

# Monthly Meeting Highlights



Children & Families  
Commission of Orange County

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## **Capacity Building Applications Available in May**

Applications for the capacity building funding cycle will be available on the Commission's website on May 31, 2006. The applications will be due to the commission in July and funding recommendations are scheduled for the October Commission meeting. \$350,000 is available for this second capacity building funding cycle for fiscal year 2005/06. The original allocation of \$700,000 was approved in April 2005 to conduct two capacity building funding cycles during the fiscal year.

## **Program Evaluations Presented**

**Ready to Learn Quarterly Performance Report-** The Commission's quarterly report focusing on the *Ready to Learn* goal area was presented this month. *Ready to Learn* programs receive 20% of Commission program expenditures and primarily include School Readiness and Early Literacy programs. Among the highlights are:

- 209,341 class hours provided to family members
- 4,415 children enrolled in new school readiness programs
- 3,191 children assessed for developmental delays

**School Readiness Nursing-** Since 2004 School Readiness Nurses have been hired at elementary school districts in Orange County to provide health services to families with young children, conduct health and developmental screenings, referrals and follow-ups, health education, and health insurance enrollment. Following a positive evaluation, the program has been extended for another two years. Future focus areas may include providing health services to hard-to-reach children and families, and ensuring that families follow-up on referrals for additional health services.

## **Two New Technical Advisory Committee Members Appointed**

The Commission's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is comprised of experts from various fields including health, education and children's issues. Following several years of service on the TAC, Mr. Gene Howard resigned to focus on the Orangewood Children's Foundation, and Dr. Mark Horton was appointed the State Public Health Officer. The Commission appreciates the expertise and guidance they both contributed as TAC members. Dr. Troy Jacobs, the Orange County Medical Director, Family Health Division and Ms. Anne Broussard, the Orange County Child Care Coordinator, were appointed to replace the departing TAC members.

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