

**San Joaquin County
Children's Services
Coordinating
Commission**



Annual Report

2011-2012

About the Children's Services Coordinating Commission

The Children's Services Coordinating Commission was established by the Board of Supervisors in 1986 in compliance with the Welfare and Institution Code Section 18982 – 18982.4: whose primary purpose is to coordinate the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse. In 1994, the San Joaquin County Office of Education assumed administrative responsibility for the Commission.

A total of twenty-five members may be appointed. Twenty members appointed by the San Joaquin County Children's Services Coordinating Commission and five members appointed by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors. Representatives are from Public Child Welfare Agency, Community-based organizations dealing with children, the Juvenile Probation Department, Mental Health, Medical Services, Education, Law Enforcement, Licensing Agency, District Attorney Office, Coroner, Civic Organization, Religious Community, Community Volunteers, Consumers and five supervisory district representatives. Members are appointed for a three year term.

Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention funding is provided to San Joaquin County annually by the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention. These funds are used throughout San Joaquin County in an effort to help make children and families safe.

In addition to allocated funds the Children's Services Coordinating Commission has been entrusted with donations from the community. Community donations and/or the Children's Trust Fund continue to be used for sponsorship of an annual symposium. This symposium provides the opportunity to bring the community together for networking; training and awards presented in recognition of those who display outstanding efforts towards child abuse prevention and intervention.

The 12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium was held on April 17, 2012 at University of the Pacific with the theme "Enough is Enough – The Ripple Effect of Violence". The 13th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium will be held on April 3, 2013 at the University of the Pacific.

The Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Four of the 2011-12 Commission meetings were hosted by contracted agencies with all others held at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. For information regarding the Children's Services Coordinating Commission and meetings contact Cathy Long, Commission Coordinator, San Joaquin County Office of Education, calong@sicoe.net, (209)468-5979.

Mission Statement

The Children's Commission was founded to facilitate the development of happy, healthy children by maximizing resources through advocacy, effective education, coordination and planning of services for all children.





Message from The Chair

This past year has been exciting as well as challenging for the Children's Services Coordinating Commission. We were able to fund three new programs which will continue for three years as well as plan and host our annual symposium. The new programs will provide valuable services to our county. The Commission also collaborated with the San Joaquin County's District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Task Force and the University of the Pacific's Enough is Enough violence prevention events.

Our responsibility to facilitate the development of happy, healthy children by maximizing resources through advocacy, effective education, coordination and planning is accomplished through agreements and funding to community agencies. The programs funded include the San Joaquin County Child Abuse Prevention Council's (CAPC) Immediate Short-Term and Respite Child Care; the CAPC Family Intervention Program; and the Women's Center of San Joaquin County Family Violence Prevention Parenting Program. In addition, the Commission also provided funding in support of a Child Death Review Team Coordinator to facilitate the county multi-disciplinary team.

Our sincere thanks to the Commissioners, Board of Supervisors, County Superintendent of Schools, and the program staff for their commitment and hard work throughout the year to help make this another productive year for the Commission.

Respectfully,

Pat Hill

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Chair

Children's Services Coordinating Commission

Commissioners for the 2011-2012 Year:

Sgt Jerry Alejandro, Law Enforcement Representative

Patrick Anthony, Civic Organization Representative

Nikole Bell, Juvenile Probation Representative

Dawn Custer, Community Volunteer

Dave Erb, Community Volunteer

John Greco, Human Services Agency Representative

Pat Hill, (Chair) 4th District Representative

Jennifer Jones, Community-based Organization Representative

JoLyn McMillan, Licensing Agency

Evelyn Moore, (1st Vice Chair) Community Volunteer

Kathy Morrissey, (2nd Vice Chair) Consumer

Samuel Nunez, Community Volunteer – Parent Leader

Kristine Reed, District Attorney Representative

Kris Rodriguez, Education Representative

Lori Rudolph, 2nd District Representative

Carolyn Walters, Mental Health Representative

Rev Dwight Williams, 3rd District Representative





San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors

- 1st District Representative – Carlos Villapudua
- 2nd District Representative – Larry Ruhstaller
- 3rd District Representative – Steve Bestolarides
- 4th District Representative – Ken Vogel
- 5th District Representative – Leroy Ornellas



Administrative support provided by the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

Mick Founts
Superintendent of Schools

Jamie Baiocchi
Director, Early Childhood Education

Cathy Long
Children's Services Coordinating Commission, Coordinator



COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Pat Hill, Chair
Evelyn Moore, 1st Vice Chair
Kathy Morrissey, 2nd Vice Chair

Monitoring Committee

John Greco
Kathy Morrissey
JoLyn McMillan
Kristine Reed
Carolyn Walters
Cathy Long
Jamie Baiocchi

Symposium Committee

Dave Erb
Pat Hill
Kathy Morrissey
Evelyn Moore
Melissa Gust



12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium “Enough is Enough – The Ripple Effect of Violence”

The San Joaquin County Children’s Services Coordinating Commission in collaboration with the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Task Force and the University of the Pacific’s, Enough is Enough held its 12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at the University of the Pacific. Due to the economic climate and multiple budgetary reductions, the CSCC offered the Symposium free of charge to 325 participants.

The morning keynote speaker Jimmy Wayne presented *The Power of One*. Jimmy was an Academy of Country Music Best New Artist Nominee and survived a turbulent and abusive childhood. After being shuffled to a series of foster homes, and at one point living on the streets, he was taken in by an elderly couple and given a permanent home. He is a passionate advocate for children who are homeless and in foster care. In April 2011, Jimmy was named the National Spokesperson for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association. Jimmy continues his advocacy for children in foster care while managing a thriving music career.

The Symposium also offered five breakout sessions during the morning and afternoon with topics such as: *Addictive Behaviors in Adolescents* presented by Dr. Ernie Vasti, private practice in Stockton; *Being A Witness of Violence* presented by Dr. Scott Jensen, University of the Pacific; *Foster Youth Forum* presented by a panel of from the County Office of Education, Juvenile Probation, Child Protective Services, and former foster youth; *Sudden Unexplained Death* presented by Dr. Philip Hyden, Children’s Hospital Central California; *Suicide the Forever Decision* presented by Dr. Staci Pearson, UC Davis Medical Center. The final presentation *Breaking the Cycle; Overcoming the Lure of Being a Gangster* was a panel of former gang members.

In an effort to continue to provide additional education to the community regarding the prevention and intervention of child abuse & neglect, the Commission will collaborate with the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s Domestic Violence Task Force and the University of the Pacific’s National Enough is Enough Violence Prevention Campaign and host the 13th Annual Symposium on April 3, 2013 at the University of the Pacific.





The 2012 Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Awards were presented during lunch at the 12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium on April 12, 2012. The persons selected for the 2012 awards, as well as past recipients are listed below:

Agency Program of the Year

2012	Family Vision Preventative Wrap Program, Victor Services
2011	The Lisa Project, Child Abuse Prevention Council
2010	Valley Community Counseling Services
2009	Court Appointed Special Advocates of San Joaquin (CASA)
2008	S.J. County Probation & Behavioral Health, Crossroads Prevention Program
2007	Women's Center, Just for Kids Program
2006	Ray of Hope, Inc.
2005	S.J. County Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services
2004	Child Advocacy Center
2003	Women's Center, Sexual Assault Prevention & Education Program

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

2012	Heidi Heim, Stockton Police Department
2011	Steve Beerman, Manteca Police Department Brian Fry, Stockton Police Department
2010	Steve Maynard, Lodi Police Department
2009	Nelida Stone, Sheriff's Department
2008	Roseann Clark, Stockton Police Department
2007	Craig Takeda, Stockton Police Department
2006	Kathryn Henderson, Stockton Police Department
2005	Rudy Lovato, Sheriff's Department, Lathrop Police Services

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION AWARDS Cont.



Service Employee of the Year

2012	Sandy Giannini, Human Services Agency
2011	Jeanne Fuhrman, Human Services Agency
2010	Ronald Lubin, Human Services Agency
2009	Lori Thompson, Women's Center
2008	Sarah Spurlock, Women's Center
2007	Melissa Torres, Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services
2006	Susan Blankenship, Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services
2005	Ernie Schmidt, Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services
2004	Carey Pehl, Sheriff's Department
2003	Mike Keener, Manteca Police Department

Volunteer of the Year

2012	Ronald Stock, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Child Abuse Prevention Council
2011	Roseanne Paulat, Family & Youth Services
2010	Chuck Crutchfield, Manteca Children's Foundation
2009	Sarah "Sally" Mills, Family & Youth Services
2008	Ryan Piper, Ray of Hope
2007	Tony Washington, Apollo Night Program
2006	Heather Piper, Ray of Hope
2005	Kathy Morrissey, Women's Center & Child Abuse Prevention Council
2004	Bessie Gremm, Mary Graham Children's Shelter Guild
2003	Rita Sperling, Share Homes





Finance Report for FY 2011-2012

During fiscal year 2011-2012, the Children's Services Coordinating Commission provided funding from Birth Certificate Revenue, CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention & Treatment)/CBCAP (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention) Funds, and Kid's Plate Revenue to:

Child Abuse Prevention Council

Family Intervention Program

CAPIT \$121,694

Summary of services: To provide case management services for non-system at-risk families, while increasing awareness and access to affordable community services. This is an effort to strengthen families within San Joaquin County while providing weekly case management services, in an effort to reduce the recurrence of child abuse and/or domestic violence.

Outcomes for 2011-2012: Family Intervention Program disseminated outreach materials and presented information about the new program at health fairs, various elementary and high schools, businesses, hospitals, law enforcement agencies and various community events. Referrals came from multiple sources which included but was not limited to schools, counseling agencies, community based organizations, self-referred walk-ins, social workers, school counselors and law enforcement. Over the course of the year, 134 cases were managed for a total of 134 families and 352 children.

Child Abuse Prevention Council

Immediate Short-Term and Respite Child Care

CAPIT \$82,464

Summary of services: Provide immediate short term and respite child care for families in San Joaquin County that are at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation. Some services were provided while the families attended life enhancing services such as substance abuse treatment, violence counseling, mental health counseling, parent education, homelessness, and/or medical appointments.

Outcomes for 2011-2012: CAPC served families at the First Step Children's Center and through a collaborative effort with the San Joaquin County Family Child Care Association to meet family needs. The program provided services to 329 families for a total of 364 children.

Women's Center of San Joaquin County

Parenting Classes

CBCAP \$41,959

Kids' Plate \$ 8,806



Summary of services: Provide 8-week parenting and 12-week co-parenting and life skills classes to at risk families through the Family Violence Prevention Program. The curriculum includes discussion, lecture, handouts, videos, role-playing, skill building exercises and self-study. Classes were offered in Spanish and English at multiple locations.

Outcomes for 2011-2012: By offering the no fee classes throughout the county, the WC provided information and resources to families in their own neighborhoods who lacked transportation and/or funds required by the majority of other parenting programs. The program graduated 308 participants, who serve as parents to 604 children in San Joaquin County. This achievement enabled the program to educate parents and children about family dynamics and communication in order to prevent intimate partner violence and child abuse, thereby reducing the family's risk of entering the Child Welfare System. Test scores of individual parents completing the program show increased knowledge in all five constructs of education. These numbers unequivocally demonstrate the existing need and demand for a program of this kind. While the aggregate statistics demonstrate the breadth of the program by showcasing the significant number of individuals enrolled, the long term data also suggests that this program has served the needs of specific demographic populations in the county. The data also revealed that 30% of those who graduated were male of which approximately 32% were African American.

Child Death Review Team Coordinator

Birth Certificate \$24,000

Summary of services: Services include the coordination and facilitation of the San Joaquin County Child Death Review Team which is a multi-disciplinary team reviewing all deaths of children under the age of 18. In addition educational outreach is provided to the community related to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Funding is reviewed on an annual basis.

Outcomes for 2011-2012: Educational sessions were provided at the 12th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Symposium. There were 31 deaths of children under the age of 18. Thirty-five percent of the deaths were reported as accidental which includes drowning, automobiles accidents, and asphyxiation; twenty-three percent were homicides; sixteen percent were unexplained deaths; and the remaining twenty-six percent were natural or classified as other.

County Trust Fund (Birth Certificate) **\$143,961.46**
Children In Need Trust **\$309,594.01**

Tragically, it is estimated that three children die each day in this nation as a result of child abuse and neglect. Every day thousands of children suffer both physical and emotional abuse. Often times this abuse is suffered at the hands of people who are supposed to care for them the most; members of their own family, an unmarried parent's partner, or a caregiver.

We believe that child abuse could cease to exist if everyone had the capability to receive accurate information about abuse and then had the capacity to receive assistance and support to change.

In an effort to make that happen, we work together to provide crisis intervention, information and referral services for those who are having issues around child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

Our hope is to get victims on their healing journey by helping them to understand and be aware of the factors and contributors of violence as well as how to break the cycle of abuse.



It only takes a minute
to make a difference in the life of a child