

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: STANISLAUS CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

BOARD AGENDA # B-13

Urgent Routine X

AGENDA DATE June 19, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES pht NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO X

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENTATION OF STANISLAUS CHILDREN'S COUNCIL
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

STAFF
RECOMMEN-
DATIONS:

ACCEPT THE STANISLAUS CHILDREN'S COUNCIL 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL

IMPACT: This item is for informational purposes only. There is no fiscal impact.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-480

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Deputy

Christine Ferraro

File No.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENTATION OF STANISLAUS CHILDREN'S COUNCIL 2000
ANNUAL REPORT
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DISCUSSION: The Stanislaus Children's Council has published an annual report, Leading into the 21st Century ..., for the year 2000. The report highlights events and issues of the Stanislaus Children's Council that were addressed during that period.

This report stands as testament to the dedication of each member of the Stanislaus Children's Council in facilitating partnerships and collaboration to provide better services to the children and families of Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus Children's Council looks forward to continuing their efforts by creating new partnerships and ensuring future collaborative efforts.

**POLICY
ISSUES:**

The Board of Supervisors established the Stanislaus Children's Council on February 4, 1992 in accordance with Section 18986 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The Stanislaus Children's Council's mission is to facilitate and support collaboration and sustain healthy families and communities. The Stanislaus Children's Council requests that the Board consider whether the accomplishments in this report are aligned with the Stanislaus Children's Council's mission.

**STAFFING
IMPACT:**

There is no impact on staffing.

Stanislaus Children's Council

Leading into the
21st Century...



2000 Review

Stanislaus Children's Council

The year 2000 was a major turning point in our world's history. The implications of a new world coming into existence is undeniable. The world, in many ways, is becoming smaller and smaller due to technology and our ability to communicate at a more efficient speed. Electronic mail was a foreign term not too long ago and now you are considered "behind the times" if you do not have an e-mail address.

The children of today are the reflection of our changing world. They are presented with many challenges of this "new world", but there are some basic challenges for which we, as a nation, as a society, as a community, as a family, and as a responsible adult must find speedy solutions.

Those basic challenges include;

- Health care for all
- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Education
- Opportunity

Without these basic necessities our upcoming generations will not have the necessary tools to address the more complex and global issues facing our world.

The year 2000 was a turning point for the Stanislaus Children's Council. It marked ten years of collaboration and establishing partnerships so that children and families could thrive in Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus Children's Council has led the way on many new and innovative ways of providing services to our communities. The Council's respected reputation was achieved through vision, leadership, and the resourcefulness to "make things happen."

Now, the 21st Century is upon us and I am confident that the Stanislaus Children's Council will again "lead the way" as we address the challenges faced by our children and families in Stanislaus County. The world is becoming smaller and each positive impact we have on our communities will *expand* its influence into other communities – just like the rings of a droplet on the water.

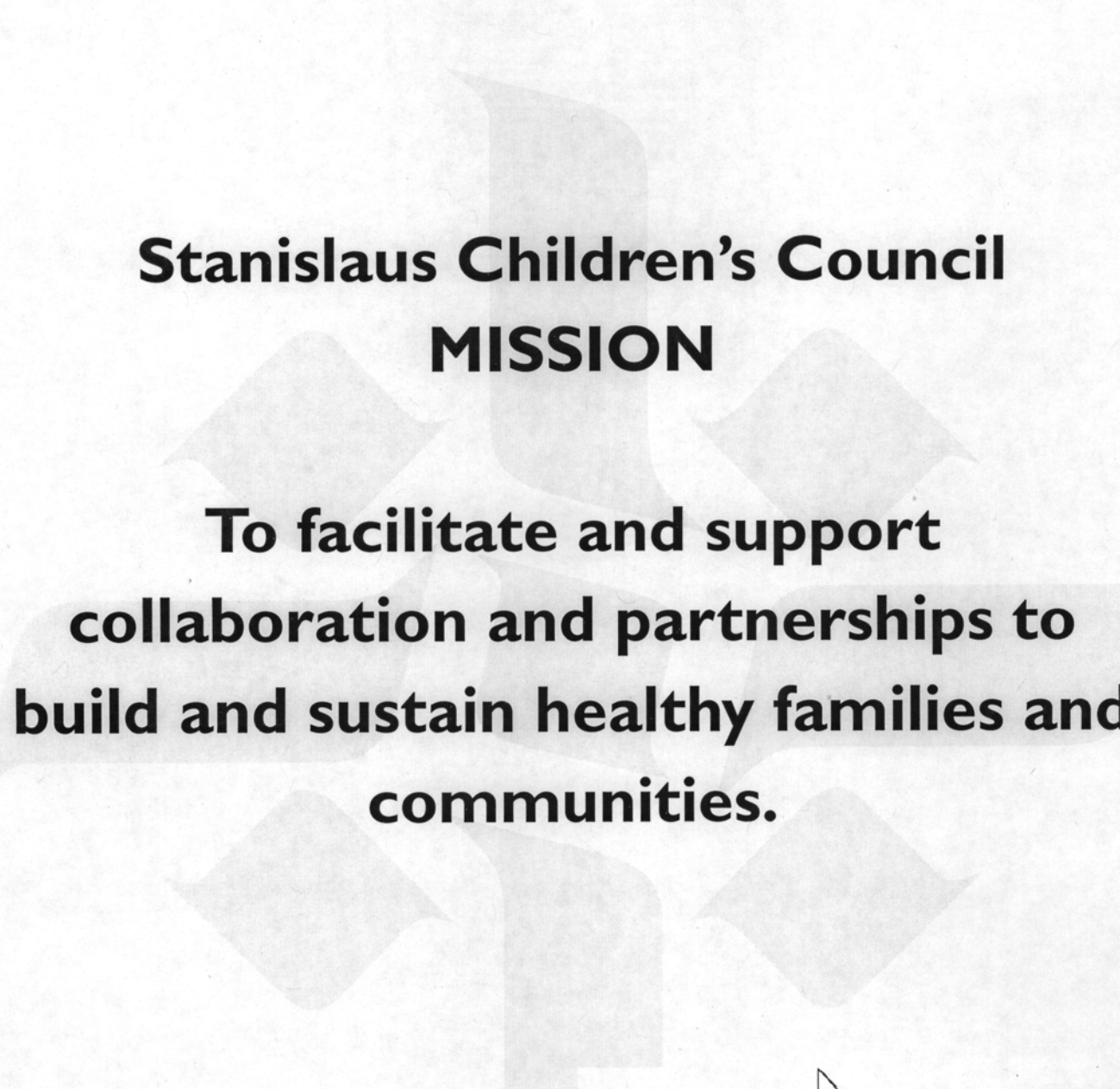
Please reflect on the contents of this document as it highlights the work of the Children's Council during the year 2000 and let it spur your creativity to focus on the upcoming possibilities of 2001!

Respectfully yours,

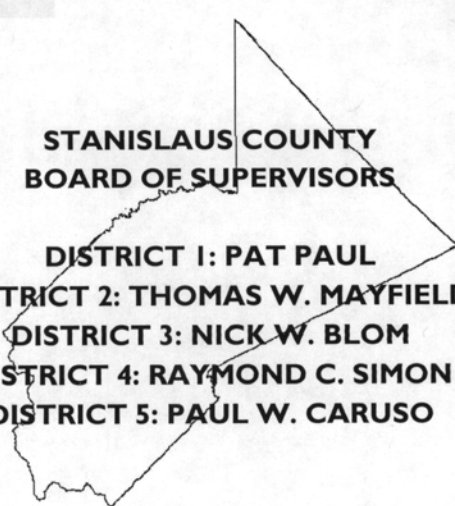
Audrey A. Uhring

Stanislaus Children's Council MISSION

**To facilitate and support
collaboration and partnerships to
build and sustain healthy families and
communities.**



**STANISLAUS COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



**DISTRICT 1: PAT PAUL
DISTRICT 2: THOMAS W. MAYFIELD
DISTRICT 3: NICK W. BLOM
DISTRICT 4: RAYMOND C. SIMON
DISTRICT 5: PAUL W. CARUSO**

Membership:

The Council is a working group of professionals and community members dedicated to fostering collaboration and creating effective services for children and their families. **The purpose of the Council is to facilitate and support collaboration and partnerships that build and sustain healthy families and communities.** On February 4, 1992, the Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the Stanislaus County Interagency Children's Services Coordinating Council as set forth in Section 18986 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The following individuals serve as Council Officers and comprise the Council's Executive Committee:

- ◆ Beverly Finley, President
- ◆ Linda Duffy, President Elect
- ◆ Judy Kindle, Vice President Operations
- ◆ open, Vice President Community Liaison
- ◆ Jeff Jue, Past President

Current Council Members:

- Robert Allaire, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Office
- Linda Avedon, United Way of Stanislaus County
- James Brazelton, Stanislaus County District Attorney
- Paul Caruso, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
- A. R. "Rich" Chubon, Stanislaus County Housing Authority
- Richard Curry, Ph.D., California State University, Stanislaus
- Linda L. Duffy, Stanislaus County Probation
- Terry Elliott, Stanislaus County District 1 Representative
- James C. Enochs, Superintendent, Modesto City Schools
- Beverly Finley, Stanislaus County Health Services Agency
- Richard Jacobs, Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Jeff Jue, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
- Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Children's Center
- Linda Kovacs, Stanislaus County District 4 Representative
- Mary Jo Mastin, Stanislaus County District 2 Representative
- Lee Honoré Means, Stanislaus County District 3 Representative
- Connie Moreno-Peraza, Alcohol and Drug Programs Administrator
- Nancy Oliva, RN, MS, Oak Valley Hospital Districts
- Noé Páramo, California Rural Legal Assistance
- Martin G. Petersen, Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools
- Larry B. Poaster, Ph.D., Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Carolyn Ratto, Turlock City Council, City, County, Schools Partnership
- Eloise Reyes Preiss, Turlock School Districts
- L. Jane Saldana, Ed.D., Modesto Junior College
- Katheryn Salter, Stanislaus County District 5 Representative
- Les Weidman, Stanislaus County Sheriff
- Lyndalee Whipple, Stanislaus County Community Services Agency

Thank you to the following members for their service:

- Kacey Smith, District 5 Representative
- Cyndi Mall, District 5 Representative
- Sharon Burnis, Modesto City Schools
- Steve Thaxton, Stanislaus Child Care Planning Council
- Honorable John G. Whiteside, Superior Court

History of Children's Council – January 2000

Presentation Highlights

- The Council originated by Dr. Larry Poaster from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and Marsena Buck, Director from the Department of Social Services.
- Council began as a forum to identify existing services and program gaps. Focus was on flexibility and funding, minimizing duplication of services and providing a continuum of family-centered/child focused services.
- The goal was to develop cooperation and communication between groups. Emphasis was on prevention and early intervention services.
- February 1992 – Board of Supervisors officially established the Stanislaus County Interagency Children's Services Coordinating Council as provided by Senate Bill 997.
- In the early years, the Council developed its structure, mission and values.
- The Council developed a three-tier structure of operation:
 - The Board of Supervisors
 - The Interagency Children's Coordinating Council
 - Committees established by the Council:
 - Family Preservation/Family Support (FPSP)
 - School-Linked Services
 - Children's Trust Fund
- The Council provided support in the establishment of 13 Healthy Start sites by May of 1999.
- The Council assisted in the development of the Families in Partnership Program
- The Council provided support of the Harvest Bank
- Finally, the Council will play an instrumental role in supporting and providing technical assistance to the Stanislaus County Children's and Families First Commission



10 years
**CHILDREN'S
 COORDINATING
 COUNCIL**

CELEBRATION
 OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT



Mark Friedman Event



January 2000

Mark Friedman Event – January 2000

“Giving Generations a Voice for Safer Communities” Conference

Date: January 27, 2000

Time: 8 am – 5 pm

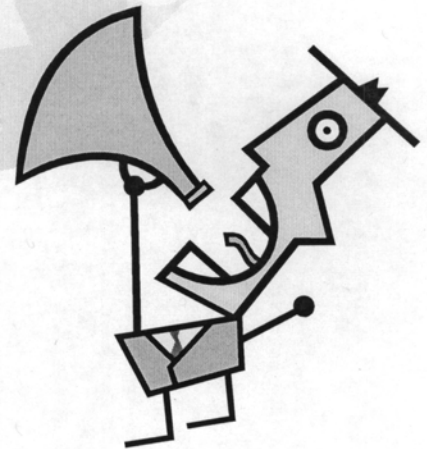
Featuring: Mark Friedman and Keynote speaker, Michael Pritchard

Entertainment provided by:

- ◆ Riverbank Color Guard
- ◆ Legacy singers

Included continental breakfast & lunch

- ◆ The conference was hosted by the Stanislaus Children’s Council with the goal of bringing the voices of all generations together to address what it would mean to have safer communities in Stanislaus County. Over 330 invitations were sent throughout Stanislaus County. The total number of participants were 253. This included 34 youth representing Petersen Alternative Center for Education (PACE), Johansen High School, Modesto High School, Beyer High School, Downey High School, Davis High School, Mark Twain Junior High, West Modest King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative (WMKKNC) and Airport Neighbors United. Also, 56 senior citizens representing AARP Widow Services, Area Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities, California Senior Legislature, Senior Opportunity Service Program, Valley Oak Residential Program and the Commission on Aging were participants and volunteers who assisted in the days events.
- ◆ The sponsors of the conference included:
 - ◆ Community Services Agency
 - ◆ Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
 - ◆ Stanislaus County Probation Department
 - ◆ Health Services Agency
 - ◆ Pacific Gas & Electric
 - ◆ Valley Mountain Regional Center
 - ◆ Sierra Vista Children’s Center
 - ◆ SaveMart Supermarkets
- ◆ Members of the conference planning committee included:
 - ◆ Vicki Bauman, Stanislaus County Office of Education
 - ◆ Judy Kindle, Sierra Vista Children’s Center
 - ◆ Esther Rosario, Rio Altura Healthy Start
 - ◆ Judi Frampton, Hughson Healthy Start
 - ◆ Stacie Bradford, Gibson & Associates
 - ◆ Joann Blaska, Community Services Agency
 - ◆ Marlene McDonald, Community Services Agency
 - ◆ Dorene McDonald, Stanislaus County Office of Education
 - ◆ Jane Weinheimer, Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance
 - ◆ Sam Ricardo, Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance
 - ◆ Margie Palomino, Area Agency on Aging
 - ◆ Carol Richard, Children’s Council
 - ◆ Audrey Uhring, Children’s Council



<i>Highlights of the Day</i>

- ◆ The day began with the Riverbank Color Guard commanding our attention and starting the day's events
- ◆ Welcome by Jeff Jue, Director of Community Services Agency
- ◆ Legacy singers sang our National Anthem and "We Can Make a Difference"
- ◆ Marnell White, President of Stanislaus Commission on Aging, introduced our keynote speaker, Michael Pritchard
- ◆ Jeff Jue introduced the main speaker, Mark Friedman
- ◆ Mark began his presentation by discussing what it means to have a "common language" and how utilizing a "common language" can overcome obstacles and provide better outcomes.
- ◆ He defined such frequently used words and phrases such as:

◆ Benchmark	◆ Target	◆ Outcome
◆ Result	◆ Measure	◆ Indicators
◆ Objective	◆ Indicator	◆ Performance Measure
- ◆ Once the participants clearly grasped the importance of utilizing "common language" as a launching point, Mark then began to explain the theory behind "results accountability." This discussion included his "Results-Based Decision Making" model;
 - ◆ Population to be targeted – defining who we are talking about
 - ◆ Results desired (includes indicators and baselines)
 - ◆ Story behind the baseline – the causes or the forces at work
 - ◆ Partners with a role to play – both public and private sector
 - ◆ What works – what would it take to turn the curve in this community, best practices, best hunches
 - ◆ Action plan and budget – includes performance measures
- ◆ An intergenerational panel which included Elizabeth Perez from Mark Twain Junior High, Alice Solis of Airport Neighbors United, Claudia Epperson of Robertson Road Healthy Start, Betty McDonough of AARP Widow Services and Bruce Byers of AARP Widow Services were present to give their impressions of how they experienced a safe community in their lives.
- ◆ Mark then introduced the "Turning the Curve" exercise which allowed participants to work together in their table groups utilizing the format presented by Mark. The exercise enabled participants to work with various ages and representatives from the community with the common goal of developing options for safer communities.
- ◆ The finale of the day was facilitated by Dorene McDonald, Stanislaus County Office of Education. Each participant wrote one thing they would commit to doing to have safer communities in Stanislaus County.

About the Speakers...

◆ Keynote speaker, Michael Pritchard:

This comic, educator, probation officer, and actor has the talent, and experience, to blend humor with serious issues. Pritchard started out as a juvenile probation officer before he became a comedian. He won the San Francisco Comedy Competition, appeared on Johnny Carson, and performed on stage with Robin Williams, Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld. When Hollywood called, his pay went from \$12,000 a year to \$100,000, however that's when he realized he was just wealthy but not happy. "I'm making a life," Pritchard says, "If I wanted to make a living, I'd be working in Hollywood." Since 1987, Pritchard has been talking to kids nationwide under the sponsorship of school districts, law enforcement agencies, universities, and corporations. Pritchard's unique ability to reach a vast audience with his gifts of self-esteem and self-appreciation inspires positive change in schools, the workplace and in the community. His proven success for empowering people begins with humor but leaves behind a serious message.

◆ Guest speaker, Mark Friedman:

Mr. Friedman has developed a result accountability framework that he has presented in over 30 states and in nearly all California counties. It challenges communities to identify desired results for children, families, and communities and to develop a system to measure progress toward those results. His presentation is clear and compelling.

Prior to his forming the Fiscal Policy Studies Institute in Baltimore, he served as Senior Associate at the Center for Study of Social Policy (CSSP) in Washington D.C. for four years. Mr. Friedman's work at CSSP focused on policy and financial technical assistance to states, counties, cities and communities involved in family and children's service system reform.

Before joining CSSP, Mr. Friedman served for nearly 20 years in the Maryland Department of Human Resources. During this time, he played a key role in social services and public assistance program and fiscal policy, including responsibility for financing one of the county first family preservation programs and implementing several major federal fund initiatives.

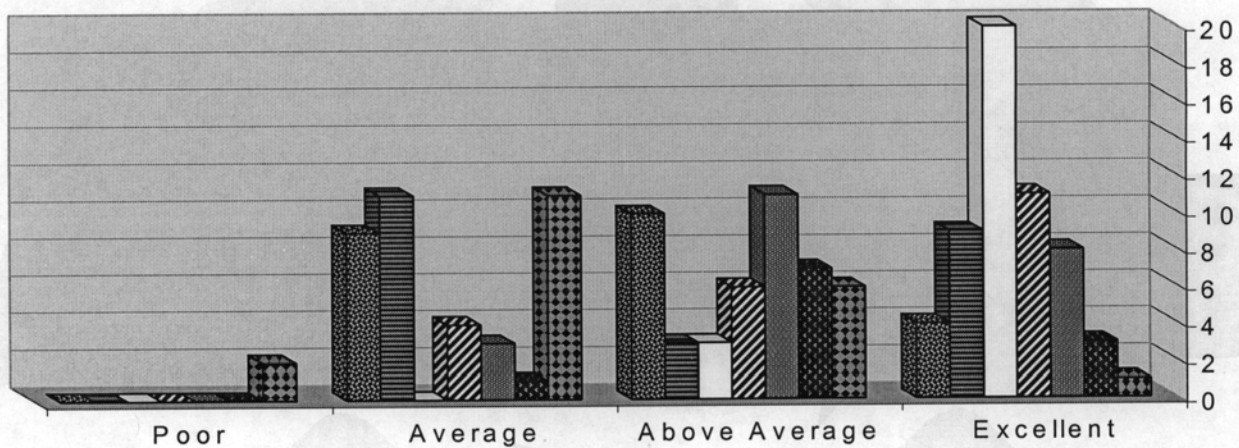
Mr. Friedman has spoken extensively on the subject of financing human service reform and results-based budgeting and accountability, and has authored a range of papers on systems reform topics.

A list of Mr. Friedman's publications include: Strategy Map for Results-Based Budgeting: Moving from Theory to Practice: A Guide to Developing Performance Measures: A Guide to Developing and Using Child and Family Budgets

Conference Results

Ratings	Poor	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Schedule and pace of workshop	0	9	10	4
Overall workshop organization	0	11	3	9
Agenda - Keynote	0	0	3	20
Agenda - Results	0	4	6	11
Agenda - Exercise	0	3	11	8
Agenda - Small Groups	0	1	7	3
Agenda - Panel	2	11	6	1

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 □ Agenda - Keynote ▨ Agenda - Results
 ■ Agenda - Exercise ■ Agenda - Small Groups
 ■ Agenda - Panel



Examples of Participant Feedback

- ◆ Michael Pritchard was the best! The table arrangement was fun and it was worthwhile to sit with different generations. The action steps was an eye opener to understand how others think.
- ◆ Actual information from Mark was great!
- ◆ Best and most clearly presented explanation and tools for outcome based evaluations I've experienced.
- ◆ Methodology for "Issues" problem solving. A new way to look at problems or issues and structure changes.
- ◆ The renewed idea that people can make a difference – a feeling of hope.
- ◆ Kids want attention (all ages) "fruit of all violence is un-listened to pain" good model "results based decision making" better than any other I've seen – gets to the heart of the matter and to ACTIONS so quickly – great model – very useful.
- ◆ The interaction with different generations.
- ◆ More of Mark Friedman!

Strategic Planning Day



March 2000

Strategic Planning Day – March 2000

On March 21, 2000, thirty five Children's Council members and guests gathered to discuss the direction of the Children's Council. Cathy Bankson with the Chief Executive Office facilitated the "Strategic Planning Day." Morning "icebreakers" included sharing memories from childhood such as:

- Being outdoors
- Mother reading to you
- Feeling safe
- Family vacations
- Dinner with family
- Evening drives

The participants also identified what would have to occur for our children today to experience our memories of childhood:

- Sense of security
- Love
- Neighborhood
- Extended family
- Different pace
- Doing things together

★ Audrey Uhring then gave an inspirational speech that helped set the "focus" for the day. The "I Have a Dream for the Children and Families of Stanislaus County" speech is printed in its entirety on the following page.

The format of the day included:

- Defining and reviewing the mission statement of the Children's Council
- Developing outcomes over the next five years

The top ten projected outcomes defined were:

1. Self sufficiency
2. Academic achievement
3. Safe communities
4. Reduced substance abuse by children
5. Increased employment
6. Fewer teen pregnancy/birth (health risks)
7. Fewer substance exposed infants (health risks)
8. Increased quality licensed child care
9. Sense of community/community access
10. Reduction of health risks

- Discussing strategies/goals to achieve the defined outcomes

The day concluded with the recommendation to stay focused on making the difference in the life of a child or family and to take action within the next 60 days towards one of the established goals.

I Have a Dream
for the Children & Families of Stanislaus County
by Audrey Uhring

“36 years ago, a great man delivered a profound speech that was entitled, “I Have a Dream” That speech rings in our ears and our hearts to this very day. His dream became the dream of a nation and we continue to strive for its fulfillment.

I want to begin this day with my own version of I have a dream.

I have a dream for the children of Stanislaus County.

I have a dream that all of our children are given the opportunity to be brought into this world through a healthy pregnancy with loving parents awaiting their arrival.

I have a dream that our children begin their school years healthy and ready to learn.

I have a dream that all children are bonded to loving families, that loving families are bonded to supportive communities and supportive communities are bonded to the people they support and serve.

I have a dream that our community provides the educational opportunities, the resources and the access to programs for our children to not only grow, but thrive...

I have a dream that our children of all races, cultural backgrounds and family constellations be given equal opportunity to meet their potential...

I have a dream that the span between generations be bridged through caring and understanding.

I have a dream that our children through our loving families and communities someday take the place of every person in this room to carry on the dream ...

So, today, as we start to plan the direction for Stanislaus Children’s Council, let us remember that Martin Luther King did not say “I have a strategic plan”. He said, “I have a dream”

Let us all dream of creative ways to better serve our children in Stanislaus County.”

Countywide Crisis Response Plan



Countywide Crisis Response Plan

History

In 1998, the Children's Council discussed the issue that traumatic events are occurring more frequently and with children being the primary victims. The Council determined that a committee would convene to assess the crisis response needs in Stanislaus County and develop recommendations for the Council's consideration.

In May 1999, those recommendations were as follows:

- The Children's Council would take the lead in developing a Countywide Crisis Response Plan.
- The Children's Council will set up an ad hoc committee and the Council staff will chair the committee.
- The ad hoc committee will partner with the Office of Emergency Services.
- Agencies represented will commit resources of time, staff, and training dollars for this project.

The original committee consisted of the following members:

- Nancy Millberry, Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Teri Kook, Community Services Agency
- Pat Logan, Modesto City Schools
- Beth Bailey, Modesto City Schools
- Sharon Burnis, Modesto City Schools
- Lee Honoré Means, Girls Scouts of the United States
- Bob Allaire, Chief Executive Office
- Patti Cassinerio, Stanislaus County Office of Education
- Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services
- Jim Northern, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office
- Noé Páramo, California Rural Legal Assistance
- Russ Richards, Office of Emergency Services
- Irene Westbury, Haven Women's Center



Training

The original ad hoc committee researched what exists and what is needed. They determined that the National Organization for Victim's Assistance (NOVA) training would be the most suitable for the needs of Stanislaus County. The following people were assigned to attend the NOVA training in Washington D.C. in February 2000.

Basic Training Only

- ◆ Cherie Dockery, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- ◆ Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services
- ◆ Patti Cassinerio, Stanislaus County Office of Education

Basic and Advanced Training

- ◆ Audrey Uhring, Stanislaus Children's Council
- ◆ Russ Richards, Office of Emergency Services
- ◆ Ramona Harris, Community Services Agency
- ◆ Joann Blaska, Community Services Agency
- ◆ Shari Lowe, Modesto City Schools

Once the training was completed, the committee was charged with developing the plan and presenting it to the Children's Council

June 2000 Countywide Crisis Response Plan Presentation

In June 2000, the committee presented a one hour multi-media PowerPoint presentation to the Children's Council and individuals representing the community and various organizations. A total of 504 individuals were invited to this presentation due to its potential impact on all of Stanislaus County. Eighty-nine individuals from various organizations attended the presentation which was held in the Board Chambers 1010 10th Street building.

The highlights of the presentation included:

- Vision/Mission of Countywide Crisis Response Plan
- Description of NOVA (National Organization of Victim's Assistance)
- Levels of activation for crisis response
- Purpose, value, function and elements of a community crisis response team
- Selection, training and maintenance of developing a crisis response team
- Critical decisions to be considered to put the plan into effect

The critical decisions to the Children's Council were as follows:

- Where should the Community Crisis Response Team reside?
- Who will have the fiscal responsibility of the Community Crisis Response Team?
- What are the liability and legal issues that may arise when utilizing volunteers from multiple disciplines and agencies?

The plan was recognized and approved by the Children's Council.

After further discussion at the July 2000 Children's Council meeting, it was determined that the ad hoc committee develop an implementation plan that includes a budget

November 2000 Presentation of the Implementation Plan for the Countywide Crisis Response Plan

A PowerPoint presentation outlined the following components of the Implementation Plan:

- How the Countywide Crisis Response Plan supports the Board of Supervisors priorities to provide safe, healthy community, multi-jurisdictional cooperation, community leadership and community service delivery.
- Organizational chart for the Stanislaus County Emergency Action Plan to show where the plan would fit within the current system. The plan would best fit under Behavioral Health and Recovery Services with their Crisis Response Team and Threat of Violence.
- Phone tree to show the communication flow based on where an emergency call is received and the level of activation needed to respond.
- Summary and detailed budget, requiring \$183,594.01 for implementation of the plan.
- A list of potential funding partners which included schools, cities, hospitals and law enforcement agencies countywide, as well as county agencies and in-kind contributions from community based organizations.
- Benefits of having a crisis response plan
- Suggestions for funding possibilities.

November 2000 Presentation of the Implementation Plan for the Countywide Crisis Response Plan (continued from previous page)

- Funding is a major issue. It was questioned whether the plan would be eligible for Prop 10 funding, which it is not. All organizations/agencies countywide who would benefit from the plan would have to contribute. It was requested that Council members discuss the plan with their "decision-makers" and report back. Discussion followed regarding the difficulty in determining an amount to contribute and it was decided to first get support for the idea.

The next step was for the Council members to discuss the plan with the decision makers in their organization and report back to the Council if and what kind of commitment can be made by their agencies.

Further discussion will ensue at the January 2001 Children's Council meeting.

Children's Council Committees



School-Linked Services Committee



School-Linked Services Committee provided support for the following Healthy Start sites active in Stanislaus County in the year 2000:

- ☆ Mark Twain Junior High School
- ☆ Robertson Road Healthy Start
- ☆ Hanshaw Middle School
- ☆ Orville Wright Elementary School
- ☆ Thomas Downey High School
- ☆ Peterson Alternative Center for Education
- ☆ Ceres Healthy Start
- ☆ Empire Elementary School
- ☆ Hughson Elementary School
- ☆ Von Renner Elementary School, Yolo Junior High School, Westside Valley High School
- ☆ Grayson Family Resource Center
- ☆ Rio Altura Healthy Start

Healthy Start Updates for 2000:

- Robertson Road Healthy Start:
 - Started a parent group lunch hour program (held twice monthly)
 - Received Wellness Grant to form their girls leadership program
- Riverbank Healthy Start
 - Started a kindergarten transition program.
 - Received a \$15,000 grant from Pacific Bell for their "NET Project" (Networking Everyone with Technology)
 - Implementing an after school program (funded by Community Services Agency, Stanislaus County Office of Education and City of Riverbank)
 - Received funding for latch key program
- Hughson Healthy Start
 - Held parenting class in partnership with Sierra Vista Children's Center
 - In partnership with YMCA, established a youth leadership club
 - Held their first collaborative retreat at Knights Ferry
- Wakefield Elementary Healthy Start
 - Implemented an after school learning program
 - New building to arrive in December, 2000
- Empire Elementary Healthy Start
 - Held Parents as Partners program
 - Received funding for adult education program

School-Linked Services Committee (continued from previous page)

Grants

The following Healthy Start sites were funded effective July 1, 2000:

Operational:

- Wakefield Elementary School – Turlock
- Petersen Alternative Center for Education (PACE) - Stanislaus County Office of Education
- Westside Valley High – Newman-Crows Landing

Planning grants were awarded to the following four schools under Modesto City School District:

- Burbank
- Franklin
- Shackelford
- Tuolumne

All sites, except Tuolumne will provide an after school learning program. The Tuolumne site will provide a Healthy Start/Head Start facility.

Other issues covered:

- Mobilizing Resources for Healthy Communities and Neighborhoods – Preliminary Report on the Stanislaus County Asset Base presented by Dr. Steve Hughes.
- United Way Impact Councils – Linda Avedon
- In November, 2000, letters were sent from Martin Petersen to school districts inviting schools to join the School-Linked Services Committee
- In June 2000, a tabloid on Stanislaus County Healthy Start sites was distributed in the Modesto Bee and El Sol .

Family Learning Centers/After School Learning Programs

The partnership between CSA and the Modesto City Schools provides high quality child care programs for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) children. There are two basic pieces to the program: the Family Learning Centers and an after school learning program. Funds of 3.4 million have been provided for the project. The Family Learning Centers will be developed in Burbank, Franklin, Shackelford and Orville Wright.

Healthy Start Conferences

Sponsored by the Healthy Start Field Office

A team of individuals was requested to represent the Stanislaus County Healthy Starts and present at three Healthy Start Conferences held by the Healthy Start Field Office in Davis. The conferences were held as a segment of Healthy Start Orientation and was open to all district, public and private agency administrators and policymakers. The following individuals presented on the topic of "Systems Change and Community Agencies":

Sacramento

August 28, 2000:

- Jeff Jue – Community Services Agency
- Audrey Uhring, Children's Council
- Lt. Joe Aja, Modesto Police Department
- Janette Jameson, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Pat Logan, Modesto City Schools

Costa Mesa

September 18, 2000:

- Jeff Jue – Community Services Agency
- Audrey Uhring, Children's Council
- Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services
- Nancy Millberry, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Pat Logan, Modesto City Schools

Fresno

October 23, 2000:

- Jeff Jue – Community Services Agency
- Audrey Uhring, Children's Council
- Cindy Duenas, Center for Human Services
- Nancy Millberry, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Claudia Epperson, Modesto City Schools

Family Preservation/Family Support (FPFS)

The following items were presented and discussed at regularly held Family Preservation/Family Support meetings in the year 2000:

- Parent Partnership Project
- Families First
- Edgewood Center for Children and Families
- Transitional Services for Youth
- After Care Program
- Shriners
- Transportation
- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Census 2000
- After School Learning Center
- Focus Program
- Family Decision Meetings
- Healthy Families
- Fair Housing
- Parent Leadership Training
- YMCA
- Stanislaus County Adoption Program



Reports from the Technical Assistance Review Team were provided for the following facilities:

- Children's Crisis Center
- Westside Community Alliance
- Modesto City Schools
- The Bridge

Family Preservation/Family Support (continued from previous page)

Contracts funded by Family Preservation, Family Support:

The following contracts were renewed for the fiscal year 2000/2001:

Agency and their scope of work/objectives/services:

- **California State University Stanislaus, "The Bridge"** - Parenting training, resource referrals and crisis counseling for Southeast Asian Families
- **Center for Human Services** – Parent education, family support
- **Community Housing and Shelter Services** – Supportive services for homeless children in emergency shelters, shelter vouchers for two-parent families
- **Haven Women's Center** – Advocacy services to domestic violence victims in outlying county communities.
- **Modesto City Schools** – Block house program, case management
- **Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District** – Block house parents and after-school recreation
- **Patterson Unified School District** – Parent training and support, resource referrals
- **Sierra Vista Children's Center** – Parent education, family support
- **United Way of Stanislaus** – Central Valley information referral access to Turlock's Samaritan House
- **Yosemite Community College District** – Childhood development training, parenting education

Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) Funds:

- **Sierra Vista Children's Center** – Parenting classes, family counseling, counseling for families affected by substance abuse
- **Community Housing and Shelter Services** – Shelter vouchers for two-parent families
- **Sierra Vista Children's Center/Center for Human Services Collaboration** – Family support and education to women in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction
- **Behavioral Health and Recovery Services** – Sexual abuse mental health treatment
- **City of Turlock** – Start Right and Play Safe
- **Parent Resource Center** – Parenting education for high-risk parents
- **Patterson Unified School District Westside Community Alliance** – Social Worker services at Patterson Community Center

Children's Trust Funds:

- **California State University Stanislaus "The Bridge"** - Parenting training, resource referrals and crisis counseling for Southeast Asian Families
- **Children's Crisis Center** – Emergency child care-respite
- **Parents United** – Information and referral for child victims of sexual abuse

Proposition 10

In March of 1999, members of the Children and Families First Commission (Prop 10) were appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The members were identified as:

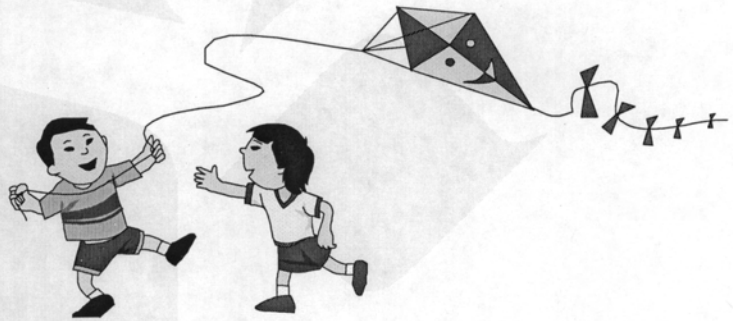
1. Sally Perez (Ceres Healthy Start);
2. Rev. Green (West Modesto King Kennedy Neighborhood Collaborative);
3. Bea Acosta (Grayson School/Westside);
4. Alice Solis (Airport District);
5. Dr. Alvaro Garza (Stanislaus County, Public Health Officer);
6. Dr. Larry Poaster (Director of Mental Health);
7. Jeff Jue (Director of Social Services);
8. Supervisor Pat Paul (Board of Supervisors);
9. Beverly Finley (Managing Director of Health Services Agency);

The Commission assisted the Renaissance Consulting Group in assessing the needs and services of the county. They also connected with the asset inventory the California State University, Stanislaus Policy group developed. The results would be an analysis of multiple services, strengths and weaknesses, gaps and redundancies and the development of a data base that is open to the community. An allocation of \$84,000 was received and applied towards planning.

Three sources of monies became available to Stanislaus County:

- Tobacco Tax money (Prop 10)
- Tobacco Settlement money (Federal Gov. allocated)
- Welfare Reform money (incentive money)

In August 2000, the Renaissance Group presented the strategic plan developed for the Prop 10 funds. The plan was forwarded to the State and the Commission for their acceptance of the plan. Copies of the plan are available by contacting the Chief Executive Office.



Membership changes occurred with the resignation of Alice Solis and the welcoming of the new Public Health Officer, Dr. John Walker.

Human Resources Shortage

Social Work and Mental Health professions have shown a decrease in professionals at county, state and national levels. The Children's Council recognizes this problem and provides support by having monthly updates and discussion on the issue. Continuously throughout the year, the workgroup reports on possible recruitment solutions. The recruitment process has become a collaborative effort. Strategies discussed to achieve short-term and long-term goals included:

- Shortening and streamlining the recruitment process
- Taking part in the Education Fair held at Community Services Agency in November, 2000
- Recruitment/expand on students at AA level, BA level, create "work study" arrangements
- Working with the colleges to provide internships at community and public placements
- Developing a pamphlet to circulate
- Involving public and private agencies for recruitment of social workers

Presentations/Issues Considered



Presentations/Issues Considered – 2000

The Council reviewed and discussed the following additional issues concerning services to children and their families:

- ◆ **Census 2000** the Children's Council signed a resolution of support to encourage individuals to fill out their Census forms. Stanislaus County achieved the highest response rate in the state.
- ◆ **Community Building Project** is a coalition of neighborhood based groups throughout Stanislaus County. The work of the Community Building Project includes providing support for "Community Voice", "Community Wisdom", "Collective Advocacy" and "Empowerment" to the communities.
- ◆ **Healthy Families** provides low cost insurance to families with uninsured children to provide medical, dental and vision care to the child based on family size and income.
- ◆ **Valley Children's Hospital**, in Madera, California, provides specialty medical services to children in a ten county area, including Stanislaus County. Contact with Valley Children's Hospital representatives continues in an effort to assess the need for additional specialty services in Stanislaus County.
- ◆ **Stanislaus County Child Abuse Investigation Protocol** was developed by the Stanislaus County Multi-Disciplinary Interview-Team (MDIT) Protocol Committee. The protocol was one of the first steps in establishing a Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center (MDIC) for Stanislaus County. A Multi-Disciplinary Interview Center would provide abused children a place where they can be questioned in a non-confrontational manner.
- ◆ **Stanislaus County District Attorney's Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Project** developed a presentation to bring to schools, agencies or any other forums interested, to help educate, support and prevent teen pregnancies as a result of statutory rape.
- ◆ **Sierra Vista Children's Center** provided a presentation on the background and growth of the organization. Sites are located throughout the county and they provide a variety of services for children and families.
- ◆ **The Future Factory** provides collaborative services by Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and the Community Services Agency to assist individuals faced with multiple barriers. Assistance is provided for health related issues and skills needed to regain employment.
- ◆ **New CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment) Requirements** were introduced. The state is now requiring counties to include in the CAPIT plan methods to involve parents/consumers who receive services through CAPIT funds in the county's planning, implementation and evaluation of CAPIT funds. One recommendation to meet this requirement was to have parent representation on the Stanislaus Children's Council.
- ◆ **Probation** announced the signing of AB 1913 which provides Statewide \$121 million per capita funding to probation departments for Juvenile Justice Programs. The per capita allocation Stanislaus County will receive is approximately \$1.5 million.
- ◆ **Multi-Cultural issues related to children, youth and families** were discussed and concerns were raised in regards to safety and risk factors to children and youth who may be deported.
- ◆ **Stanislaus County Housing Authority** announced that HUD approved funding for an additional \$1.6 million for the Section 8 program which will affect 356 families in Stanislaus County and increases program funds by 10%.

Letters of Support and Endorsements – 2000

- Healthy Starts proposals for the following:

Planning:

- Burbank School, Modesto City Schools
- Franklin School, Modesto City Schools
- Shackelford School, Modesto City Schools
- Tuolumne School, Modesto City Schools
- California Avenue School, Riverbank Unified School District

Operational:

- Von Renner Elementary School, Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District
 - Yolo Junior High School, Newman-Crows Landing
 - Westside Valley High School, Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District
 - Wakefield School, Turlock Joint Elementary School District
 - Petersen Alternative Center for Education, Stanislaus County Office of Education
- Funding recommendation by Community Based Family Resources Services to contract with Community Housing and Shelter Services to provide emergency shelter nights and services for families with children who are homeless.
 - Opposition letter to the Board of Supervisors against Proposition 21.
 - Community Based Family Resources Services funding recommendation to use funds to contract with the Community Housing and Shelter Services to provide emergency shelter nights and services for families with children who are homeless.
 - City of Patterson Law Enforcement Grant Funding Recommendation. The City of Patterson was awarded "Local Law Enforcement Block Grants" by the United States Bureau of Justice. Prior to expenditure of their grant, one of the requirements is that the City of Patterson have an inter-agency advisory board review the proposed use of the funds and provide a non-binding recommendation. The Children's Council provided the non-binding letter of recommendation.





Special Recognition

- ◆ In May, 2000, the Children's Council closed the meeting with a special farewell celebration for Sharon Burnis who would be retiring at the end of the month. The council presented Sharon with a memento of their appreciation. There were other well wishers who personally thanked her for her involvement. Cake and beverages were served.
- ◆ In October, the Children's Council shared a moment of silence to observe the memory of Marsena Buck who passed away on October 5, 2000. Dr. Poaster spoke of the critical role Marsena played in putting together the first Children's Council meeting and that it's progress is a testament to the vision Marsena had for the Council.

Holiday Celebration – 2000

In December, the Children's Council celebrated the holiday season with a potluck luncheon in which Council members and guests provided a dish. The Franklin Elementary Choir set the holiday mood by performing seasonal songs. Supervisor Pat Paul attended and awarded a proclamation to the Children's Council for their commitment to Stanislaus County's children and families. An informal meeting followed with announcements and the remaining time was left to enjoy the food and company.