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Safe Children and Healthy Families  
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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

**A**s the Chair of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, I am proud of the work accomplished in 2009. Commission members, joined by a cross-section of government, education, nonprofit agencies and community members, worked tirelessly to address the needs of children, youth and families who are in the public charge, as well as those whose safety and welfare may be at risk.

This year the Commission continued to build strong partnerships among the public and private sector to maximize scarce resources and facilitate an integrated service delivery approach so that services and outcomes are improved.

Each year, the Commission provides child abuse prevention materials to agencies working with families. This year's "Child Abuse Prevention Kit" included information on children's developmental stages, parenting tips, resources, and the Commission's Child Abuse Prevention Month promotional materials. This year, the Commission provided double the amount of the materials than in previous years for a total of 50,000 pieces.

Other highlights of this year included:

- ❑ The Commission provided training and education to over 1,600 parents, public safety officers, child welfare professionals and other community members.
- ❑ A 13-member team participated in the annual Foster Care Education Summit to address

identified gaps in our community and reduce barriers to academic achievement.

- ❑ The Partnership Committee continued oversight of San Diego's Raising the Bar initiative, which held community forums throughout San Diego County to address the issue of children exposed to violence.
- ❑ Diversity Schoolhouse continued to be a success, training more than 160 professionals on topics like "Gangs" and "African Refugee Children and Families."
- ❑ Foster Youth Services provided tutoring to 255 youth this year, resulting in a 80% increase in grade level performance in at least one subject area.
- ❑ The Fairness and Equity Committee continued to support the work of the two California Disproportionality Projects, which address the overrepresentation of African American and Native American children in the child welfare system as well as disparities in outcomes.

*Honorable Susan D. Huguenor*

Chair, The Commission on  
Children, Youth and Families





## THE COMMISSION COMMITTEES

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*Children are the world's most  
valuable resource and its best  
hope for the future.*

”

John F. Kennedy

**T**he Commission tackles tough issues through five standing committees, involving many dedicated professionals and volunteers. These committees help to promote prevention and intervention services that keep our community safe and healthy.

- 1. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – sets the full Commission meeting agenda and oversees the work of all the Committees
- 2. JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE** – coordinates community efforts to protect children from exposure to violence, abuse or neglect
- 3. EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – supports programs and policies that lead to improved educational outcomes for youth within the dependency and delinquency systems and serves as the Foster Youth Services Advisory Committee
- 4. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE** – develops and strengthens partnerships among agencies and the community to improve outcomes for children, youth and families
- 5. FAIRNESS & EQUITY COMMITTEE** – champions the issue of overrepresentation of persons of color in child serving systems



# MEET THE COMMISSION

## WHO WE ARE

**T**he Commission on Children, Youth and Families (The Commission) was formed by the Board of Supervisors in 1986. Its specific task is to identify and address the needs of children, youth and families in San Diego County who are in the public charge or at risk. In addition to this charge, the Commission also works to strengthen families and achieve better outcomes for children of all ages and at all stages of development.

With the cooperation of many hard-working public agencies, and a host of outstanding volunteers and professionals, the Commission promotes, supports, and provides a number of prevention services and programs. This cooperative effort is designed to assist parents, caregivers, teachers, counselors, public safety officers, public welfare professionals, and other community members in the important work of protecting and improving the lives of children, youth and families.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on policy affecting the well being of children, youth and families.

Through advocacy and leadership, each San Diego child will reach his or her full potential by growing up in a family, school, and community that is safe, healthy and nurturing.

The Commission strives to integrate the child serving system by building strong partnerships within the community to improve outcomes for children and youth.

The Commission trains and supports those within San Diego County who care for, teach, and counsel family members of all ages. With many members, voices, and areas of expertise, the Commission brings together all of the disciplines necessary to promote healthy families.

The overall goal of the Commission and its Committees is to promote healthy families and protect children of all

ages. To help accomplish this broad goal, the Commission holds a strategic planning retreat every two years where issues impacting San Diego County are reviewed and analyzed. Using the Children's Report Card document produced by the Children's Initiative, the Commission identified three areas of focus for 2008 - 2010:

- 1. Education** – addresses foster youth educational concerns, early education attendance issues, and tracking educational outcomes for children in foster care
- 2. Child Abuse and Neglect** – prevention, intervention, system integration and collaboration
- 3. Juvenile Justice** – decrease school-age substance use and truancies

During 2008 - 2009, the Commission concentrated its efforts within these three areas of focus. Workshops, conventions, conferences, printed materials, and daily associations have been, and will continue to be, centered upon the Commission's focus areas.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Commission's accomplishments are the result of the hard work of the many community volunteers and dedicated professionals who serve on its committees. The Commission's 2008-2009 accomplishments include:

- ❑ **50,000** prevention and educational materials were distributed throughout San Diego County
- ❑ **Family finding services** continued to search for and reconnect family members to youth in foster care
- ❑ **1,600 parents, public safety officers, child welfare professionals** and other community members received training and valuable information to help them better serve the families of San Diego County
- ❑ **The Safe4Baby campaign** continues to increase community awareness and education of infant safety

- ❑ **756 youth** were served by the School Success Project to improve academic outcomes
- ❑ **STARS Awards** were presented to community members, organizations and businesses for their outstanding service in the prevention of child abuse
- ❑ **13-member multidisciplinary team** represents San Diego County at the state-wide Foster Care Education Summit to address identified gaps in our community and to reduce gaps to academic barriers
- ❑ **The College Connection Advisory Council** hosted 7 events with 442 high school students at local college campuses to provide information about colleges and opportunities for higher education
- ❑ **343 Mentor Matches** were made with 84% of the matches fulfilling their mentoring commitment
- ❑ **Children and their family members** attended Camp HOPE, the Annual Camper Event at Mission Bay which provides a residential camping experience offering

a turning point adventure for children ages 7 - 16

- ❑ **Sponsored the [www.fosteringchange.org](http://www.fosteringchange.org)** website, a central online resource for emancipating foster youth to find housing, to explore financial topics, to seek higher education, to understand legal issues and more
- ❑ **Family Day In The Park**, a community-wide event that brought families and resources together in an atmosphere of hope and sharing

The most impressive accomplishment is the Commission's efforts to continue helping the children of San Diego, one child at a time...

*"I want you to know you changed my life and helped me become a better person."*

— Lilly, high-school-age  
Foster Youth, San Diego



## COMMISSION TRAINING

**D**uring this past year, Commission staff attended several conferences, trainings and meetings in order to acquire knowledge about new programs, discover new opportunities for partnership, and to revitalize existing efforts to support families and communities. The information was brought back to the Commission's committees to increase awareness and knowledge on issues to support their work.

Some of the trainings included:

- ❑ American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Annual Colloquium
- ❑ Annual Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Conference
- ❑ Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment
- ❑ California Child Abuse Prevention Summit
- ❑ California Foster Youth Education Task Force Education Summit

- ❑ Office of Child Abuse Prevention Regional Coordinators Training
- ❑ Nexus Conference (Child Fatality Review Practices)

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

One of the roles of the Commission is to support community education regarding children and other family-related issues. To fulfill this role, the Commission hosted and co-sponsored numerous trainings and conferences. Because of their attendance, hundreds of professionals and community members were trained and received valuable information that has specifically impacted the lives of individual children and families:

- ❑ **200 parents and professionals** attended the Children's System of Care Conference focusing on "The Mystery: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)—Unveiling the Needs of Children and Youth with ASD"
- ❑ **70 parents and professionals** attended the San Diego Family Law Council's seminar titled, "Guiding the Lives of Children of Divorce and Separation"

- ❑ **200 first responders** attended the Beth Lennon Symposium on child abuse, "Surviving Sexual Molestation," "Medical, Forensic and Social Aspects of Sexual Exploitation," and "Inside the Minds of Child Sex Offenders"
- ❑ **370 professionals** attended the annual Safe Start Conference, co-sponsored by the Commission and the San Diego County Office of Violence Prevention, National Safe Start Initiative, San Diego County Child Welfare Services, San Diego Domestic Violence Council, and First 5 Commission of San Diego
- ❑ **160 professionals** were trained through the Commission's Diversity Schoolhouse on topics such as "Gangs" and "African Refugee Children and Families"
- ❑ **Hundreds of community members and professionals** attended the Partnership Committee's "Raising the Bar" community forums held throughout San Diego County to address the issue of children exposed to violence



## JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

“  
*The most terrible poverty is  
loneliness and the feeling of  
being unloved.*

Mother Teresa

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The Joint Domestic Violence Council and Child Abuse Prevention Steering Committee's (Steering Committee) mission is to coordinate community efforts to protect children from maltreatment and family violence. In 2002, the Board of Supervisors designated the Commission as the local Child Abuse Prevention Council. The Child Abuse Prevention Council has specific mandates as outlined in State Welfare and Institutions Code 18982:

- ❑ To provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases
- ❑ To promote public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment
- ❑ To encourage and facilitate training of professionals in the detection, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect
- ❑ To encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs



The Steering Committee provides the leadership, resource development, education and coordination to prevent and respond to child abuse and family violence in San Diego County. The Steering Committee provides a forum for inter-agency coordination in the prevention, detection, and treatment of child abuse, and promotes public awareness of the abuse and neglect of children. Through the coordinating of community efforts, and by promoting awareness, advocacy and education, the Steering Committee works to protect all children from exposure to violence, abuse or neglect.

### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CONSORTIUM

The Consortium subcommittee plans a monthly training series for frontline workers within the social services, law enforcement and education fields to improve knowledge and skills in a variety of issues related to child welfare. The Consortium alternates training topics between child welfare related topics and Diversity Schoolhouse, which provides communication with an

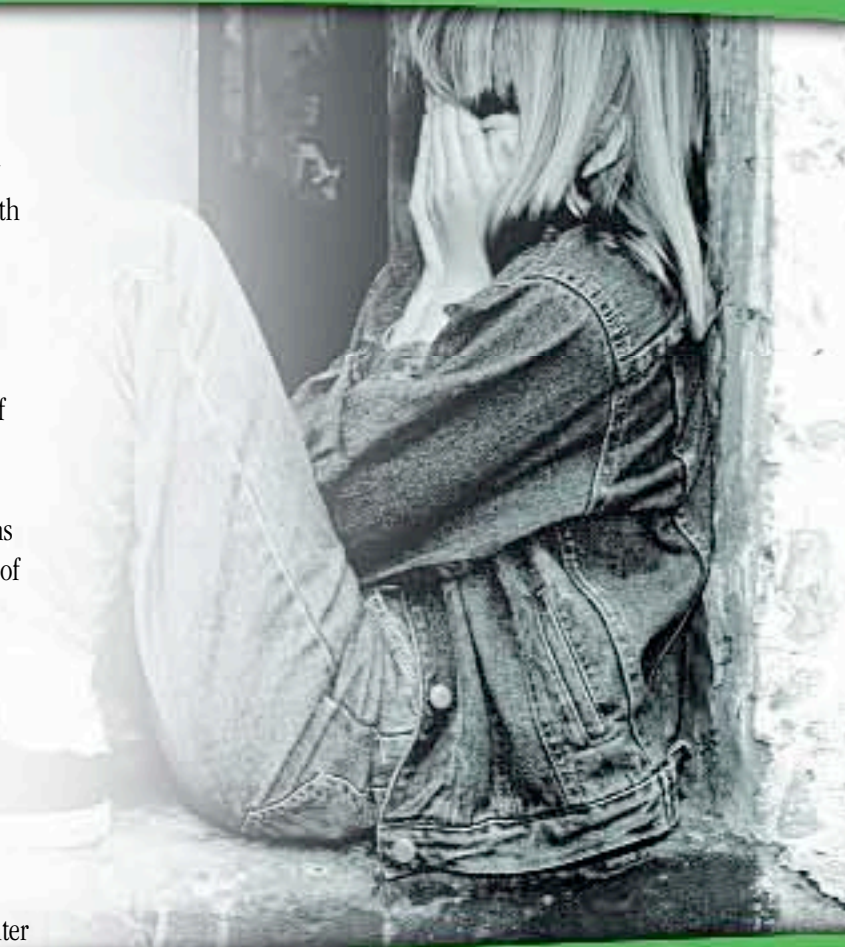
understanding of various ethnic, cultural, religious and other diverse groups in our community. Diversity Schoolhouse trainings are provided in conjunction with the Union of Pan Asian Communities.

### CHILD FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE

This Committee reviews, on a monthly basis, deaths of children and youth that come to the attention of the Office of the Medical Examiner. The purpose of the review is to improve coordination among those systems or agencies providing services or investigating reports of child endangerment. The San Diego County Child Fatality Report is published by this Committee with compiled data, findings and recommendations to reduce the number of child fatalities.

### STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Dawn Griffin**, Ph.D., Domestic Violence Council
- Debbie Comstock**, East County Family Justice Center





## MEET OUR STARS

The Steering Committee spearheads activities in recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The main activity is our STARS Awards event, which recognized individuals and organizations making a positive impact on the prevention of child abuse in San Diego County. The 2009 STARS awardees were:

### ❑ **Karan Kolb**

*Director of Child and Family Services  
Indian Health Services*

Karen's program serves seven north county tribes, and she collaborates with local, state, and national agencies concerning Indian child welfare issues.

### ❑ **Barbie Caldwell**

*Founder of Connected Through Kids*

Barbie has been a foster parent for seven years. She specializes in the care and nurturing of drug exposed infants and serves as the support group leader and strong advocate for caregivers of drug exposed infants.

### ❑ **Geri Beattie**

*Volunteer*

Geri was instrumental in the creation of the Center for Child Protection at Children's Hospital where she served as the operational manager. She also played a critical role in the creation and evolution of the San Diego

Victim Witness protocol.

### ❑ **Karen Alexander**

*La Mesa-Spring Valley School District*

As the AB 490 Foster Care and McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison for La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, Karen has dedicated an enormous amount of time and effort to advocating for the educational interests of students in foster care.

### ❑ **Judge Ana Espana**

*Supervisor, Office of the Public Defender*

Judge Espana served as Supervising Public Defender for nearly 20 years, working to improve the conditions of children in foster care both for individual children and through systemic change.

Ms. Espana is a champion of the California Foster Youth Education Task Force, a statewide coalition of advocates and professionals working to increase the educational outcomes for students in foster care.



#### ❑ **Just In Time for Foster Youth**

*Kathryn Vaughn - President*

Under the direction of Kathryn Vaughn and hundreds of committed volunteers, Just In Time annually assists more than 600 former San Diego foster youth ages 18-26.

Through this wonderful organization's support and guidance, many former foster youth have finally found a "family" to which they can turn to help them achieve their dreams.

#### ❑ **East County Family Justice Center**

*Debbie Comstock - Director*

The East County Family Justice Center offers a broad cross-section of services for victims of domestic violence and their children. This new facility allows victims to receive, in one location, all the services and support they may need.

#### ❑ **Sleep Train**

The Family Friendly Business STARS Award recognizes businesses that are committed to supporting families in San Diego County. For over 20 years, Sleep Train's company philosophy has been that success is not measured by the bottom line alone, but also by a commitment to giving back to the community.

Sleep Train's phenomenal generosity to thousands of current and former foster kids in San Diego County not only sends a message of love and support to at-risk youth; it epitomizes the star quality of this organization.





*Love cures people,  
both the ones who give it  
and the ones who  
receive it.*



Dr. Karl A. Menninger

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

San Diego County is home to nearly 3,300 school-age foster children. The Commission and Foster Youth Services combined efforts in 2003 to create the Education Committee which informs on issues related to foster youth and serves as the Foster Youth Services Advisory Committee. This Committee provides oversight, support and the coordination of programs and policies that improve educational outcomes for the youth within our dependency and delinquency systems.

The Education Committee has supported several programs provided by Foster Youth Services including a state-of-the-art data information system, Foster Youth Student Information System, which allows for the secure, web-based exchange of education information. The Committee supports a broad range of training, support services and direct services to serve as many students in foster care (including tribal youth) as possible.



## SCHOOL SUCCESS PROJECT

Funded by The Stuart Foundation, Qualcomm, Title IV-E, and Casey Family Programs, this collaborative effort has placed seven Educational Liaisons in Child Welfare offices. Between January and June 2009, the Liaisons received 756 referrals for students in need of support. All youth were served, and in many instances, the Liaisons were able to identify needs that exceeded the initial referral.

## TUTORING SERVICES

Foster Youth Services offers vital tutoring services in core subject areas to students in foster care in grades K-12. The following tutoring programs served 255 youth this year and produced an increase in grade level performance of 80% in at least one subject area.

❑ **Tutor Connection Program** - The goals of this program are to assist students in foster care in overcoming educational obstacles, and to inform future teachers about the unique needs of students in foster care.

❑ **Oxford Tutoring** - An in-home tutoring program designed to promote students' intellectual growth in a stimulating relationship based on students' learning styles and needs.

❑ **Strategic Tutoring** - Strategic tutoring is an evidence-based model created by the University of Kansas. This intervention teaches students how to learn by using strategies for acquiring and utilizing new skills.

## THE FOSTER YOUTH MENTOR PROGRAM

Designed to serve children ages 6 - 17, the program matches children in foster care with adult mentors who are expected to meet with the children for a minimum of two hours per week and for a minimum of one year. There were a total of 343 mentor matches of which 84% of the matches fulfilled their mentoring commitment.

## COLLEGE CONNECTION

This collaborative effort of educational professionals, Independent Living Skills contractors, community partners and Child Welfare Services strives to motivate and

encourage students in foster care to seek higher education. This Council also coordinates an annual career day event.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

**Honorable Susan Huguenor,**

Presiding Judge,  
Juvenile Court

**Barbara Ryan,**  
San Diego County  
School Boards  
Association





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*I believe that if you show people the problems and you show them the solutions, they will be moved to act.*

”

Bill Gates

## PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

The purpose of the San Diego County Partnership for Children, Youth, Families and Communities (Partnership Committee) is to promote coordinated and collaborative efforts for public and private sector organizations engaging in services to children.

In 2004, the San Diego Child Welfare Services Re-design Steering Committee was formed to translate the California Child Welfare Re-design vision to local practice. The ensuing report envisioned a flexible local collaborative to ensure every county has broadly based partnerships to promote and support the capacity of families to keep their children safe, create a stable family environment and promote positive outcomes.

The Committee's child welfare focus needed to be broadened to embrace parallel efforts for system changes happening within juvenile justice, violence prevention, education and mental health. The Partnership Committee was created and embodies the new direction,



inviting child serving systems and community members including families and youth to unite in a public/private partnership of shared goals and accountability.

The Partnership Committee supports the following values:

- Collaboration and coordination among and between public and private organizations
- Input and shared responsibility of all members to improve public programs and policy
- Communities are supports to families and families are key to children's success
- Economic vitality is essential to build strong communities
- Families and youth as partners
- Cultural competency in program design, service provision and public policy recommendations

## COMMITTEE CHAIR:

**Walter Philips**, San Diego Youth Services





## FAIRNESS AND EQUITY COMMITTEE



*Children are more influenced  
by the sermons you act, than by  
the sermons you preach.*



David O. McKay

The Fairness and Equity Committee was formed in 2005 with the expressed goal of addressing the disproportionate representation of youth of color in the child serving system.

### DISPROPORTIONALITY PROJECT

During the initial strategic planning process, committee members outlined key focus areas for their work. One of the outcomes of the planning was the Disproportionality Project. With the support of Child Welfare Services, this project explores issues relevant to African American and Native American children.

San Diego County currently has two teams working on this project, the Native Team and the Central Region Team. Each team includes members from the child welfare staff, parents, alumni foster youth and community cross system partners.



## NATIVE TEAM

The Native Team is focused on strengthening community collaboration and increasing tribal placement for native children by developing and strengthening a County native foster family agency.

An example of a small test of change is the Family Unity and Nurturing meetings being implemented by the Native team to provide a culturally sensitive and welcoming space that empowers Tribal and family voice in the discussion of placement options for children at risk of removal.

Other strategies are also being explored that focus on keeping native children with their families and/or tribal communities.

## CENTRAL REGION PILOT

In 2007 the Central Region Pilot was launched by Child Welfare Services to address disproportionality in the Central Region of San Diego County. The number one priority for this team is the Family Finding strategy which

focuses on reconnecting foster youth with extended family members.

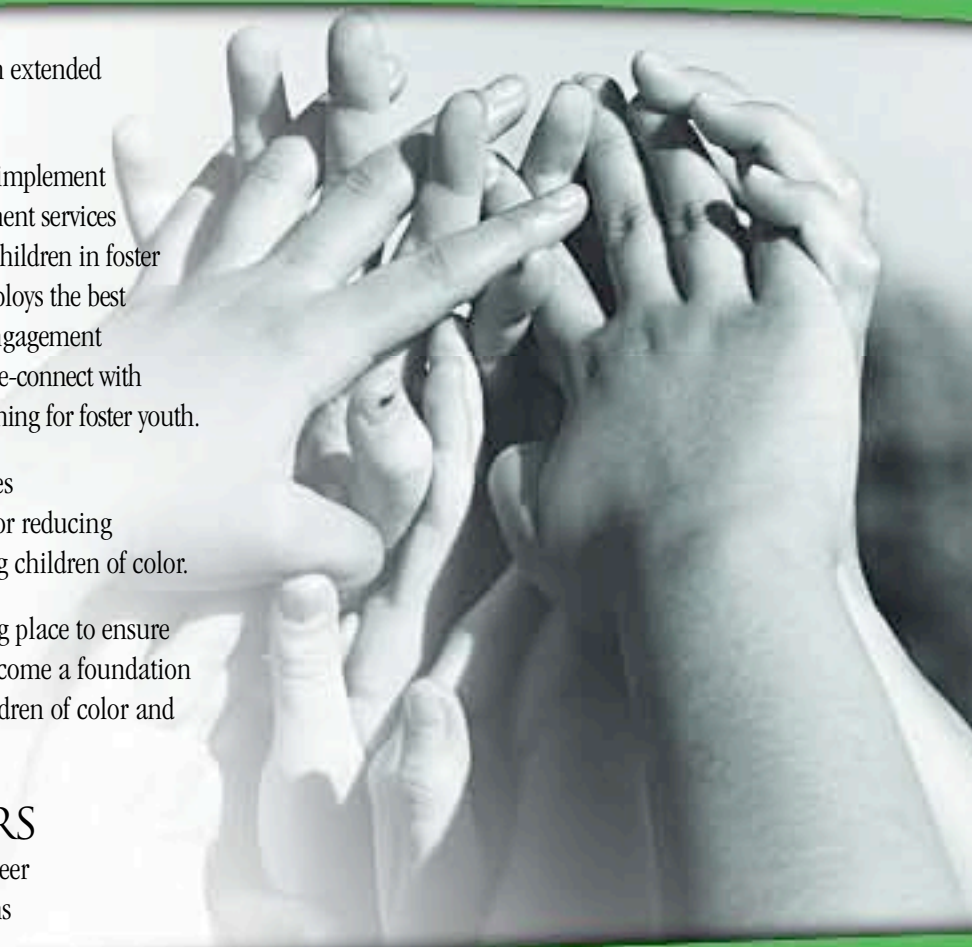
The County contracted with a provider to implement family identification, search and engagement services for relatives and/or significant others for children in foster care. This innovative contract, which employs the best available search technology and family engagement methods, offers opportunities for youth to re-connect with family members and for permanency planning for foster youth.

Family Finding, a resource that explores permanency options, can also be a tool for reducing disproportionality by specifically targeting children of color.

Ongoing planning and services are taking place to ensure that these enhanced relationships can become a foundation for improving stability in the lives of children of color and thus reducing disparity.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Daphnye Watson**, Community Volunteer  
**Jorge Cabrera**, Casey Family Programs





## FISCAL PLANNING AND OVERSIGHT

**T**he Commission is designated by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to oversee the County Children's Trust Fund (CTF). The CTF revenue is a portion of the fees collected from birth certificates along with funding from specialized license

plates and Community Based Family Resource Funding. The Commission also serves as the advisory body for planning the State funded Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT), the federally funded Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) and the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) programs.

The CTF is to be used to fund the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council, along with child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs operated by private nonprofit organizations, public agencies or public institutions of higher education, with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare.

In 2004, the California Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability System Act was implemented with the goal of improving Child Welfare and Probation Department outcomes

pertaining to child safety, permanence, and well-being. The California Outcomes and Accountability System requires that an assessment be completed and a System Improvement Plan (SIP) be submitted to the State by each county. San Diego County's SIP highlighted the support needed to create a continuum of child welfare services to assist at-risk families. This results in families getting the timely services they need, delivered in a culturally sensitive manner.

This year, the State required the integration of the planning for child abuse prevention and intervention revenues, and the SIP into one document. In April 2009, the 2009-2012 plan was submitted to the State. The San Diego County plan emphasized additional efforts to further enhance the services and support provided to decrease child abuse and/or neglect for children in our communities. The Commission is responsible for monitoring outcomes and recommending changes to the plan.



To accomplish its role of planning and oversight of the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), the Commission develops an annual CTF Spending Plan. During 2008-09, the funds supported the following:

- The Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council and its activities
- Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services
- Legal services to support legal guardianship of children not involved with the Child Welfare System and legal services to support family advocacy for education related issues
- Services for mothers impacted by substance abuse issues





## COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Commission has a membership of 45 individuals: five members at-large, four Board-designated members, 16 public officials, 11 nonprofit or non-governmental organizations, six regional collaborative representatives and three consumers. Specifically, the Commission consists of the following voting members:

### OFFICERS

**Honorable Susan Huguenor**  
Chair

Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court

**Vivian Reznik, M.D., MPH**  
Vice-Chair

Representative, American Academy of Pediatrics

**Walter Philips**  
Secretary

Representative, San Diego Association of Nonprofits

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Supervisor Greg Cox**  
Board of Supervisors  
District One

**Bonnie Dumanis**  
District Attorney

**William Gore**  
Sheriff

### PUBLIC AND/OR COMMUNITY OFFICIALS

**Alfredo Aguirre**

Director, Mental Health Services, Health and Human Services Agency

**Brian Albright**

Director, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department

**Mary Baum**

Representative, North Central Region Collaborative

**Katherine Smith-Brooks**

Representative, Supervisorial District Five

**JoAnne Bushby**

Representative, Supervisorial District Two

**Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D.,**  
Chancellor, San Diego Community College District

**Lorenza Craig**

Representative, Office of the Public Defender

**Margarita de Ruyter**

Representative, Supervisorial District Four

**David Estrella**

Director, County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development

**Carlos Flores**

Executive Director, San Diego Regional Center

**Honorable Susan Golding**

President/CEO, Promises2Kids Foundation

**Dawn Griffin, Ph.D.**

Representative, Community Council or Collaborative

**Paula Guerra, Ph.D.**

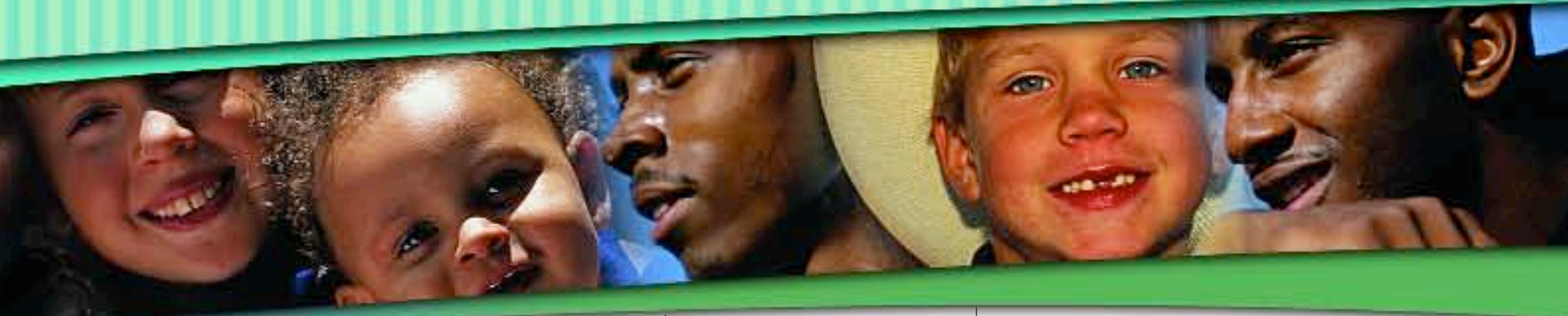
Representative, Central Region Collaborative

**Magarita Holguin**

Representative, South Region Collaborative

**Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose**

President/CEO, Union of Pan Asian Communities



**Mack Jenkins**  
Chief Probation Officer

**Barbara Jimenez**  
Executive Director, First 5  
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Unified School District

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President/CEO, Voices for Children

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Director, Health and Human Services  
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Representative, Philanthropic  
Community

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Consumer Representative

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Consumer Representative

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Representative, Supervisorial  
District One

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Collaborative

**Barbara Ryan**  
San Diego County School Boards  
Association

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County Counsel

**Rev. Rolland Slade**  
Representative, Faith Community

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Chair, San Diego County Child Care and  
Development Planning Council

**Donald Stump**  
Representative, North Coastal  
Region Collaborative

**Randolph Ward**, Ed.D.,  
County Superintendent of Schools

**Daphne Watson**  
Consumer Representative

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Organization

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**Debra Zanders-Willis**, LCSW  
Director, Child Welfare Services, Health  
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**Vacant**  
Representative, Supervisorial  
District Three

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*What you are as a person is far more important than what you are as a basketball player.*

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John Wooden

## LOOKING AHEAD

The Commission on Children, Youth and Families is dedicated to promoting the coordinated efforts of both the public and private organizations that care for and about children and their well being. Children are our link to the future – the possibilities for discovery, growth, innovation and even peace rest in their fragile, tender hands. Every child is important. Every child is needed. Every child deserves a solid foundation on which to build.

The Commission will continue to champion the rights of the children of San Diego. Through the integrated cooperation of accomplished professionals and dedicated volunteers, the Commission will carry on the vital work of protecting children and nurturing families.

It takes many wonderful people to move this work along. Whether it is serving on one of the Commission's committees, volunteering at one of the many non-profit organizations that serve children, becoming a tutor, or signing up to be a Mentor, there is room for everyone to get involved. If you would like information on how you can help, contact the Commission at [www.SanDiegoCCYF.org](http://www.SanDiegoCCYF.org). Remember...

*Safe children and healthy families are a shared responsibility!*



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