

Children and Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County

Community Meeting (CM) and Focus Group (FOC) Comments

Strategic Result Areas with Service Needs Comments [Service needs in each result area are checked (X) when mentioned, or (XX) if stressed at a meeting. These needs are listed below, from "most often mentioned" to "least often mentioned," as recorded during each of the meetings.]	Meeting sites (with approximate number of participants)											
	Nipomo (10)	Atascadero (9)	Oceano (14)	Grover Beach (15)	Cambria (14)	Morro Bay (21)	Paso Robles (31)	San Luis Obispo (55)	Head Start – SLO (15)	CA Pre-School (16)	Healthy Start -PR (19)	Head Start – Nip (22)
Strong Families	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	CM	FOC	FOC	FOC	FOC
1) Education and Family Support for Pregnancy and Newborn												
A- Early Parent Education												
Post Delivery Visitation for all birth mothers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Education at Prenatal Care visits						X	X					
B- Early Prenatal Care												
C- Prenatal Exposure to Substance Abuse												
Smoking during pregnancy								X				
D- Nutrition Education												
During pregnancy								X				
Breast feeding support								XX				X

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2) Education and Family Support to Enhance Parenting and Child Development												
A- Parenting Education												
Parenting Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
– Regionally and at worksites		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	
– Special Groups		X		X	X		X	X				
– Incentives (including childcare, transportation)		X				X	X					
– Parent Support groups		X						X			X	
– Through childcare sites							X					
Mentoring program					X			X				
Family Newsletter					X		X					
Televised parent education											X	
“Cares Project”								X				
B- Education to Enhance Child Development												
Reading to children at home									X	X		
Resource Center for parents and teachers								X				
C- Education of Teen Parents on Parenting and Child Development												
Enhance and Expand TAPP			X				X					
School-Based Childcare			X									
Parenting education for all high school students							X					
D- Family Literacy Programs												
Book Clubs at or through Libraries			X			X		X				
Literacy courses			X			X	X					
– Targeted communities				X			X					
English as a Second Language									X			

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3) Support for Family Stability and Well-being												
A- Develop and Support an Integrated System of Services to Enhance and Maintain Family Self-Sufficiency												
Counseling support	X				X	X		X	X		X	
– Post-partum depression		X		X								X
– For Divorcing families										X		
– For those with parents in prison						X						
– At childcare centers						X						
Parent Networking Groups	X	X	X		X		X	X				
– Teen Support Groups			X									
Support for the Homeless		X			X			X			X	
Guidance for families with special needs children												
B- Prevention and Intervention Programs for Families with Young Children who are at risk of Abuse and Neglect												
Drug and Alcohol Treatment		X			X	X					X	
– Treatment for the children affected						X					X	
Teen Pregnancy Prevention				X					X			
Respite Care for parents	X						X					
– Teens as Babysitters		X										
Mental Health Case Management								X				
Counseling for children through Rape Crisis Centers								X				
C- Expand Programs for Young Children in Out-of-Home Care with Kin or Foster Parents												
Respite care and “Teen Buddies”							X					
Foster Family Camp							X					

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Children Ready for School	N	A	O	GB	C	MB	PR	SLO	HS (slo)	State	HS (pr)	HS (n)
1) Support for High-Quality Child Care and Early Education Programs												
A- Training												
Childcare Provider Training	X			X			X	X				
– For caregivers of Special Needs Children		X	X	X	X	X	X					
– Early Brain Development		X										
– Common Health Issues		X										
– Reading skills to prepare for Kindergarten							X	X				
– For All Family Childcare providers								X				
Relief / Substitute care					X			X				
B- Compensation and Retention of Providers												
Pay / Incentives						X	X	X			X	
Declining Number of Providers-Support training of new staff			X		X							
C- Technical Support and Community Networks for Providers												
Accessibility / Availability of EOC lending library		X					X				X	
Childcare Site Monitoring			X			X		X				
Cuesta College and Cal Poly for support							X				X	
Funds to upgrade program materials				X								

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2) Adequate and Accessible Supply of High-Quality Child Care												
24 hour/ 7 day Childcare-		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
– Expand Head Start / State Preschool				X		X		X		X		X
Childcare Facilities	X	X			XX	X	X	X				
Availability of Childcare					XX					X	X	
– For those with Special Needs	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				
– Infant Care		X	X		X	X		X		X		X
– Sick children		X				X						
– Drop-in services		X										
Comprehensive Childcare									X			
– Kindergarten / Reading readiness				X	X		X	X				
– Language instruction for non-English speakers					X						X	
– Bilingual education for both English and Spanish speakers						X						
– Enrichment programs (environment, massage, art)								X				
Accessible to or within Schools			X				X					
Childcare for Migrant families		X										
3) Affordable Child Care for all Families												
High Cost of Childcare	X		X		X					X		
Universal Childcare						X				X		
Partnerships with churches / businesses		X	X									
Local political support for childcare					X							

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Healthy Children	N	A	O	GB	C	MB	PR	SLO	HS (slo)	State	HS (pr)	HS (n)
1) Access to Quality Health Services												
Advocacy for children	X					X						
Expanded Clinic Hours		X										
Availability of health care services to all						X						
Insurance unavailable for undocumented												X
2) Maternal, Infant and Child Health												
Pregnancy Support Center		X										
3) Children and Families with Special Conditions												
Therapy for diagnosed problems			X	X		X				X		
Home care for therapy					X							
Local diagnostic services								X				
4) Children and Families at Risk: Developmental Delays												
Screening for deficits	X	X			X		X	X				
– Hearing and Speech and Vision	X	X			X		X	X				
– Developmental Delays	X		X		X			X				
– Reading Readiness	X											
Provider Education to Ensure Referrals		X						X				
Child Development Center support								X				
5) Environmental Health												
Education on exposure, e.g. pesticides on clothes of farm workers			X									
Second-hand Smoke								X				
6) Immunizations												
Not easily accessible												X

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7) Nutrition												
Education			X	X		X		X				
8) Physical Activity and Fitness												
Recreation for children with special needs		X				X						
Recreation services in all regions			X									
9) Oral Health												
Dental Services; esp. treatment		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Fluoride				X	X			XX				
Baby-Bottle tooth decay prevention									X			
10) Alcohol and Other Drug Use												
Community alcohol education			X									
11) Tobacco Use												
Tobacco cessation education								X	X			
12) Injury and Violence Prevention												
Injury Prevention: Infant car seats				X				X	X			
Domestic Violence support	X		X								X	
Child Abuse prevention program			X	X							X	
Educate professionals to identify				X								
13) Mental Health												
Early detection, diagnosis, support			X		X	X	X	X				

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Other Related Concerns	N	A	O	GB	C	MB	PR	SLO	HS (slo)	State	HS (pr)	HS (n)
Getting Information out / Resource materials	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
– Media	X		X	X								X
– Local Outlets	X	X	X	X		X		X				
– Internet			X									
– County Resource Booklet / Hotline Directory			X		X	X		X				
– Connecting with disenfranchised				X							X	
– Through local health providers					X							X
– One-on-one with Spanish speakers						X						X
Transportation			X	X	X			X		X		X
Isolation	X	X			X							
Free used clothing				X								
Corporate support to sustain programs						X						