

El Dorado County Child Abuse Prevention Council


Report to the El Dorado County Board of
Supervisors
June 16, 2009

Council Mission and Function

Mission:
Pursuant to Chapter 12.5 Section 18980 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the purpose of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (Council) is to coordinate the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse. The mission of the El Dorado County Child Abuse Prevention Council is to increase awareness and respect for the rights of children to be free of abuse and neglect.

FUNCTIONS

- Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, intervention, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases
- Promote the public awareness of abuse and neglect and the resources available
- Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the prevention, detection, intervention, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse and neglect
- Recommend improvements in services to families and victims
- Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs
- Serve as County Children's Trust Fund Commission
- Provide input for the County's CBFRS, CAPIT and FSSP Plans.



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2008-2009 Council Membership

- **Dee Cutter, Chair**
Community Member
- **Leanne Wagonner, Vice-Chair**
South Lake Tahoe Women's Center
- **Lorrie Evers, Treasurer**
Family Connections
- **Kim Nida, Secretary**
Placerville Police Department
- **Katie House**
Community Representative
- **Alissa Nourse**
Tahoe Youth and Family Services
- **David Ashby**
New Morning Youth and Family Services
- **Gail Healy**
El Dorado County Office of Education
- **Wendy David**
Community Member
- **Susanna James**
Parent Representative
- **Michael Ungerheuer**
El Dorado County Health Department
- **Cheryl Warchol**
District Attorney's Office
- **Annie Lynn**
CASA Board Member, Former Foster Youth
- **Suzanne Allen de Sanchez**
Foster Parent



Council Activities

- Mandated Reporter Training - 65 Participants
- Shaken Baby Prevention Train the Trainer - 13 Participants
- Partnership to promote Safe Sleeping Habits in the Native American Community - 15 core participants
- "Maximizing Children's Potential" with David Love, MFT - 45 participants
- Champions for Children Summit - 110 Participants



Council Activities Continued

- Kids Expo - educational materials distribution
- South Lake Tahoe - Day of the Young Child
- Sacramento - Sierra Regional Coalition Partner
- California Child Abuse Prevention Summit
- Funded Child Abuse Prevention Education in Schools with South Lake Tahoe Women's Center and the Center for Violence Free Relationships (\$25, 000)
- Worked with Department of Human Services on System Improvement Plan, PSSF/CBFRS/CAPIT



CAPC Concerns:

- Child Abuse referrals stand at 61.2 per 1,000 (2007) with 103.2 per 1,000 for those under the age of 1 year, higher than the state average
- Substantiated Abuse Rates in El Dorado County are 14.7 per 1, 000 children (32 per 1000 for children under 1 year old)
- **31.6 % increase in children with a referral for Child Abuse and Neglect since 2004-2005.**

CAPC Concerns:

- Data shows increase in child abuse and neglect and domestic violence in families with economic stress
- Stakeholders report seeing more children and families at risk in terms of economics, mental health, stress and lack of social support systems.
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Federal Funds (PSSF) should be directed to evidence-based home visiting for cost effective services and additional resources to support these services must be indentified. Preserving families will reduce costly care when children are removed from the home.
- Budget reductions to Child Protective Services places children at risk.
- Safety services for children must be maintained