

# Quarterly Performance Report

## Annual Summary

### Fiscal Year 2007/2008



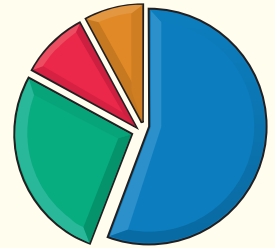
Children & Families  
Commission of Orange County

### Orange County Fast Facts

- 42,145 total births (2006 Data)
- 262,229 children ages 0 – 5 (2000 Census)
- 115,537 children ages 0 – 5 directly touched by services – 44% of children 0 – 5
- 128 Commission-funded programs
- 115 organizations providing services

### Budget by Goal Area (\$54.4 million in program spending)

- 56% Healthy Children
- 27% Ready to Learn
- 9% Strong Families
- 8% Capacity Building



### Annual Summary Fast Facts

- 46,681 health screens and 14,063 well-child checks were provided to children
- 49,734 home visits were conducted with parents and caregivers
- 33,422 children were screened for developmental milestones
- 21,875 children received books from health care providers and at community events
- 11,190 children were connected to a place for regular medical care (a “medical home”)
- 44,795 shelter bed nights were provided to pregnant women, mothers and young children
- 16,400 children were screened for dental health
- 11,286 children were enrolled in school readiness programs, including 751 children with special needs
- 18,182 children were assisted with a health insurance application
- 1,290,878 class hours were provided to children by state and local school readiness partnerships
- 4,903 home safety checks were completed

Top Funded Initiatives	Expenditures	Number Served	
		Children 0-5	Family Members
Pediatric Health Services	\$11,904,766	28,391	35,321
Local & State School Readiness	10,481,341	11,871	14,395
Bridges for Newborns	4,559,742	28,025	32,050
Early Literacy/Ready to Learn Grants	3,558,062	4,378	4,304
School Readiness Nursing	2,720,304	11,743	6,885
Project Connections	2,653,670	2,354	3,665
Homeless Prevention	2,383,395	59	125
Children’s Dental	1,209,711	5,888	2,389
Child Health & Safety/Community Education	1,146,601	553	1,450

## Top Funded Initiatives

### Pediatric Health Services

The Pediatric Health Services Collaboration promotes access to primary and specialty health care. Due to increased demand related to referrals from pediatric primary care services, clinics were added, hours expanded, and specialty providers recruited in order to reduce appointment wait times in the areas of Endocrinology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Ear Nose & Throat, and Craniofacial services. In addition, the Infant Screening Project was developed to identify and treat children at high risk of autism as early as possible.

### Local and State School Readiness

School Readiness Coordinators are in every school district to work with families, the early care and education community, community stakeholders, and school staff. This year, coordinators have worked strategically to engage specific community groups such as faith-based organizations, teen parents, and families of children with special needs to bring resources and information that will help children enter school healthy and ready to learn.

### Bridges for Newborns

Bridges for Newborns provides bedside screening at 10 major birthing hospitals to identify family needs, and link families with home visitation and health access services for additional support. This year, the Commission sponsored training for hospital maternal-child units and for home visitation providers to increase breastfeeding rates in Orange County. Three Bridges hospitals are pursuing designation as “baby-friendly” hospitals to further promote breastfeeding practices.

### Early Literacy/Ready to Learn Grants

The Early Literacy Program (ELP) has been instrumental in expanding successful county-wide literacy programs, such as “Reach Out and Read” where doctors prescribe books for parents to read to young children and reading aloud is modeled in pediatric waiting rooms. The ELP supported 44 Reach Out and Read sites in 2007-08 with readers and books for well-child visits. Community readers read to over 86,000 children and distributed over 61,900 books.

### School Readiness Nursing

School Nurses are an integral element to promote healthy and productive learning. This year School Readiness Nurses working in Orange County school districts screened over 9,300 children ages 0 – 5 to ensure that children are receiving timely immunizations. In collaboration with the Orange County Health Care Agency, School Readiness Nurses were trained to both review and register immunizations in the regional Immunization Registry to increase the effectiveness of screenings. In addition to immunization screening, nearly 6,000 children were screened for vision, hearing, dental, weight, health and developmental milestones. Orange County’s model of School Readiness Nursing was recognized this year in the “Working Nurse” and “Advance for Nurses” publications.

### Project Connections

Improving access to health care was a primary focus of Project Connections in 2007-08. The countywide Family Resource Center-based Health Access Initiative assisted in linking nearly 2,500 uninsured or underinsured Orange County children ages 0 – 5 with new health insurance coverage, and over 2,200 children to a health-care home for ongoing preventive care. The results are lasting: 92% of families surveyed a year after services reported that they had retained insurance coverage.

### Homeless Prevention

The Commission partners with HomeAid Orange County to develop transitional shelter facilities for homeless children ages 0 – 5 and their families. In 2007-08, through the HomeAid partnership, the Commission helped the Orange County Rescue Mission construct a new 17-unit building in Buena Park called Hope Family Transitional Housing to provide children with a safe and stable home environment with support programs.

### Children’s Dental

Healthy Smiles for Kids of Orange County provides dental screening, fluoride varnish treatments and – through its partnership with five local community clinics – links children to dentists. This year, Healthy Smiles continued to expand its reach through innovative partnerships and services, including a mobile dental clinic designed to serve homeless children and isolated communities who lack access to pediatric dental care.

### Children’s Health and Safety/Community Education

The Injury and Violence Prevention Program developed by the California Chapter 4, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is increasing the capacity of professionals, community organizations, and families to prevent intentional and unintentional injury by providing culturally competent education and training. In 2007-08, over 300 professionals participated in the 20th Annual Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Conference, which was presented by the Raise Foundation and the Orange County Early Childhood Mental Health Collaborative.

#### Making a Difference

*Julia, mother of a two-year-old named Hannah, grew up homeless living in motels. Julia was referred to Orange County Rescue Mission’s transitional housing by a shelter in Los Alamitos where she recently completed a short term program. Upon moving into the newly opened Hope Family Housing in Buena Park, Julia developed goals with the on-site Case Manager to complete classes in parenting, devise a workable budget, participate in recovery groups, and increase her income by working on her insurance license. Hannah was enrolled into the Healthy Families insurance program where she is now able to receive screening and services for health and developmental milestones. While Julia moves from crisis to stability at Hope Family Housing, Hannah will have access to high quality childcare, preschools and other early intervention programs. With Julia’s new found parenting skills, successful recovery and increased income, Hannah will be given the chance to thrive in safe, stable and permanent housing.*