



STANISLAUS COUNTY



It's All About The Kids

CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

STRATEGIC PLAN 2006-2008

Promoting the development and well-being of children 0 through 5.



ABOUT THE COMMISSION

In 1999, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors enacted an ordinance to establish the appointment, selection and removal of commissioners and to establish a trust fund to receive and make Proposition 10 disbursements.

The County Board of Supervisors appoints all 9 members of the County Commission. Commission membership represents the following areas:

- 1 Member of the Board of Supervisors
- 1 County Public Health Officer
- 2 Of the following three County Department Heads:
 - ◆ Health Services Agency
 - ◆ Behavioral Health & Recovery Services
 - ◆ Community Services Agency
- 1 Representative of a local school district
- 4 Public members who represent any of the following categories:
 - ◆ Recipients of Prop 10 services
 - ◆ Representatives of a local childcare resource or referral agency
 - ◆ Representatives of a local organization providing prevention or early intervention services to families at risk
 - ◆ Representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development
 - ◆ Representatives of local medical, pediatric or obstetric associations or societies.

For more information, please visit:

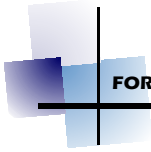
Our website

<http://stanprop10.org>

Our Geographic Information System (GIS)

<http://gis.stangis.org:9081/Prop10>





FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: 209.558.6218

COMMISSION VISION

All of Stanislaus County's children will thrive in supportive, safe, nurturing, and loving environments; are healthy eager, and ready learners; and become productive well-adjusted members of society.

COMMISSION MISSION

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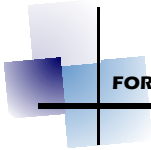
WHY FOCUS ON THE FIRST 5 YEARS?

The early years of a child's life are critical because experience shapes how a child's brain grows and develops.

The brain acts a lot like a sponge in the early years in that it soaks up everything around it. It grows at an amazing rate during a child's development. Through a maze of neurons and connections between cells, a baby's brain sculpts itself in response to the demands of the world. In fact, research in brain development indicates that the emotional, physical, and intellectual environment to which a child is exposed in the earliest years has a profound impact on how his or her brain develops. What happens during the early years provides an indelible blueprint on a child's life.

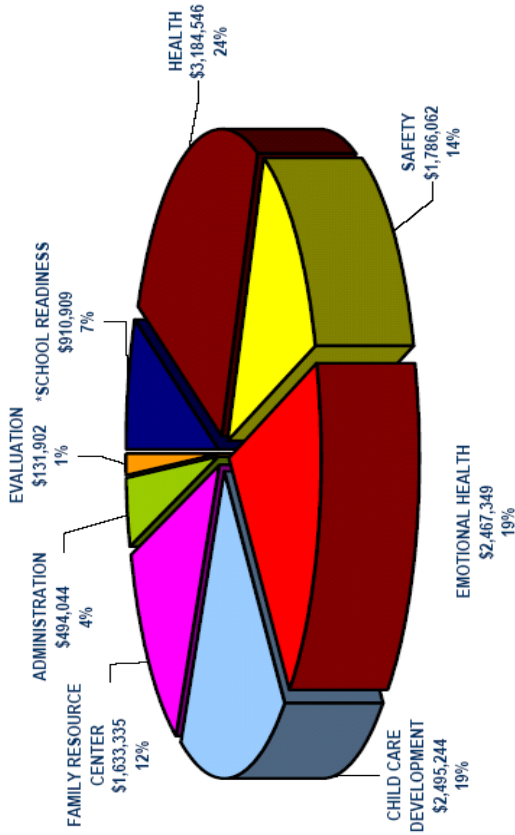
The experience children have with parents and caregivers will influence how a child functions when he or she reaches school and later in life.





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**Budgeted Commission Expenditures
2005-2006**



TOTAL: \$13,103,391

*School Readiness includes Evaluation contract of \$90,000



A New Direction

By initialing this strategic plan in 2005 and after (a revision in 2006), the Commission adjusted its funding strategies. The pie chart on the opposite page reflects how the Commission's priorities were funded in Fiscal Year 2005/2006.

The Commission restructured its strategies into four result areas:

- Area 1: Improved Family Functioning
- Area 2: Improved Child Development
- Area 3: Improved Health
- Area 4: Improved Systems of Care

Programs currently funded by the Children & Families Commission:

- 2-1-1 Project (United Way)
- Breastfeeding Promotion Coalition
- CARES—Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Education Standards (YCCD)
- Children's Crisis Center
- Families in Partnership (Community Services Agency)
- Healthy Cubs (Health Services Agency)
- Healthy Start Support (Stanislaus County Office of Education)
- Immunization Registry –RIDE (Health Services Agency)
- Infant Mortality Study (Health Services Agency)
- Keep Baby Safe (Health Services Agency)
- La Familia Counseling Program (El Concilio)
- Laura's House (Community Housing & Shelter Services)
- MOMobile (Doctors Medical Center Foundation/ Golden Valley Health Centers)
- On the Safe Side (Center for Human Services)
- Healthy Birth Outcomes (Health Services Agency)
- SAFE Court (Stanislaus County Superior Court)
- Specialized Early Childcare Consultation Program (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services)
- Traveling Tales (Stanislaus County Library)

Family Resource Centers (in collaboration with the Community Services Agency):

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| Airport Neighbors United (Modesto) | Newman Family Resource Center |
| Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children | Parent Resource Center (Modesto) |
| Family Support Network (Oakdale) | Patterson Family Resource Center |
| Grayson/Westley Family Resource Center | Sierra Vista Drop-In Center (Modesto) |
| Hughson Family Resource Center | Turlock Family Resource Center |

School Readiness Programs in the following school districts:

- Chatom
- Keyes
- Patterson (Grayson)
- Riverbank (California Avenue & Rio Altura)
- Turlock (Wakefield, Osborn, & Cunningham)
- Newman/Crows Landing (Von Renner)
- Waterford



Result Area 1: Goals

Improved Family Functioning

- ◆ Through respite care facility services, reduce child abuse and neglect of at-risk children 0 through 5.
- ◆ Families with children 0 through 5 will be linked with accessible, culturally competent, and family-centered services.
- ◆ Support parents with children 0 through 5 in their recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions.





Result Area 2: Goals

Improved Child Development

- ◆ Increase the number of children 0 through 5 who receive health and developmental screenings.
- ◆ Increase the number of fathers/males involved with children 0 through 5 in school preparation activities.
- ◆ To educate and raise awareness of asthma in unlicensed Family, Friend, and Neighbor childcare settings.
- ◆ To train, educate, and raise awareness of asthma in licensed childcare settings.



Result Area 3: Goals

Improved Health

- ◆ High-risk pregnancies will result in a healthy birth.
- ◆ Increase enrollment in health insurance.
- ◆ Reduce injury to children by expanding car seat education throughout the County.





Result Area 4: Systems Change

Result Area 4 involves “systems change” which usually is accomplished through individual projects that promote the development and well-being of children 0 through 5 years of age.

Improved Systems of Care Projects

- ◆ Families In Partnership
 - * Participating FIP families complete a case plan or are continually assessed for risk and safety factors.
 - * After 12 months of FIP case plan completion, children will remain out of the foster care system.
 - * Children will be returned to their parents within 6 months of the Dispositional Hearing.
- ◆ RIDE—Immunization Registry
 - * Increase provider participation maintaining the immunization registry.
 - * Increase patient records in database.
- ◆ CARES Project
 - * Participants develop a professional growth plan and record.
 - * Participants complete 3 units of college level ECE coursework.
- ◆ Infant Mortality Study Program
 - * Analysis of 12-month birth data for 2005 and 2006.



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