

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

# RACING TO THE FUTURE



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# Message to the Community

The Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission Annual Report is one important way we share the tremendous amount of great work taking place in our community. Together, we're helping children and families move forward to a better future.

This year's theme of the annual report is "Racing to the Future." Our goal is to help bring hope, energy and even excitement to the future of the families we serve. Wouldn't it be great if every child could see that kind of potential?

Giving an abused child hope, helping a parent learn how to positively engage with their children for the first time, helping children learn to read and succeed and providing much needed health services – all of these things are done to give our children their best start in life.

We hope this report enlightens you, inspires your passion for the children of our community and prompts you to ask how you can help make a difference in their lives.

**George Skol**  
Chair

**David T. Jones**  
Executive Director

# Our Story

## Children are our priority

Research shows that a child's brain develops more in the first five years than any other time in their life. Based on this research, California voters passed Proposition 10 in 1998. The ballot measure added a 50-cent tax to each pack of cigarettes and a comparable tax on other tobacco products sold in California and authorized the creation of the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission. The Commission has been working hard since its creation in 1999 to promote the development and well-being of children 0-5 in Stanislaus County. Nearly 20 years later, the impact of the work of the Commission and its partners is felt more than ever.



# Our Vision

All of Stanislaus County's children will thrive in supportive, safe, nurturing, and loving environments; are healthy, eager, and ready learners; and become productive well-adjusted members of society.

## About Stanislaus County

- Overall Population: 545,008 <sup>1</sup> • Households: 171,960 <sup>2</sup>
- Percentage of Households that are Families: 73.4% <sup>2</sup>  
*The Census Bureau defines the term family as "A group of two people or more related by birth, marriage, or adoption and residing together."* <sup>3</sup>
- Stanislaus County had 46,325 children 0 through 5 years of age in 2016. <sup>1</sup>
  - 8% of Stanislaus County Population
- The projected births in Stanislaus County totaled 7,727 in 2016. <sup>4</sup>

	<b>Ethnicity of Stanislaus County Residents <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Ethnicity of Clients Served in Prop 10 Programs <sup>5</sup></b>
Hispanic:	45%	61%
White:	43%	22%
Asian:	6%	5%
Multiracial:	3%	3%
African American:	3%	4%
Pacific Islander:	<1%	<1%
American Indian or Alaska Native:	<1%	<1%
Other or Unknown:	<1%	5%

### Sources:

<sup>1</sup> California Department of Finance, *County Population Projections by Age, 2010-2060: Release Date: March 2017*

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau (2016). *2015 American Community Survey (1-Year Survey)*

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. *Current Population Survey (CSP) Definitions*

<sup>4</sup> California Department of Finance, *Calendar Year Estimate and Projected Births for California and Counties, 1990-2040: Release Date: February 2017*

<sup>5</sup> Data reported by Proposition 10 funded programs in Stanislaus County

## Our 2016-2017 Funded Partners

Aspiranet  
 Center for Human Services  
 Children's Crisis Center  
 Court Appointed Special Advocates  
 El Concilio  
 Keyes Union School District  
 Parent Resource Center  
 Riverbank Unified School District  
 Sierra Vista Child and Family Services  
 Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services  
 Stanislaus County Health Services Agency  
 Stanislaus County Office of Education  
 Stanislaus Family Justice Center  
 United Way of Stanislaus County

## Improved Family Functioning

- Families are receiving support**  
 The parents of 10,400 children received family support services through countywide Family Resource Centers or other programs. 2,373 received more intensive services focused on improving child abuse risk factors.
- Parents are gaining knowledge and improving parenting skills**  
 The parents of 2,490 children attended parenting classes to increase parenting skills and knowledge.
- Caregivers are screened for depression and linked to additional support**  
 Of the 1,730 children 0-5 whose caregivers were screened for depression, 396 children had a caregiver referred for mental health services as a result.
- Children are flourishing in stable environments**  
 418 children experienced improvements in their family environment after being enrolled in respite childcare.

## Improved Child Development

- Parents are reading with their children**  
 1,698 families increased the time spent reading with their children at home after receiving literacy services.
- Children are being screened and identified for developmental delays**  
 1,681 children 0-5 were screened for educational developmental issues and 341 were reported as being referred for further assessments or services.
- Children are preparing to enter Kindergarten and be successful**  
 120 children participated in the Kindergarten Readiness Program at school sites across the county that helped prepare them for Kindergarten.

## Improved Health

- Pregnant women and children are receiving health care**  
 192 children 0-5 and pregnant women who did not have access to health care received medical attention through an interim health care program.

- A greater number of children now have health coverage**  
 185 pregnant women and children 0-5 who did not have health insurance are now enrolled in a health coverage plan.
- Infants are born robust**  
 163 infants were born term after their mothers participated in a healthy birth program. 92% of the mothers initiated breastfeeding.

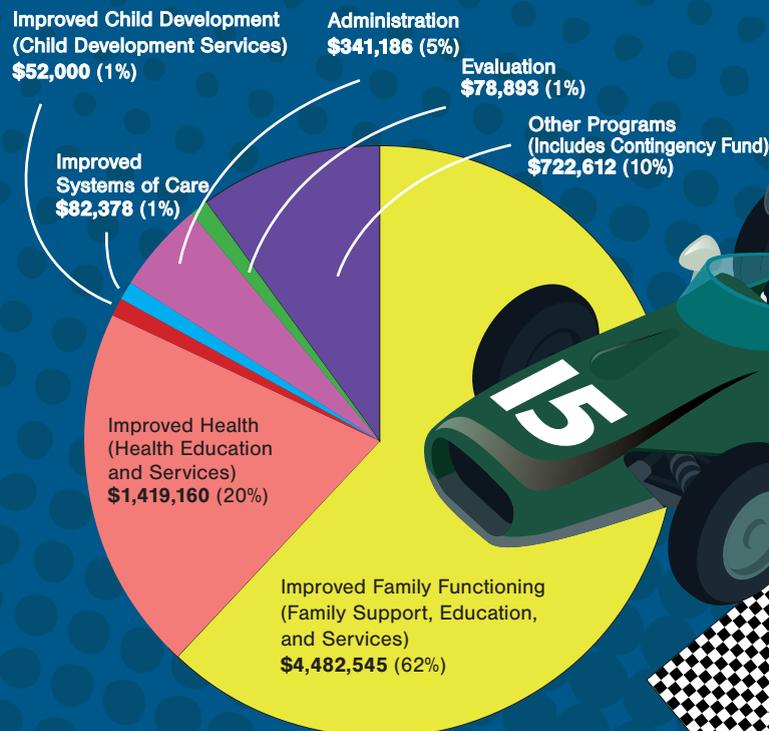
## Improved Systems of Care

- Strengthening families with knowledge**  
 Families of 6,561 children have increased knowledge and use of community resources.
- Leveraging Prop 10 funds**  
 Prop 10 funded programs brought in more than \$8.7 million from other funding sources during fiscal year 2016-2017, increasing the level of services for children 0-5 and their families. Of that \$8.7 million, nearly \$5.7 million came from funding sources outside of Stanislaus County.

\*Data reported by contractors

# 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Total Budget: \$7,178,774

Improved Family Functioning (Family Support, Education, and Services)	\$4,482,545 (62%)
Improved Health (Health Education and Services)	\$ 1,419,160 (20%)
Improved Child Development (Child Development Services)	\$ 52,000 (1%)
Improved Systems of Care	\$ 82,378 (1%)
Administration	\$ 341,186 (5%)
Evaluation	\$ 78,893 (1%)
Other Programs (Includes Contingency Fund)	\$ 722,612 (10%)



# Labor of Love: One Mom's Path to a Healthy Delivery

Janet's story is like so many we see. One pathway in life leading to destruction ... another to hope.

She had just been released from the County jail and the Healthy Birth Outcomes (HBO) staff received referrals to begin providing her service. You see, Janet was pregnant.

Staff made numerous attempts to reach her, but all were unsuccessful. Through a surprise circumstance, her new contact information surfaced and they were able to find her.

Her case manager's initial home visit revealed Janet was having substance abuse issues. She also had really tough living conditions and was sleeping on the floor at her mother's apartment. Janet was interested in services as she was pregnant with her first baby, but her transportation problems meant she had already missed prenatal appointments.

Janet was tearful during her initial assessment and was genuine in her desire to get her life back on track.

Her case manager started working on arranging transportation. Bus passes were given to ensure she attended prenatal appointments and the case manager worked hard with Janet for her to get a California Driver's License. Janet eventually passed the driving test in April and worked with her mother on purchasing a car.

Janet wanted to get off drugs. She started attending First Step and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, working with a sponsor, and attending church every Sunday.

HBO staff made referrals to several agencies to assist Janet in addressing her basic needs. She received clothing for herself and her baby and a twin bed that got her off the floor.

Janet never finished high school but was determined to fix that. She started attending Modesto Junior College's GED program and is working toward completion. Childcare services through the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency's welfare to

work program allow her to work on her GED. She's also using the Friends Outside program for assistance with work readiness services, including improving her job interviewing skills.

She moved out of her mom's house and is renting a room with a fellow Narcotics Anonymous member and is working to get her birth certificate so she can apply for housing on her own. She continues to actively engage with her HBO case manager and follows through with referrals.

Janet was determined to do the hard work and put her life on the path to hope.

So, where are we now?

Janet has successfully maintained sobriety for the last 11 months. She delivered a drug-free, full-term healthy baby girl at seven pounds and one ounce. And she's never been happier.

And we couldn't be happier for her as well.

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