

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

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FROM: Department of Public Social Services/Riverside County
Children and Families Commission

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Annual Budget of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors receive and file the FY 2014/2015 Annual Budget of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Children and Families Commission (RCCFC) was established by this Board with the adoption of Ordinance No. 784, enacted on January 22, 1999 and reorganized by this Board with the adoption of Ordinance No. 784.9 enacted on June 9, 2009. The RCCFC implements the provisions of Proposition 10, which provides tobacco tax funds to facilitate the creation and implementation of an integrated, comprehensive, and collaborative system of information and services to enhance optimal early childhood development and to ensure that children are ready to enter school.

Ordinance No. 784 requires the annual budget be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for review and comment. The Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Annual Budget was approved by the RCCFC on June 11, 2014.

(Continued)

Susan von Zabern

Susan von Zabern, Director
Department of Public Social Services

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2012/2013

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Proposition 10 Tobacco Tax revenue	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Jennifer L. Sargent*
Jennifer L. Sargent

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Benoit and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is received and filed as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Benoit and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 9, 2014
xc: DPSS-Commission

Kecia Harper-Ihem
Clerk of the Board
By: *Kecia Harper-Ihem*
Deputy

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Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: ALL | Agenda Number:

Departmental Concurrence

- Consent
- Policy
- Consent
- Policy

Dep't Recomm.:
Exec. Ofc.:

Subject: Adopting the Annual Budget of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission for Fiscal Year 2014/2015

BACKGROUND: (Continued)

Due to an internal oversight, there was a delay in bringing forward the budget for Board of Supervisor review and comment. Following is an overview of the major components of the FY 2014/15 budget as approved by the Commission:

The 2014/15 budget includes \$21,595,124 in revenues and \$29,028,578 in total expenses with \$7,433,454 coming from fund balance to supplement current year revenues.

The budget is comprised of the following funding priorities in support of ongoing programs and initiatives:

Early Care and Education (ECE) Initiatives: Programs that focus on increasing access to quality child care and preschool through the provision of scholarships, and investments in a quality environment and workforce. The needs of high risk families are met across the various programs and through targeted investments that focus on high quality early care and education and comprehensive wrap around services for children who are exposed to or experiencing crises (homelessness, domestic violence etc.), have special health, developmental or social emotional needs. The amount of funding allocated to ECE programs totals \$14,638,895.

Health and Community Programs (HCP) Initiatives: Priority investments include support to children, parents and providers working with children to increase access to and appropriate utilization of ongoing sources of health care. This includes outreach and education, screening and the provision of treatment services through programs such as Asthma Management, Breastfeeding Support, Pediatric Residency Program, Health Access, Utilization and Retention, Targeted Home Visitation, Nutrition and Physical Activity, and Early Childhood Mental Health Services. The amount of funding allocated to HCP programs totals \$10,052,887

Systems Change and Capacity Building: The Commission continues to emphasize systems strengthening and enhancements. The intent is to diminish the impact of future reductions in Proposition 10 revenue by making long-term sustainable changes in Riverside County through participation in collaborations that support the health and development of young children and their families. While Systems Change and Capacity Building are long-term processes, the Commission will engage in strategies that will produce shorter term results that impact the quality, availability and accessibility of needed services. These strategies include leveraging of funds, investment in technical assistance and service delivery coordination. The amount of funding allocated to System Change and Capacity Building is \$404,278.

ATTACHMENT:

Action Item 14-16: Approved Annual Budget of the Riverside County Children and Families Commission for Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

Lynn M. Stephens
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Riverside County Children and Families Commission
FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015 BUDGET
Business Unit = CFARC / DeptID = 938001 / Fund = 25800

	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	PROGRAM	APPROVED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014	APR PROJECTIONS THRU 06/30/14	PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015
1	TOTAL REVENUES	7xxxxx		\$ 21,307,700	\$ 21,710,653	\$ 21,595,124
2	EXPENSES:					
3	TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS	51xxxx		\$ 2,405,463	\$ 2,176,189	\$ 2,249,934
4	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	52xxxx		\$ 779,208	\$ 600,913	\$ 1,303,162
5	CONTRACTS:					
6	Professional Services - Quality Assessments	525440		\$ 42,000	\$ 7,824	\$ 33,780
7	Special Program Expense - QRIS Training	527780		\$ -	\$ 33,358	\$ 109,664
8	Contracts - Generic	527980	80000	\$ 6,650	\$ 5,669	\$ -
9	Contracts - AmeriCorps	527980	81100	\$ 115,175	\$ 15,597	\$ -
10	Contracts - Cares Plus (Local)	527980	81170	\$ 782,609	\$ 782,609	\$ 782,609
11	Contracts - Cares Plus (State)	527980	81220	\$ 260,870	\$ 260,870	\$ 260,870
12	Contracts - Evaluation	527980	81250	\$ 230,000	\$ 171,780	\$ 118,245
13	Contracts - Operational - ECE	527980	81400	\$ 6,943,563	\$ 6,206,218	\$ 7,227,653
14	Contracts - Operational - Quality Availability/Physical Settings	527980	81400	\$ 4,455,000	\$ 899,434	\$ 5,700,566
15	Contracts - Operational - Access & Quality Escuela	527980	81400	\$ 119,531	\$ 155,982	\$ 99,207
16	Contracts - Operational - Grandparents	527980	81400	\$ 330,104	\$ 330,155	\$ 300,000
17	Contracts - Operational - UCR QRIS TA	527980	81400	\$ 315,673	\$ 160,080	\$ 167,990
18	Contracts - Operational - AB99 Training	527980	81400	\$ 143,022	\$ 4,250	\$ -
19	Contracts - Operational - HCP	527980	81400	\$ 7,669,794	\$ 5,443,925	\$ 5,891,891
20	Contracts - Operational - Borrego	527980	81400	\$ -	\$ 66,500	\$ 121,624
21	Contracts - Operational - Nuview	527980	81400	\$ -	\$ 103,575	\$ -
22	Contracts - Operational - Medical School	527980	81400	\$ 1,488,085	\$ 1,114,392	\$ 1,203,572
23	Contracts - Mental Health Initiative	527980	81400	\$ 2,996,000	\$ 2,589,645	\$ 2,585,800
24	Contracts - Healthy Kids	527980	81400	\$ 845,000	\$ 255,590	\$ 250,000
25	Contracts - Preschool for All	527980	81460	\$ -	\$ 64	\$ -
25	Contracts - Systems Change and Capacity Building	527980	TBD	\$ 414,278	\$ -	\$ 404,278
26	TOTAL CONTRACTS			\$ 27,157,354	\$ 18,607,517	\$ 25,257,749
27	Buildings	542020		\$ 1,538,000	\$ 1,538,000	\$ -
28	Improvements - Building	542060		\$ 607,000	\$ 607,000	\$ 189,733
29	Equipment - Computer	546080		\$ 15,000	\$ 11,446	\$ -
30	Equipment - Office	546140		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,000
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES			\$ 2,160,000	\$ 2,156,446	\$ 217,733
31	TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$ 32,502,025	\$ 23,541,065	\$ 29,028,578
32	NET INCOME/(LOSS)			\$ (11,194,325)	\$ (1,830,412)	\$ (7,433,454)
33	AMOUNTS FROM FUND BALANCE COMMITMENTS:					
34	AMOUNT FROM QUALITY ASSESSMENTS			42,000	7,824	-
35	AMOUNT FROM NEW CAPACITY FOR HIGH NEEDS			6,650	5,669	-
36	AMOUNT FROM CARES PLUS (LOCAL)			487,248	487,248	339,568
37	AMOUNT FROM ECE AB99 HOME VISITATION			714,133	700,094	729,953
38	AMOUNT FROM ECE AB99 SPECIAL NEEDS			675,000	437,090	675,000
39	AMOUNT FROM ECE AB99 ECE TRAINING			143,022	33,358	67,599
40	AMOUNT FROM ECE AQ EXCUELA			119,531	155,982	110,454
41	AMOUNT FROM ECE GRANPARENTS			300,840	330,155	312,500
42	AMOUNT FROM ECE UCR QRIS TA			315,673	160,080	173,634
43	AMOUNT FROM HCP AB99 ASTHMA			499,771	389,047	399,672
44	AMOUNT FROM HCP AB99 BREASTFEEDING			537,836	472,221	487,692
45	AMOUNT FROM HCP HOME VISITATION			528,265	198,667	493,219
46	AMOUNT FROM HCP AB99 ORAL HEALTH			1,022,151	803,694	174,600
47	AMOUNT FROM HCP NUVIEW EXTENSION			-	103,575	-
48	AMOUNT FROM HCP BORREGO SPRINGS DENTAL			-	66,500	143,223
49	AMOUNT FROM HCP UCR MEDICAL SCHOOL			1,488,085	1,114,392	1,916,841
50	AMOUNT FROM HCP MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE			495,971	458,370	-
51	AMOUNT FROM BERMUDA DUNES RE-ACCREDITATION			-	-	2,125
52	AMOUNT FROM MEAD VALLEY			-	-	366,047
53	AMOUNT FROM MURRIETA VALLEY USD			-	-	60,000
54	TOTAL FROM FUND BALANCE RESERVES			\$ 7,376,176	\$ 5,923,966	\$ 6,452,127
55	ADJUSTED NET INCOME/(LOSS)			\$ (3,818,149)	\$ 4,093,554	\$ (981,327)
56	Beginning Fund Balance			\$ 45,183,456	\$ 45,124,282	\$ 43,293,870
57	Net Income / Loss			\$ (11,194,325)	\$ (1,830,412)	\$ (7,433,454)
58	Ending Fund Balance			\$ 33,989,131	\$ 43,293,870	\$ 35,860,416

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AB 109 Percentages

Administration	8.4%
Evaluation	1.3%
Program	90.3%
Total	100.0%

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REVENUES:						
1	Interest-Invested Funds	740020		\$ 175,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 164,524
2	ST Surplus Monetary Inv Fund (SMIF)	740021		9,700	7,600	7,600
3	CA-Tobacco Tax Prop 10	754000		20,700,000	21,200,000	21,000,000
4	Child Signature Program	755680		105,000	60,000	105,000
5	Cares Plus	755760	81220	300,000	300,000	300,000
6	Rebates & Refunds	781120		18,000	22,007	18,000
7	Other Misc Revenue	781360		-	1,046	-
8	TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 21,307,700	\$ 21,710,653	\$ 21,595,124
EXPENSES:						
9	Regular Salaries	510040		\$ 1,608,409	\$ 1,490,906	\$ 1,538,985
10	Payoff Permanent-Seasonal	510200		15,000	2,608	15,000
11	Temporary Salaries	510320		65,000	-	25,000
12	Overtime	510420		300	6,000	3,000
13	Overtime - Holiday	510421		-	107	-
14	Annual Leave Buydown	510440		18,000	16,757	18,000
15	Bilingual Pay	510520		4,680	5,461	4,680
16	Shift Differential	510620		-	14	100
17	Holiday Pay	510700		-	105	-
18	Bonus Pay	510790		-	2,000	-
19	Retirement - Misc	513000		257,024	235,190	203,916
20	Retirement Debt Svc - Misc	513001		49,379	48,921	50,325
21	Retirement Misc - Temp	513020		-	-	-
22	Social Security	513120		96,955	95,657	95,873
23	Medicare Tax	513140		23,322	23,090	22,315
24	Flex Benefit Plan	515040		210,899	200,090	205,098
25	Life Insurance	515100		1,759	1,367	1,743
26	Long Term Disability	515120		6,946	6,101	6,285
27	Optical Insurance	515160		1,216	1,134	1,156
28	Retiree Health Ins	515200		-	-	-
29	Short Term Disability	515220		4,987	5,695	5,611
30	Unemployment Insurance	515260		8,734	2,935	3,109
31	Workers Comp Insurance	517000		14,997	14,997	32,522
32	Def Comp Ben Mgmt & Conf	518010		9,100	8,785	8,600
33	Flexible Spending Account Fees	518020		384	402	384
34	LIUNA Pension Plan	518060		1,392	1,385	1,392
35	SEIU Pension Plan	518120		3,408	3,141	3,408
36	SEIU Training	518140		271	249	250
37	LIUNA Health & Safety	518150		84	84	104
38	Other Post Employment Benefits	518180		3,217	3,008	3,078
39	TOTAL SALARIES & BENEFITS			\$ 2,405,463	\$ 2,176,188	\$ 2,249,934
40	Communications	520200		\$ 17,925	\$ 15,511	\$ 24,125
41	Telephone Services	520320		600	600	600
42	Janitorial Services	520820		-	-	9,600
43	Insurance - Liability	520930		8,380	8,380	43,384
44	Maint - Other	521560		123,907	106,000	133,732
45	Maint - Grounds	522320		-	-	10,000
46	Miscellaneous Expenses	523230		3,700	3,700	3,700
47	Special Events	523270		30,000	30,000	44,000
48	Administrative Expenses	523350		39,692	35,803	41,192
49	Office Equipment Non Fixed Asset	523680		18,500	12,085	14,000
50	Office Supplies	523700		28,260	14,075	24,350
51	Printing/Binding	523800		45,350	26,225	30,385
52	Administrative Support-Indir	524520		25,000	2,000	10,000
53	Auditing and Accounting	524560		28,900	23,150	86,699
54	Payroll Services	524561		3,000	3,000	2,741
55	County Counsel	524700		40,000	31,000	30,000
56	Legal Services	525020		5,000	-	5,000
57	Personnel Services	525140		12,276	12,276	12,709
58	PeopleSoft Financials	525300		7,000	7,000	7,000
59	PeopleSoft HRMS	525310		2,952	5,550	2,952
60	RMAP Services	525330		2,100	1,400	3,000
61	Professional Services	525440		47,000	39,530	129,100
62	Arbitration	525480		6,000	600	3,000
63	Advertising	526420		53,000	19,515	57,200
64	Rent - Lease Buildings	526700		151,736	151,650	77,900
65	Special Program Expense	527780		-	-	428,172
66	Conference/Registration Fees	528140		12,200	3,490	12,700
67	Car Pool Expense	528920		1,030	920	1,030
68	Miscellaneous Travel Expense	529000		28,500	10,253	17,391
69	Private Mileage Reimbursement	529040		12,200	12,200	12,500
70	Utilities	529540		25,000	25,000	25,000
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ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

County of Riverside Office on Aging
Aging and Disabilities Resource Connection



Riverside County Office on Aging,
Aging & Disability Resource Connection
6296 River Crest Drive, Suite K
Riverside, CA 92507
(951) 867-3800
1(800) 510-2020
TTD (951) 697-4699

Hemet Service Center & Program Site for
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
749 N. State Street
Hemet, CA 92543
(951) 791-3573



A Message from the Director — Michele Haddock

The Office on Aging has proudly been recognized as a statewide leader in addressing the challenges of grandparents raising their grandchildren. This leadership role is expanding throughout the United States and we take this very seriously. It is a privilege for me to acknowledge the members of the GRG Task Force, our County and community partners and our GRG Program staff for their dedication and commitment to serving grandparent families across the County of Riverside. Their critical work is underwritten with generous support from First 5 Riverside, Department of Public Social Services, Riverside County, the Older Americans Act and the Family Caregiver Support Program through the California Department of Aging. We will continue to leverage the support of our partners to build a pathway to the future for our grandparent families.



Unplanned Parenthood: Grandparent Caregivers

Nicholas E. Pisca

...Although I acknowledge the challenges associated with caring for grandchildren as a grandparent, I also view this role as being associated with resiliency and strength. As a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern California's Davis School of Gerontology, I often come across a bias in gerontological work that tends to focus on the importance of loss and poor coping strategies in late-life. The study of grandparent caregivers has largely reflected this trend. Namely, research has emphasized the negative consequences that caregiving has on physical and mental health.

Being largely parented by my grandmother, I experienced first-hand how taking care of a child while in her 70s took a toll on her, physically and emotionally. She would regularly struggle to tend to all of my childhood needs, such as walking me to school and back each day or ensuring I made it to baseball practice (Continued on Pg. 3)

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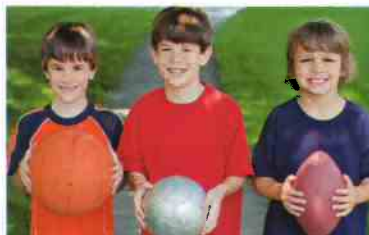
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Staff

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Office on Aging, Deputy
Director of Administration

Stephen Geist
Veronica Castro
Donna Pierce
Carmen Cornejo
Francisco Ramirez

Program Manager
Social Worker
Child Care Coordinator
Office Assistant
WarmLine DPSS Social Worker



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**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN
IS MADE POSSIBLE BY FUNDING FROM:**

**FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE
OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE III
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING
RIVERSIDE COUNTY GENERAL FUND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

AND GENEROUS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM:

**First 5 Riverside
Foundation on Aging
Molina Healthcare
Nita Rush
The Hrinko Family
The Cathedral Center
Youth Advisory Councils -
District 3 and District 4**

**Olive Branch Church
Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County
Inland Empire Health Plan
Norco Lioness Club
Mary Phillips Senior Center
Janet Goeske Senior Center**

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Task Force

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Task Force was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1998 to assist caregiving grandparents with access to the services and resources necessary to offer their grandchildren a safe and nurturing home. It is a collaboration of multiple County agencies, elected officials, and community-based organizations. Most importantly, grandparent representation has been a critical element of the Task Force's work.

Strategic Planning

During this fiscal year, the leadership of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Task Force and the Planning Division of the Office on Aging re-evaluated the GRG's goals and the needs of grandparent caregivers in Riverside County. The new focus areas are Access & Eligibility, Advocacy & Support, and Policy. Specific goals have been identified within these areas.

on time, all while preparing meals and maintaining a home. However, I also remember my grandmother's resiliency and resourcefulness, which allowed us to overcome many of the hardships we experienced. Although challenges were ever-present in my grandmother's parenting responsibilities, it was the unique strength of her age and wisdom that impacted my childhood the most.

Vitality, A Publication of the USC Davis School of Gerontology, 2014



Access & Eligibility

- ◆ Increased awareness about the GRG program among consumers and professionals
- ◆ Increased awareness of GRG needs and issues within County departments
- ◆ Systematic infrastructure across relevant agencies
- ◆ Better informed GRG families about benefit programs, eligibility standards and applications

Advocacy & Support

- ◆ Better informed workers in County agencies
- ◆ Better cooperation among County agencies
- ◆ Better understanding and relationship with court services
- ◆ Better responsiveness from school systems

Policy

- ◆ Consistency in County policies and benefits for GRG families
- ◆ Rights for GRG families in 55+ communities
- ◆ Child Support policies and their impact on accessing benefits
- ◆ Grandparent rights



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2013-2014 Task Force Membership (Continued)

Department of Public Health:	Craig Demers
Department of Public Health, WIC:	Lorena Novak Bull
Probation Department:	Sequoia Patton
Office of Education:	Stephan McPeace
Office on Aging:	Jamiko Bell
Office on Aging:	Mary Hrinko
Office of the District Attorney:	Evelyn Essenwanger
Child Support Services:	Patricia Cruz
Kin Care:	Rachel Badcock
Kin Care:	Kathy Williams
The Stephan Center:	Victoria Stephan
TruEvolution:	Gabriel Maldonado
Senior Moment Services:	Millie Santa Cruz
UC Cooperative Extension:	Chutima Ganthavorn
Riverside City College:	Whitney Ortega
Advisory Council on Aging:	Barbara Mitchell
Advisory Council on Aging:	Diana Camba/Luella Thornton

2013-2014 Task Force Membership

Co-Chair, Advisory Council on Aging:	Sonja Martin
Co-Chair, Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Stone:	Opal Hellweg
District I: Grandparent Representative:	James Sinkiewicz
District III: Grandparent Representative:	Marci Volz
District IV: Grandparent Representative:	Sonja Martin
Grandparents Representatives at Large:	Mary Ann Stewart
Grandparents Representatives at Large:	Robert Stewart
Grandparents Representatives at Large:	Debb Walker
Grandparents Representatives at Large:	Ruth Pitts-Litman
Department of Public Social Service:	Veronica Hilton
Department of Public Social Service:	Zayda Patton
Department of Public Social Service:	Maribell Partida
Department of Mental Health:	Laura England
Department of Mental Health:	Kathy Webb
Department of Mental Health:	Lorie Lacey-Payne

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Three major steps have been accomplished toward addressing these goals:

The **Legislative/Systems Change Committee** continued to press forward the proposed legislation in the California Senior Legislature to establish a grace period for grandparents living in 55+ communities who have taken custody of children. Ms. Sonja Martin is a Senior Senator and submitted the proposal for consideration at 2013-2014 Assembly in Sacramento. Letters of support and petition signatures were gathered to show community involvement in endorsing this issue.

A new **Outreach Committee** was formed to develop strategies and materials for outreach efforts to both professional and consumer audiences. Speaking materials were developed with more user-friendly language that will be used by grandparents who have volunteered to do peer-to-peer outreach.

The **Program Committee** sponsored a symposium on May 8, 2014, aimed at reminding County agencies and programs about the GRG Program and issues facing those families. The symposium was well attended by a broad spectrum of County and community-based programs, including law enforcement and the courts.

The work of the Task Force, committees, and staff in 2013-2014 has brought revitalization to the visibility and has strengthened collaborations that are key to serving this special population of caregivers throughout Riverside County.

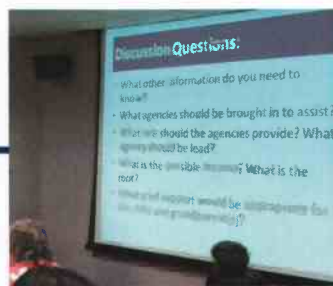
2014 Symposium on Solutions (SOS)

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) symposium was held on May 8th for County and community agency workers to raise awareness of the complexity of GRG issues and needs, and to increase sensitivity about how agencies can better serve this population.

Keynote presentations focused on the *impact of trauma on child development and behaviors*, and *grief and loss* for grandchildren and the grandparent caregiver. These are two major issues impacting these families that are not receiving adequate attention and care.

In addition to the topical presentations, the participants engaged in table-top discussions of sample cases. Assigned seating created a mix of programs representation at each table, which demonstrated the value of the GRG multi-disciplinary approach.

The symposium resulted in over twenty requests for more information and in-service presentations for County programs and community partners.



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A Grandparent's Story...

Mr. and Mrs. G were raising two teenage grandchildren and a 2 year old granddaughter when they first enrolled in the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) Program. The household was totally dependent on Mr. G's social security and retirement benefits. Unfortunately, Mr. G died unexpectedly leaving the household with no income for an interim period. GRG believed it was important to keep the granddaughter in preschool during this traumatic period, and with First 5 approval, provided 100% coverage until their finances were resolved.

Mrs. G was also enrolled in GRG's care management at the time. Right after her husband died, she also lost her father. She was struggling with how to cope with the grief and the demands of parenting. As part of her care plan, additional childcare hours were arranged to allow her to attend bereavement support groups and counseling with the Department of Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Program. Through this support Mrs. G was able to recover a positive outlook, allowing her to continue to provide a safe and healthy home environment for her grandchildren.

Mrs. G shared her appreciation to the GRG Program for the support for her in the good and bad times when she did not know what she was going to do. The GRG staff helped her make the transition from a two grandparent household to a single grandparent household. She is grateful for the kindness, support, for the blessings of the many resources, and especially the gifts during the holidays she and her family received.

Holiday Giving -- Outreach to 94 Families

The community continues to demonstrate its holiday spirit by making donations for Grandparent Raising Grandchildren families. For many of our families, financial demands are so tight that they are not able to enjoy the extra treats that make the season bright. The generosity of the community makes a tangible difference in the lives of grandparents and children.

- ◆ District 4 Youth Advisory Council provided Thanksgiving dinner for 4 Families
- ◆ Olive Branch Church adopted 4 Families in Norco for Thanksgiving
- ◆ Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County donated \$2,500
- ◆ The Foundation on Aging donated \$900 in food cards
- ◆ The Hrinko Family adopted a Family of 5
- ◆ Nita Rush* & Friends donated 70 gift boxes for children
- ◆ Norco Lioness Club adopted 4 Families
- ◆ District 3 Youth Advisory Council adopted 3 Families



* In memory of Nita Rush, who has been filling gift boxes for children for many years, died shortly after New Year's. We honor her memory and her generous spirit.

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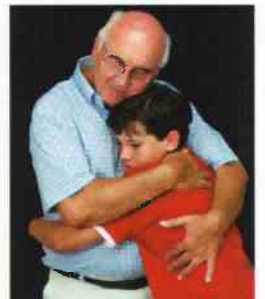
Addressing Trauma in Our Communities

"Schools, courts, and communities can enhance resiliency by providing opportunities for youth to make meaningful decisions about their lives and environments, as well as investing in recreational programs, arts, mentorship, and vocational programs."

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

"It is important to point out that even though exposure to trauma and other adverse childhood experiences have been shown to have negative effects on children's development and functioning, there are also factors that can lead a trauma-exposed child to be resilient to these harmful experiences.... Factors that promote resilience can be found on multiple levels: the individual level (e.g., child's cognitive abilities), the family level (e.g., presence of a loving, supportive adult in the child's life), and the community level (resources available to the child in the community).... This is an opportunity for systems involved with the child to use information about the child's strengths and needs to identify the most appropriate interventions for addressing the child's trauma-based symptoms and to promote future resiliency."

From Administrative Office of the Courts Briefing, "The Effects of Complex Trauma on Youth," June 2014.



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Profile 2013	Riverside County 2012	Riverside County 2013	Variance	California 2013
Grandparent Headed Household	22,765	19,692	-15.6%	295,837
Grandparent Household with No Parent Present	4,871	3,682	-32.3%	65,667
Hispanic	50.7%	48.5%	-2.2%	50.1%
White Non-Hispanic	32.1%	33.0%	0.9%	28.1%
African American	7.5%	12.4%	4.9%	8.8%
Other/Mixed Race	9.7%	6.1%	-3.6%	13%
Living Under Poverty Level	19.4%	13.6%	-5.8%	18.6%
Working Grandparent	56.8%	58.9%	2.1%	56.3%
Age of Grandchild				
Under 6	49%	46%	-3%	50%
6-11	31%	33%	2%	30%
12-17	20%	21%	1%	20%

2013 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

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Community Collaborations -- 15 Networks

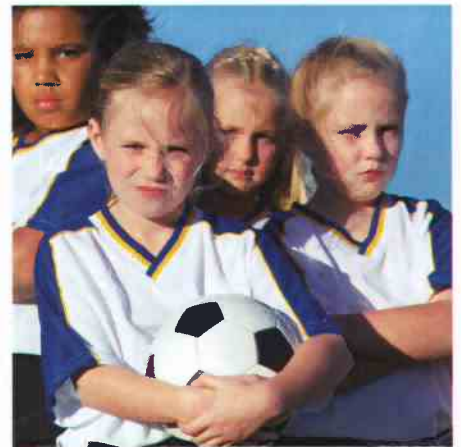
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren staff participated in 15 networks throughout the County, meeting on a monthly or quarterly schedule to share resource updates and program information:

- ◆ Metro Community Partners sponsored by the Riverside Office of Child Protective Services (CPS)
- ◆ Temecula-Murrieta Valley Interagency Council sponsored by the Temecula and Murrieta School Districts
- ◆ Moreno Valley Multi-Agency Collaborative sponsored by Moreno Valley School District
- ◆ Network North and Network West sponsored by Palm Springs School District
- ◆ Family Learning Collaborative sponsored by Riverside School District Early Education
- ◆ Banning Pass Collaborative sponsored by the Banning School District and CPS
- ◆ Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Interagency East and West
- ◆ Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative
- ◆ Riverside County Child Care Consortium
- ◆ iFoster Kinship Navigator County Collaborative
- ◆ ILP Consortium sponsored by DPSS Youth and Community Resources Region
- ◆ C.A.R.E. Team sponsored by DPSS Adult Services
- ◆ Teen Health Education Coalition sponsored by Department of Public Health

Quarterly Newsletters -- 6,000 Copies Distributed

Quarterly newsletters are produced and distributed to further the goal of providing information, parenting tips, and identifying resources to meet the needs of grandparents and their grandchildren. Topics included:

- ◆ Summer tips: water safety, sunburn, staying cool, and avoiding insects
- ◆ Emergency preparedness
- ◆ School readiness – what preschoolers should know
- ◆ Parenting tips
- ◆ Personal security
- ◆ Teen driving
- ◆ Exercise
- ◆ The importance of breakfast



Grandparent Household with No Parent Present in Riverside County

2012 **2013**

Grandparent age 30-59

41%

40%

Grandparent age 60 and over

59%

60%

GRAND FACTS:

- ◆ The number of grandparent led households without a parent present decreased by 32.3% in 2013, compared to 2012.
- ◆ Grandparents age 60 and over are more likely to have sole custody (without a parent in the home) than younger grandparents age 30 - 59.
- ◆ 5.8% decrease in grandparent led households living below the poverty level in 2013, compared to 2012, which coincides with a higher percentage of grandparents working.
- ◆ 2.1% increase in 2013 of working grandparents
- ◆ 46% of grandchildren in the care of a grandparent are under age 6.



GRG Households Served in Riverside County By Supervisorial District

District 1	16%
District 2	12%
District 3	31%
District 4	14%
District 5	27%

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN PROGRAM OUTCOMES 2013-2014

Support Services

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) program was established to provide emotional and practical support to grandparents to help them be successful in raising their grandchildren. This support is offered in 6 different formats by a team of caring professionals, and includes:



- Information & Assistance
- WarmLine
- Personal Support
- Multi-Disciplinary
- GrandsClub
- Child Care Support



**Information & Assistance --
1,153 Contacts**



Many questions and concerns can be resolved through telephonic assessments and home visits. Staff provide information about County programs and procedures, community services and resources. Because of the multi-disciplinary team approach, we are often able to connect grandparents directly with service workers and key partners that support the GRG Task Force. During FY 2013-14, GRG provided information and assistance to 1,153 contacts.

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Community Education & Outreach

Community Presentations

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) staff offer presentations for the public and professionals to share information about GRG issues and services provided by GRG and other community agencies. Audiences this year included Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) workers and partners, several networks sponsored by school districts, Riverside County Office of Education Special Education, and court officers of the Superior Court of Riverside.



Community Resource Fairs -- 15 Events - 3,648 Contacts

Providing information and resources at community events is a primary tool for outreach. Staff participated in 15 events and made contact and educated 3,648 individuals in regards to GRG's programs and services in Mecca, La Quinta, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Beaumont, Hemet, San Jacinto, Perris, Murrieta, Riverside, and Rubidoux.

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Child Care Support Testimonial

We have been with the program since being introduced almost two years ago and we are very grateful for all of the assistance that you have given us.

Both of the boys have been doing well, demonstrated by their performance in school. The older one was prepared for school through his introduction to the First 5 childcare program. There he developed social and academic skills that have helped him perform above grade level in kindergarten. He likes school and is looking forward to his first grade experience. He excels in math, reading and language. The younger boy is still in a childcare center where he socializes better and has developed a healthy appreciation for school. He has learned his numbers up to 30.

Because of your assistance I was able to return to work part time and I am currently hopeful for a full time position within the next few months.

Thank you for your introduction to other resources in the county that have been helpful to us.

Our thanks and gratitude, Michael and Tracy

Thank you!

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The WarmLine is an "800" comprehensive telephonic case management assessment that was established to serve as a central point of access for assistance with kinship and caregiving related matters. The WarmLine social worker informs, supports and empowers caregivers and relatives in the development, maintenance and strengthening of their families through a care plan to improve the quality of life for Grandfamilies. It is funded and managed by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). During FY 2013-14, the WarmLine social worker made contact with 760 families/individuals.



**WarmLine -- Case Management
760 Contacts**

**Personal Support - -
(Case Management)**

The GRG social worker provides one-on-one support to resolve personal concerns and advocates for access to benefits and services as needed. The predominant issues this year were grandparents' health, financial assistance with household expenses and money management, and mental health services for grandparents dealing with late life depression. During FY 2013-14, the GRG social worker provided 615 contact hours of case management support.

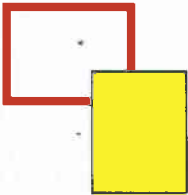
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To meet the more complex needs of a family, the social worker has access to the experiences and resources of various agencies and organizations who meet as a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to develop a strategy for the client to streamline access to the appropriate services to resolve their issues. During FY 2013-14, six Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings were conducted.

**Multi-Disciplinary Team --
6 Team Meetings**

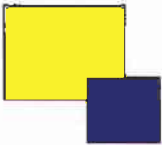
**GrandsClub --
78 Meetings**

Peer Support Groups are a chance to join a supportive community and share advice on family issues with peers who are going through similar situations. Grandparents can learn about resources and strategies that have worked in other families from friends who understand and will not be judgmental. Through a partnership with California Family Life Center's Kin Care Program, eight meetings are held each month for grandparents and other relative caregivers, including one meeting in Spanish. During FY 2013-14, 78 GrandsClub meetings were conducted.



**Child Care Support --
76 Children**

In October 2013, The First 5 Commission of Riverside County awarded Grandparents Raising Grandchildren a \$750,000 contract for the period covering January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. This financial support is used to subsidize a portion of the cost for childcare for grandchildren from birth through 5 years old. Quality childcare is an important tool for providing socialization and stability for these at-risk children and preparing them to be more successful in their ongoing education and personal development. During FY 2013-14, child care support was provided for 76 children.



**Thank You First 5 Riverside for Your
Continued Support of Childcare for
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**