases in Out-of-Home Placement **5,600** 70% of all children in open case is in care

<u>Placement Type</u>	Total Children		
Relative Home	2,083	37%	
Guardian Home	499	9%	46% in relative or guardian
Foster Family Home	320	6%	
Small Family Home	42	1%	6% in foster home
Foster Family Agency Certified Home	2,204	39%	39% in FFA
Group Home	359	6%	6% in GH
Court Specified Home	28	1%	
Tribe Specified Home	5	0%	
<i>Non Foster Care</i>	60	1%	2% in other types
TOTAL	5,600		

TOTAL REFERRALS RECEIVED in 2006

Total Received January - December 2006 24,171 (households)
 Average Monthly Referrals in 2006 2,014 (households)

Source Data: CWS/CMS, 01/05/2007 & Quarterly Program Report December 2006
 Prepared by: Data Analysis Unit, dvg, 02/06/2007