

# County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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**Department:** Human Services Department

**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**Board Date:**  
11/17/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**  
11/17/2009

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County Annual Report & Goals.

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Review and receive the 2008-09 Annual Report/2009-10 Goals of the Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County.

## CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

**EXPENDITURES:**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:**

<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Contingencies (Fund Name:)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Amount Budgeted</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Unanticipated Revenue (Source:)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Available Appropriations (Explain Below)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Other Transfers (Source:)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Additional Requested</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Additional Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Explanation (if required):** None.

**Prior Board Action:** 11/18/2008 – Board of Supervisors approved 2007-08 Annual Report/2008-09 Work plan of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

9/23/2007 – Board of Supervisors approved 2006-07 Annual Report/2007-08 Work plan of the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

8/16/05 – Board of Supervisors named the California Parenting Institute as the new Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council for Sonoma County.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** Sonoma County would not be in compliance with State eligibility requirements for Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) funding, resulting in possible loss of state funding for child abuse Prevention services.

**Background:**

The Board of Supervisors is requested to review and receive the 2008-09 Annual Report and the 2009-10 Goals of the Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County.

This year Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council changed its name to Prevent Child Abuse - Sonoma County. This name change aligns the organization with the state organization, Prevent Child Abuse California. Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County's general membership is open to the community, with meeting notices and legislative alerts going out via emails to over 6,000 individuals, service providers, businesses, county offices and staff as well as elected officials. Monthly meetings with presentations from resources throughout the community provide both trainings for field work of child abuse prevention and treatment, and advocacy efforts as well as providing awareness of local resources.

The topics that were addressed this past year included:

1. Tools to assist in the treatment of traumatized children;
2. Candidate Forum;
3. Local Childcare Issues;
4. Development of local council's membership levels;
5. Panel Presentation of Special Needs: Children & Services;
6. Mental Health Services for Children & their families;
7. Looking at Sonoma County's Response to babies who have a positive toxicology test at birth (tox positive babies);
8. Additional meeting on "tox positive babies" to clarify several points.

Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County participated in many events throughout the year that supported dissemination of child abuse prevention materials, including mandated reporting booklets, blue ribbon pins, stickers and bookmarks. As part of the local "Blue Ribbon" child abuse prevention campaign each April, Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County hosted our Community Event on April 29, 2009 at the Mary Agatha Furth Center in Windsor. This event featured both a training and a luncheon. Victor Rivas Rivers, who is a child advocate, author and actor presented About a Private Family Matter. "This is a story about how I was saved by love at a time when most people considered me beyond rescue." Victor shared how he escaped the war zone of family violence.

In addition to the community event, free parenting classes are offered throughout the community in both English and Spanish. These classes focus on topics including Discipline Without Shouting or Spanking and How Family Violence Impacts the Development of Children. Importantly, this year a class on Assets and Resources was added due to the economic downturn, which helped families in economic stress continue their important job of parenting.

In October, Prevent Child Abuse Sonoma County hosted a Candidates' Forum on Children's Issues which was in part supported by United Way of the Wine Country. The forum drew the participation of all ballot-listed candidates for Sonoma County Supervisors as well as over 60 attendees.

The goals for the 2009-2010 year include:

1. Continue to provide public education and professional training opportunities for local practitioners and mandated reporters.
2. Formalize working agreements and protocols between stakeholder agencies.
3. Continue to build advocacy and best practice sharing efforts at the state, regional, and local levels.
4. Plan and implement the 2010 Blue Ribbon Campaign including media, proclamations, and identifying and promoting campaign leaders and champions.

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**Attachments:** Child Abuse Prevention Council 2008-2009 annual Report/2009-2010 Goals.

**On File With Clerk:** None.

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**