

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



FROM: Supervisor Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Revised Local Planning Council Priorities for State Preschool and General Child Care

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the revised priorities for State Preschool and General Child Care for the 2008-2009 program year.

BACKGROUND:

The original Zip Code Priorities form was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 20, 2008. However, the state will not accept all zip codes listed in Priority 1 categories for Infants/Toddlers and School Age. Currently there are no zip code areas serving even 50% of the children living in poverty for Infants/Toddlers. The LPC voted on July 18, 2008 to change the document and move 3 zip codes that are serving more than 40% of the children living at or below that poverty level to the Priority 2 category for Infants/Toddlers and one zip code into the School Age Priority 2 category. The original document was completed according to state guidelines, there was no violation of regulation or mandates. According to one of the state consultants, the revision was necessary in order to prevent state sanctions against Riverside County if expansion funding becomes available. These documents will be used to prioritize communities throughout the county concerning both State Preschool and General Center Base Child Care funds from the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (CDE, CDD). The Riverside County Child Care Consortium conducted research to identify the needs of each zip code area through data from the California Department of Education, Child Development Division for Riverside County. The data identified the number of children being served through existing contracts for General Child Care and State Preschool. Additionally, the Consortium received data on the numbers of children living at or below the poverty line by zip code throughout Riverside County. A Spreadsheet was created using the data to identify zip code areas where services are needed the greatest.

As part of the Consortium's contract with California Department of Education, the form needs the approval of the County Board of Supervisors, the Superintendent of Schools and the Local Planning Council Chair. The LPC Chair and the Superintendent's signature have been secured. The form now needs the approval of the Board of Supervisors before the documents can be forwarded to CDE.



Roy Wilson, Chairman Board of Supervisors

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