

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED) RESOLUTION NO. _____
THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR CHILD) BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ABUSE PREVENTION FOR 2009-2012) SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, according to projections from the Department of Finance statistics, there are currently over 105,127 children and youth under age 18 in Santa Barbara County, representing nearly 24% of the population, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 there were 4,758 referrals made to Child Welfare Services, and

WHEREAS 105 of the children with substantiated cases were infants, and

WHEREAS 63.4% of all substantiated cases were due to neglect and caretaker incapacity, and

WHEREAS, national studies have shown that many more children suffer abuse and neglect than are reported to Child Welfare agencies, with one study by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect estimating that three times as many children are maltreated as are reported, and

WHEREAS, all types of maltreatment are harmful to children's physical and emotional development and require intervention which has as its goal the safety of the child and the prevention of further abuse, and

WHEREAS, the prevention of child abuse and neglect is a priority in Santa Barbara County, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Child Abuse Prevention Council embraces a vision of working with its community partners to provide family-centered, strength-based services through a coordinated system of care, which includes early identification, prevention, intervention and treatment services open to all families and inclusive of all formal and informal systems that engage families, and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2005-2008 that was created by a countywide group of stakeholders based on a needs assessment using local data, and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2009 the Board of Supervisors approved the extension of the existing plan through September 29, 2009 and on April 14, 2009 executed a notice of intent regarding the CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF plan contracts, and

WHEREAS, a group of stakeholders, including the Child Abuse Prevention Council as required, has conducted an extensive needs assessment and planning process in coordination with Child Welfare Services, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2009-2012, and has found that the new plan is relevant to the needs of the County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Three-Year Plan for Child Abuse Prevention for 2009-2012.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this ___ day of September 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

By _____
Joe Centeno,
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
MICHAEL BROWN
Clerk of the Board

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS A. MARSHALL
County Counsel

By _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ROBERT W. GEIS, CPA
Auditor-Controller

By _____