

Quarterly Performance Report

Annual Summary

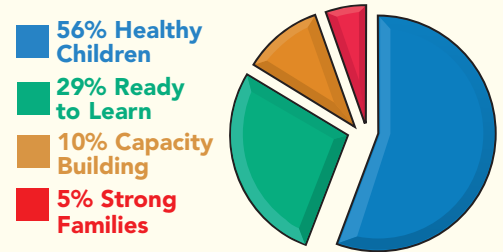
Fiscal Year 2006/2007



Children & Families
Commission of Orange County

Budget by Goal Area

(\$45.3 million in program spending)



Orange County Fast Facts

- 41,905 total births (2005 Data)
- 262, 229 children ages 0 – 5 (2000 Census)
- 100,753 children ages 0 – 5 directly touched by services – 38% of children 0 – 5
- 128 Commission-funded programs
- 117 organizations providing services

Annual Summary Fast Facts

- 67,273 health screens or well child checks provided to children
- 49,596 home visits provided to parents and caregivers; 640 families successfully completed home visitation programs
- 39,582 children screened for developmental milestones
- 28,033 children received books from health care providers and at community events
- 14,740 children connected to a medical home
- 14,581 shelter bed nights provided to pregnant women, mothers and young children
- 11,232 screened for dental health; 3,194 dental clinic visits provided
- 10,002 children enrolled in school readiness programs; 552 children with special needs enrolled
- 8,376 children assisted with a health insurance application
- 1,284,101 class hours provided to children by state and local school readiness partnerships
- 3,034 home safety checks completed

Annual Summary Fast Facts

Top Funded Initiatives	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Bridges for Newborns	\$ 4,393,748	28,587	28,593
Child Health & Safety/ Community Ed.	1,402,933	656	1,611
Children's Dental	1,099,770	2,603	1,399
Homeless Prevention	587,035	54	80
Local & State School Readiness	7,847,412	11,902	16,412
Pediatric Health Services	9,461,680	26,912	28,548
Project Connections	2,546,315	2,289	3,691
School Readiness Nursing	2,380,952	10,694	5,723
Special Needs Program	1,172,964	622	1,232
VISTA/AmeriCorps	2,072,836	664	657

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Top Funded Initiatives

Bridges for Newborns

Bridges for Newborns provides bedside screening at 10 major birthing hospitals to determine needs and link families with home visitation and health access services. This year, the Commission, the Hospital Association of Southern California, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and Bridges launched a Child Health Diary to improve care and avoid duplication of services between health programs and pediatricians.

Homeless Prevention

The Commission partners with HomeAid Orange County to develop transition and emergency shelter facilities for homeless children and their families, providing children with a safe and stable environment so they are healthy and ready to learn upon entering school. In FY 2006-07, the Commission funded expansion of support programs for "Transition House" at Casa Teresa that increases the length of time new moms and their babies can stay, from six months up to two years.

Children's Dental

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County and the St. Joseph Hospital Pediatric Dental Care Collaborative conduct screenings, provide sealants and fluoride treatments, offer parent and caregiver education, and improve access to dental care. In August 2006, the first-ever Pediatric Dental Residency Program was established in Orange County, through collaboration with the USC School of Dentistry and Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Local and State School Readiness

School readiness coordinators are in every elementary school district to work with school staff, families, community stakeholders, and the early care and education community. In 2006-2007, local school readiness programs merged with the Commission's early literacy program to increase family literacy opportunities. The state school readiness program put systems in place to track preschoolers as they approach Kindergarten. Sixty-four sites had Kindergarten transition plans and 3,782 children participated in transition activities.

Pediatric Health Services

This collaboration develops new or expanded services to promote access to primary and specialty health care. This year, in partnership with CHOC/UCI, the Commission launched Help Me Grow, a referral network for partners, health care and early care providers to address concerns regarding a child's development.

Project Connections

Health Access Teams at eight Family Resource Centers provide health education and in-home support services for pregnant women and families with young children, connecting families with community clinics to provide prenatal and medical care, and screenings. This year,

teams focused on providing new mothers with breastfeeding support. The education and encouragement provided by team members resulted in 575 mothers supported to breastfeed their children.

School Readiness Nursing

Nurses at each elementary school district provide health and development screenings, referrals and follow-ups, health education, and health insurance enrollment. This year, School Readiness Nurses participated with the Commission's early literacy program, County Health Care Agency and colleges to provide flu vaccinations as part of the County's Point of Distribution Pandemic Response Events. Volunteer readers distributed books in Spanish, English, and Vietnamese and read to children receiving their flu vaccines.

Community Education/Children's Health and Safety

Community Education includes projects that educate on the critical issues during the first five years of life. Child Health and Safety includes the child passenger safety programs and childhood injury prevention programs. In 2006-2007, the Commission partnered with Sesame Workshop and the Discovery Science Center, bringing a unique exhibit on The Body to Orange County, and developing a children's obstacle course at Angel's Stadium to demonstrate the importance of physical activity.

Special Needs Program

The Learning, Early Intervention, and Parent Support (LEAPS) project is designed to increase school readiness by providing early identification and intervention services for children with disabilities and other special needs. In 2006-2007, LEAPS partnered with the Department of Special Education to create a collaborative Child Study Team for referrals and assessments; added a bilingual speech and language therapist; and collaborated with the UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities to improve provision of neurodevelopmental services.

Making a Difference

Anna, a first time teen mother was referred to the Bridges for Newborns home visiting program with her newborn daughter Emily. A victim of physical abuse as a child, Anna was a scared and unsure new mom, with little family support to teach her how to care for her new child. Through home visitation, Emily received health and parent education, developmental screenings, home safety training, referrals and linkage to local resources and breastfeeding education. With the help of her home visitor, Anna found a pediatrician and maintained all of her well-baby check-ups for Emily. Today, Emily is a healthy one year old with a confident, engaged mother who is dedicated to her success.