

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH DIVISIONS

Healthy People Living in Healthy Communities Throughout El Dorado County

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Health Services Department has maintained a long standing partnership with the County Office of Education, Child Development Program in providing complementary services to expectant families and families with children birth to three years of age living in poverty. Public Health Division staff are active members of the Head Start Health Advisory Council, provide public health nursing consultation, sponsor a supplemental fluoridation program for enrolled families, provide center-based immunizations and facilitate access to dental care. Mental Health Division staff may provide consultation, referral and appropriate services for adults who meet medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services.

Early intervention service through home visitation is a proven prevention strategy that fosters good birthing and parenting outcomes. Positive child/family development is a countywide mutual goal pursued by both Early Head Start and the Health Services Department. On behalf of the Department and County of El Dorado I fully endorse the enhanced in-home visitation proposal submitted by the County Office of Education, Child Development Program. Thank you for your interest in the health of families in the El Dorado community.

Sincerely,

Neda West, Director Health Services Department