

Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Annual Presentation 2006



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KIDS Network - What is our task?

Established by the Board of Supervisors to serve as a forum where public agencies, service providers and community members come together to strategically address issues affecting the well-being of families and children in Santa Barbara County.



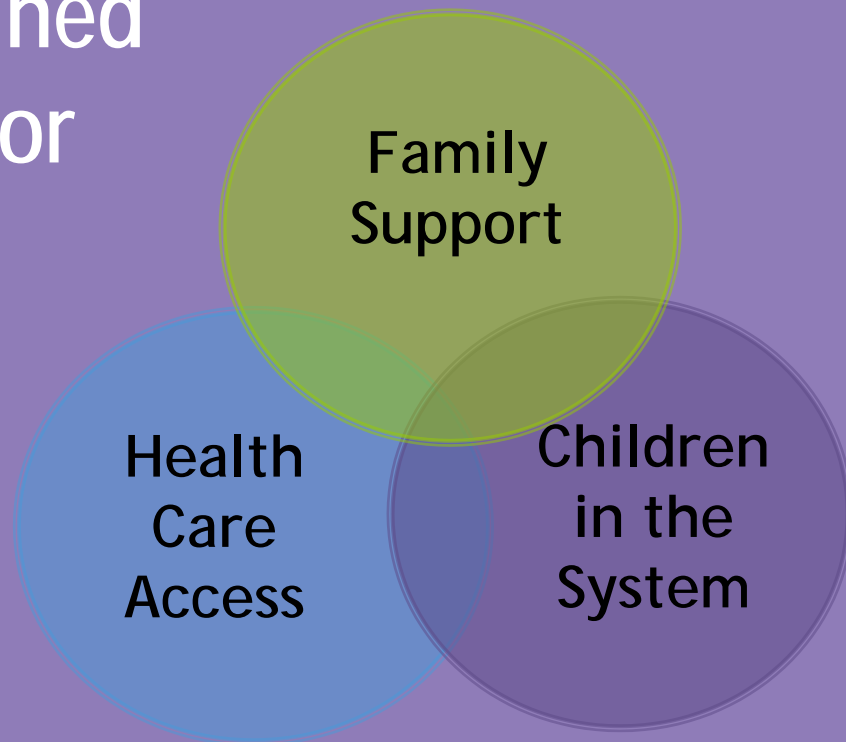
How do we accomplish this charge?

- Set policy and plan for outcomes
- Facilitate the coordination of services to maximize available resources
- Assist with the development of new resources
- Raise public awareness in critical issues



2005 – 2006 Highlights - Strategic Plan

Membership determined three priority areas for the KIDS Network through strategic planning process.



2005-2008 Family Support Strategies

- A. Assist with facilitating funding and service coordination at key transition points to allow for continuous service to families;
- B. Build family support services capacity in North County;



Family Support Strategies (cont.)

- C. Establish structures for consistent communication among County programs, CBOs and schools;
- D. Support coordinated training system addressing family-focused services and cultural competence.



2005-2008 Health Care Access Strategies

- A. Adopt Children's Health Initiative emphasizing advocacy, coordination and policy issues with a focus on enrollment, retention and utilization;
- B. Help reduce barriers so that families know where to enroll their children in health coverage programs and how to obtain health services;



Health Care Access Strategies (cont.)

C. Support advocacy to the Board of Supervisors and state government on overweight prevention issues, as well as raise public awareness;

D. Reach out to the health care community to join the KIDS Network for coordination purposes.



2005-2008 Children in the Systems

Collaborate with existing efforts, such as 2-1-1, to ensure the most effective coordination of services to children in or at-risk of entering the juvenile justice and dependency systems.



2005-2006 Highlights - Reorganization

- Initiated by members at strategic planning workshop. The new structure:
- Provides oversight over strategic plan to remain accountable to the Board and the public; and
 - Allows for more effective collaboration.



Reorganization (cont.)

General Membership: open to all, instrumental in determining strategic priorities

Executive Committee: 15 appointed and elected members tasked with establishing and monitoring outcomes



2005-2006 Highlights – Public Information

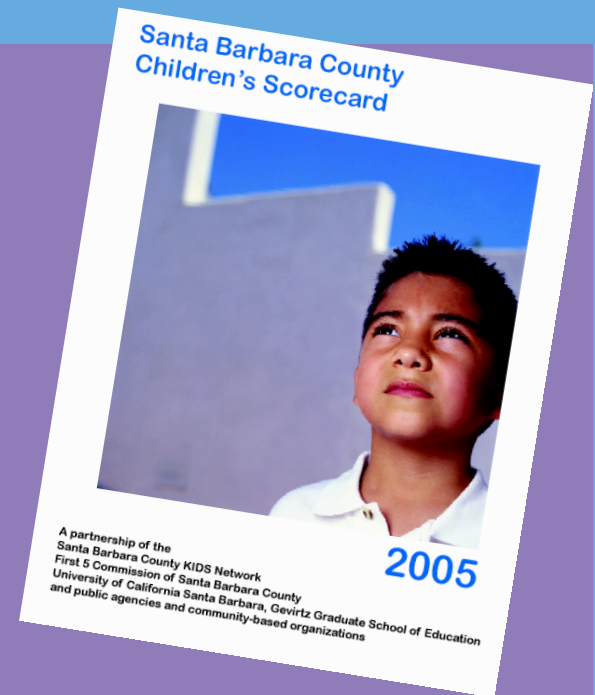
Created website with focus area information for members and the public accessible at

www.countyofsb.org/kidsnet



Public Information (cont.)

Santa Barbara County
Children's Scorecard –
published annually since
1994 to track well-being
indicators-now outcome
focused



2006-2007 Work in Progress and Planned

- Continue developing North County Family Support Services, including in Cuyama
- Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention and Response Taskforce
- Children's Health Initiative
- Communication and Training

