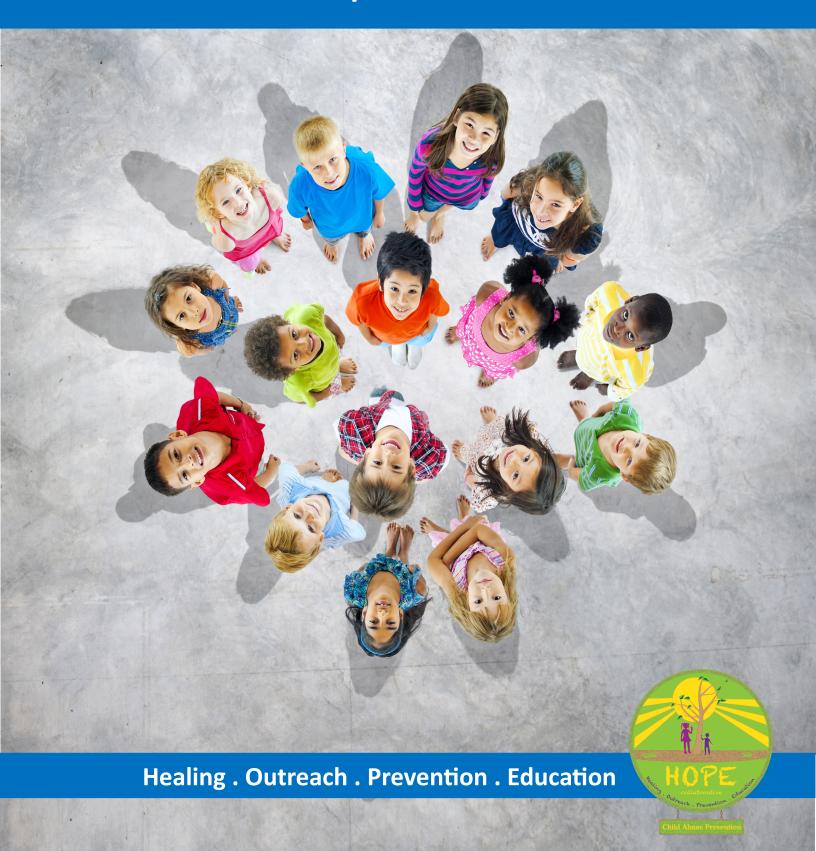
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Annual Report FY 2015-2016



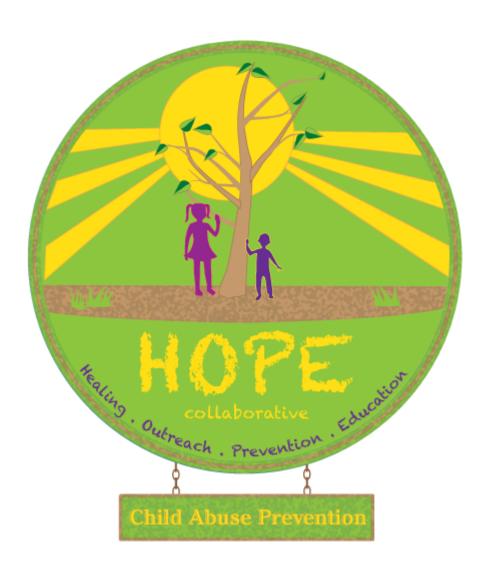


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Introduction



The HOPE Collaborative is the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council for Riverside County.

Mission

The Mission of the HOPE Collaborative is to promote the safety of children and to prevent abuse and neglect in Riverside County.

The HOPE Collaborative accomplishes this mission through the coordination and facilitation of interagency collaboration; efforts to raise community awareness; education and training of professionals, parents and the community; services to child abuse victims and families impacted by abuse and neglect; and advocacy efforts influencing public policy.

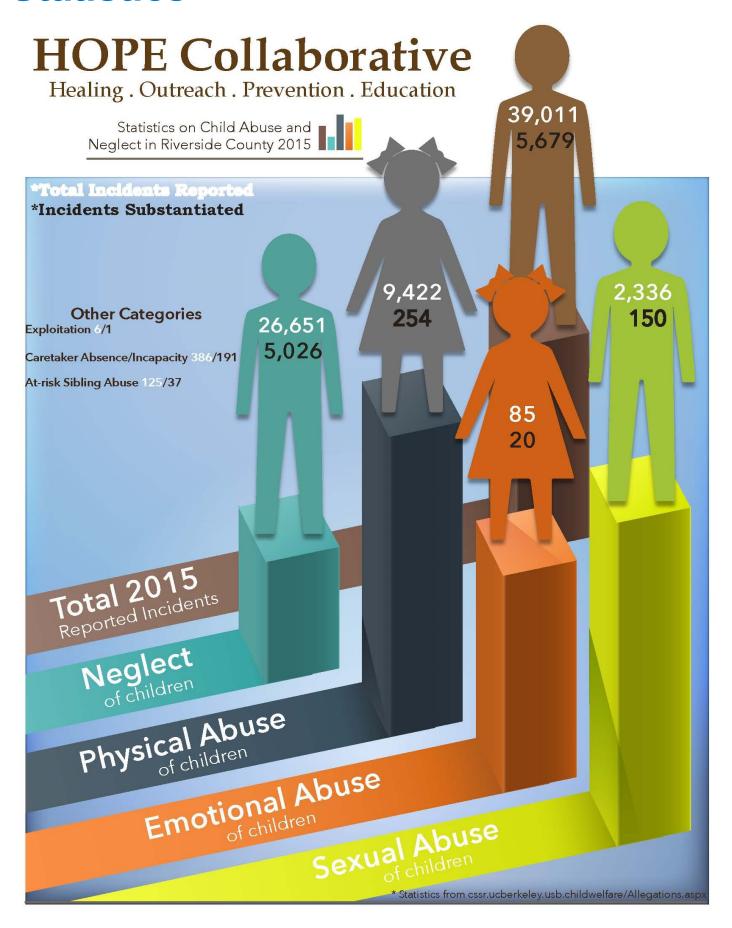
Vision

Riverside County HOPE Collaborative members contribute to a shared vision of a safe and secure environment for all children in Riverside County.

HOPE Collaborative's guiding principles contain, at their core, a desire to bring together all agencies and individuals passionate about strengthening families, keeping children safe in Riverside County, and collaboratively creating a bright future for families and children in Riverside County.

Together we work to prevent child abuse by focusing on the strengths and resources in our communities and families, and building on those assets to address issues and concerns, and to build a better future for all.

Statistics



HOPE Board



Governance

The HOPE Collaborative is governed by a Board of Directors composed of key representatives from public and private agencies actively involved in keeping children safe, investigating and prosecuting anyone who intentionally harms a child, and supporting parents and children.

The HOPE Collaborative Board includes representation from six regional collaborative councils, located throughout the County, in order to address the regional needs. The Board functions as the official Riverside County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) and meets bi-monthly. The Board is led by four member Executive Committee Officers: Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

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The Empowerment Center

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Regional Collaborative Councils

The HOPE Collaborative established six regional collaborative councils in the first year the HOPE Collaborative became the appointed CAPC (Child Abuse Prevention Council) for Riverside County (FY 2013-2014); one in each of the five supervisorial districts and one in the community of Blythe. These six councils have been maintained since, are led and attended by dedicated community leaders who work together to address the diverse and specific needs within each respective district.

Volunteerism is critical for the regional collaborative councils, as well as for the overall HOPE Collaborative. With coordinated efforts toward a shared vision of a safe and secure environment for all children in Riverside County, this year, HOPE volunteers gave a total of 2,805.23 hours of service.

Regional Collaborative Accomplishments

All regional collaborative councils began the year by choosing an area of focus that provided some guidance in their prevention efforts. The area of focus was based on forum feedback from community members, as well as discussion amongst regional collaborative members about their observation and experience in what they see as major needs in the communities within the respective districts. All six councils were allotted a total of \$10,000 to assist in their efforts. Collaborative members attended and reported on various events that occurred within their respective districts.

DISTRICT 1 (D1)

Parent Education: D1 regional collaborative members fulfilled their vision of providing parent education on topics related to child abuse prevention. D1 provided sponsorship for 66 youth to attend the Million Father March, where families learned the value of establishing and/or maintaining healthy relationships with fathers and the importance of father roles in raising children. D1 also provided funds for teacher release time, to attend a series of workshops titled "Protecting our Youth" given that teachers work with children day in and day out. In April, which was Child Abuse Prevention month, D1 collaborated with the Spanish Town Foundation for the annual Tamale Festival. It was estimated that over 20,000 people attended this large event where D1 members distributed information/education on child abuse and neglect. Throughout the event, child abuse statistics and information were communicated to the audience. Positive feedback was received from those who attended specifically related to the valuable information provided.



District 1 Collaborative Council members.*

DISTRICT 2 (D2)



District 2 Collaborative Council members.*

Foster Youth and At-Risk Middle School Youth: D2 regional collaborative members focused the majority of their efforts on putting together an event they titled "Teen Talk." A total of 225 middle school at-risk and/or foster youth attended the event. D2 members planned out the logistics very well in order to facilitate the participation of the youth by providing transportation and incentives. Former foster youth, Dee Hankins was the motivation speaker. Youth reported they enjoyed the presentation and felt inspired. In addition to Teen Talk, D2 also provided sponsorship for various events, including: Red Ribbon Week Family Fun Festival, the Day of the Young Child, and sponsored and participated in the "What's Up With Marijuana" town meeting, which was led by youth.

Regional Collaborative Councils (cont'd)

DISTRICT 3 (D3)



District 3 Collaborative Council members.*

Awareness Through Education: Given that communities within D3 vary in their needs and challenges, D3 members thought strategically about how best to reach all communities. They decided to approach reaching families through education. One of the main components to the educational approach was the distribution of the "Did You Know" DVDs. A total of 531 DVDs were provided to schools, doctor offices, amongst many other locations, in order to be presented to staff and/or played in the lobby or waiting rooms for parents/caregivers. The DVD provides general information on what child abuse is, as well as statistics on the problem. D3 also held a "Six Protective Factors" training open to both professionals and community members.

DISTRICT 4 (D4)

Education of Resources for Professionals and Community of District 4: D4 collaborative also took an educational approach, but did so on a smaller scale (rather than a large event), by strategically planning and providing workshops and trainings throughout D4 communities. Workshops on "Bullying" and "How to Be Safe" by speaker, Mika Moulton from Christopher's Clubhouse, as well as Mandated Reporter trainings occurred throughout the year. A noteworthy aspect of the D4 collaborative is the way that members from all communities from within such a large district were able to come and work together in a very collective manner. Attendance for the D4 regional collaborative council increased to 20 by the end of the fiscal year. This high attendance also assisted in meeting the D4 focus, by being able to share and inform one another about the various agencies in attendance and what they do and/or provide.



District 4 Collaborative Council members.

Regional Collaborative Highlights



District 4 hosted three Mandated Reporter Classes for Professionals in the Desert



District 4 Blythe hosted a table at the Summer Safety Extravaganza.



District 3 Co-chair, Jean Alexander-Booth at the 6 Protective Factors training.

DISTRICT 4 BLYTHE (D4B)



District 4B Collaborative Council members.*

Education of Resources Available to the Public: Through reports from D4B Collaborative members and feedback from a community forum, it was identified that Blythe residents were unaware of the resources and services available in their community. Therefore, D4B started the year by creating thorough resource directories to bring greater community awareness. Window decals were printed and distributed to be used as indicators as safe locations where the resource directories may be requested and obtained. D4B members participated in two large annual events, the Colorado River Fair and the Water Safety Extravaganza. It was estimated that 596 children and 370 adults were reached and provided with educational information, as well as giveaways. Lastly, D4B sponsored registration for nine youth to participate in the Blythe Little League. The purpose of the sponsorship was to promote healthy recreational activities for youth who might not otherwise be able to participate in sports.

DISTRICT 5 (D5)

Youth Empowerment: D5 collaborative members fulfilled their focus of empowering youth in several different ways. Two successful events occurred in the first half of the fiscal year. D5 held the "Happy and Healthy Families...Not Just for the Holidays" event, where two presentations by Planned Parenthood on healthy relationships occurred and many giveaways were provided to families. At the end of the fiscal year, D5 held the Serrano Resource Fair. This event had a large attendance and reach, and Child Help provided two classes on positive parenting. Lastly, D5 provided several sponsorships, including: Six parents to attend the HOPE Children's Conference, 10 at-risk youth to participate in Crescendo Music Lessons, caps and gowns for eight graduating foster youth, and concert costumes for seven at-risk youth wo performed with the Ladies First Mentoring Concert.



District 5 Collaborative Council members.*

*Not all collaborative members are pictured



A family at the HOPE Resource Fair at Serrano Elementary School



District 1 collaborated with the Spanish Town Heritage Foundation for the 4th Annual Riverside Tamale Festival.



Dee Hankins was the motivational speaker for the District 2 hosted the Teen Talk

Training and Education

Children's Conference

This year's annual children's conference theme was *Human Trafficking: Reclaiming our Youth, HOPE, and Power*, with keynote speaker Opal Singleton, CEO and President of Million Kids. HOPE chose this theme in response to the growing problem that many people are unaware of in our County. According to unicef.org, 244,000-325,000 of children and women in the United States are subjected to commercial sexual exploitation. The conference educated attendees on the statistics, terminology, grooming tactics, prevention, treatment, resiliency factors, faith-based support, and technology related to human trafficking.



Participants Trained in

Mandated Reporting



HOPE Staff

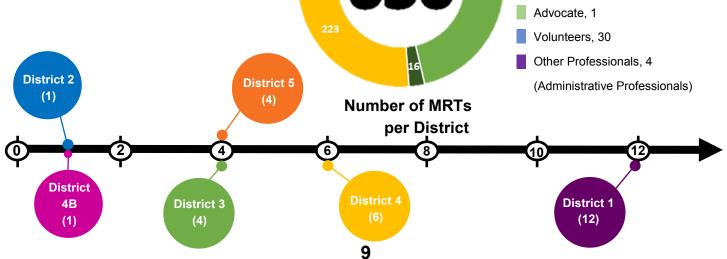
Mandated Reporter Trainings (MRT)

One very important component of the HOPE Collaborative is mandated reporter training. It is HOPE's goal to educate individuals and professionals in an effort to decrease the prevalence of child abuse and neglect. By educating what is reportable, it is expected that necessary reports will be made and intervention for those children in need will occur. HOPE staff provides both first time and refresher trainings in English and Spanish. Examples during the training are tailored to match the needs and specific professions of the audience (e.g., law enforcement, teachers, mental health professionals, etc.).

Mandated Reporter Trainings



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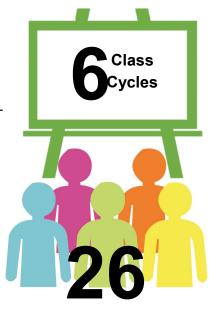


Six Protective Factors

Protective factors are conditions in families and communities that, when present, increase the health and well -being of children and families. Research has shown that these protective factors are linked to a lower incidence of child abuse and neglect. When parents are resilient they are less likely to commit abuse. This creates a circle of positive parenting that promotes a stronger and healthier community. The six protective factors include: nurturing and attachment; knowledge of parenting and child development; parental resilience; social connections; concrete support for parents; and social-emotional competence of children.

Nurturing Parenting (NP)

The NP program is a family centered psycho-educational approach that was developed following five core values (adapted from the Six Protective Factors). The core values include: positive self-worth; empathy; empowerment and strong will; structure and discipline; and laughter, humor, and play. In the beginning stages of the NP classes many participants reveal that they don't know basic information on certain aspects of parenting (e.g., child development, positive discipline strategies, importance of self-care, etc.). Through participating in the classes parents and/or caregivers become better educated, are better able to use more positive discipline approaches and more clearly understand that self-care is vital in child rearing. NP classes are an evidenced based intervention that has been utilized for the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect.



Individuals Enrolled

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

PCIT is an empirically supported treatment modality for young children (2-8 years old) which focuses on improving caregiver-child relationship, as well as providing skills for the caregiver to better manage the child's behavior. This modality of treatment is frequently used for children who have experienced trauma and are dealing with emotional and/or behavioral disorders. PCIT uses live coaching, to help improve the interaction patterns between caregiver and child. Although this program did not receive funding for direct treatment, PCIT trained clinician was still able to provide this service to three families, all which reported significant progress in strengthening the bond with their child and seeing improved behavior. An increase in families who will receive this form of direct treatment is anticipated with new funding provided by the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for upcoming FY 2016-2017.

Upcoming Trainings

The HOPE staff and collaborative members come into contact with and assist many individuals who have asked throughout the year about trainings in addition to MRTs or Six Protective Factors. Frequent topics requested include bullying, internet safety and how to deal with difficult adolescents. HOPE has taken these inquiries seriously and has researched and been developing a curriculum of available trainings. All trainings will be available for FY 2016-2017, and will align with HOPE's mission.

Community Outreach

Community engagement is a key component for the HOPE collaborative. It allows for staff to gather feedback from individuals throughout Riverside County on issues and trends. Staff are able to provide educational and preventative information as well as provide linkages and referrals. This year, HOPE staff attended a total of 53 events, reached 7,488 individuals, attended the Riverside County District Attorney Annual Victim's Rights Candlelight Vigils in all three locations (Riverside, Coachella Valley, and Temecula), attended 28 Team Decision Making meetings (TDMs) and conducted seven forums.

Community Forums

A total of seven forums were conducted by HOPE staff, covering each supervisorial district within Riverside County. Two hundred members in the various communities where the forums took place provided their input as to the specific needs for the safety of children and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Trends and issues gathered from forum respondents were then utilized to help set priorities such as services, education, and support, for both the HOPE Collaborative at large as well as for the individual regional collaborative councils.

Key Issues and Trends

Some of the key issues raised by the attendees throughout the forums included:

- Lack of awareness of available resources and/or services
- Challenges in transportation
- Lack of recreational activities for children/adolescents
- Lack of afterschool activities
- Challenges in finding affordable child care

Team Decision Making (TDM) Meetings

One of the responsibilities of the HOPE clinician is to attend TDMs throughout Riverside County, and provide linkages and referrals as necessary. The main purpose of the clinician's role at TDMs is to identify trends in services and report back to the HOPE Board on the trends identified, and ideas and recommendations for service improvement.



Outreach



Pinwheels for the Temecula Victim's Rights Candlelight Vigil.



Reached



Kids participating in the Day of the Child event in



HOPE at the Day of the Child outreach event in Corona



HOPE Case Manager at RCC for an outreach event.



Team Decision Making Meetings

Public Awareness Campaigns

The HOPE Collaborative launched two theme specific, month-long campaigns in addition to the year-long Child Abuse Prevention campaign. Key components of the overall Child Abuse Prevention campaign included ongoing use of social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) and the HOPE Collaborative website.

In October 2015, HOPE executed the "Through the Eyes of a Child" campaign, focusing on the effects of domestic violence on children. HOPE hosted a movie discussion night at the Hemet Historic Theater of the film "The Children Next Door," a documentary following a mother and her four children after a traumatic domestic violence dispute that ended fatally. Other components of this campaign included: daily social media posts of related articles, videos, and statistics; two flash mob performances; cinema movie previews; mall advertisements; a radio advertisement on Spanish music station La Maquina Musical 100.9; and a fundraising effort HOPE titled "1,000 people give \$1."



The theme for the October Campaign was "Domestic Violence Awareness Through the Eyes of a Child".





Dance Team from Hemet High School performed a Flash mob bringing awareness to childhood Domestic Violence at the Historic Hemet Theater movie discussion.

Moreover, in April of 2016, in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month, HOPE adapted the state-wide campaign theme of "Community in Unity." Components of this campaign included: social media posts, website preventative and educational information, a mall advertisement highlighting the theme, a 30 second produced video aired via Time Warner Cable Company, and community presentations and activities at the annual Riverside Tamale Festival where there were over 20,000 attendees.



Moreno Valley Towngate and Tyler Galeria Mall Display for the October Campaign



Moreno Valley Towngate Mall Display

Fundraising

The HOPE Collaborative coordinated various fundraisers throughout the year.

1,000 people give \$1

During the October "Through the Eyes of a Child" awareness campaign, the fundraising component of the campaign was an effort to obtain \$1 from 1,000 individuals. HOPE received a total of \$53.50 from this fundraising effort.

HOPE for the Holidays

This was the second year that the HOPE Collaborative held it's "HOPE for the Holidays" fundraiser. HOPE raised a total of \$ 18,250 which included: Community Improvement Designation (CID) funds provided by Districts 1, 2, 3, and 5; cash from Blythe Energy and D4 legislative assistant Mike Galdini; 280 gift cards from the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and donated toys from community members throughout Riverside County. HOPE staff worked together with DPSS regional managers and social workers to identify foster youth who could benefit from the gifts. With the amount raised, HOPE was able to gift 946 foster youth with a holiday gift, many of the youth received multiple items (e.g., sweater and toy).



Toys collected for HOPE for the Holidays

3rd Annual HOPE Awards Dinner- "A Night to Remember"

The 3rd Annual HOPE awards Dinner took place on June 3rd, 2016 at Downtown Riverside's Loft 84 and was emceed by NBC4 Southern California's Tony Shin. This fundraising event included two key components, one was to recognize the eight Children and Family Advocates of the year and the second was the silent auction. The advocates who received awards represented the various districts from within Riverside County, and included a wide range of professions. The silent auction was composed of art and photography pieces created by foster and at-risk youth, who participated in either a 6 week photography class or a two day art work-



2016 Child and Family Advocates Award recipients



Art piece created by Art Workshop participant



Photography piece taken by a six week photography class participant



The Suleman Octuplets participating at the Heroes for HOPE Walkathon.

shop. This event raised a total of \$5,248.90.

Heroes for HOPE Walkathon

On May 21st, 2016, HOPE held the 2nd annual Walkathon, which was one of the signature fundraising events of the year. This event raised a total of \$1,731. It was held at the beautiful Historic Citrus State Park and included a competitive 5k run, a one mile youth run, and a half mile per lap walk. The event also included a kid zone full of fun activities, games and prizes, vendors, and a DJ. This event promoted healthy ways for families to interact, have fun and support HOPE's mission of preventing child abuse and neglect.

Targets	2015-2016 Outcomes	Plans for 2016-2017
Coordinate and provide oversight over the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) including a regional approach to establish six (6) regional collaboratives under the umbrella of a Countywide CAPC for coordination purposes.	The HOPE Board provided oversight over the HOPE project, and HOPE staff coordinated and maintained six regional collaborative councils that met on a monthly basis and planned, coordinated and executed child abuse prevention efforts throughout the year.	The HOPE Collaborative will continue to work under the guidance of the HOPE Board, as well as maintain and continue coordinating child abuse prevention efforts with the existing six regional collaborative councils. In addition, HOPE will be establishing a 7 th council in District 3, to be referred to as Dis-
Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of twenty-four (24) Team Decision Meetings (TDMs), and if applicable recommend improvements in services.	HOPE clinician exceeded goal and attended a total of 28 TDMs throughout Riverside County, in an effort to observe for and monitor trends, issues and/or gaps in services.	The process of TDM meeting attendance will continue. Target is to attend a total of at least 24 TDMs.
HOPE staff will monitor TDMs to look for patterns of systems issues and/or gaps in services.	Clinician summarized and reported on issues, trends, gaps in services to the HOPE Board and monthly CAPC reports, based on observa-	Expanded opportunities for recommendations and increase discussion and sharing of agency systems will occur during HOPE
Provide outreach designed to increase education and linkages to community resources for underserved individuals and communities.	HOPE staff attended a total of 53 events, 17 of those occurred in the defined underserved communities chosen for fiscal year 15/16.	HOPE staff will continue attending community events throughout Riverside County and provide linkages and referrals. In addition, underserved population chosen for fiscal year 16/17 is the Re-Entry Parolee Population. HOPE staff will be working with California State Reentry Initiative Program, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison, and California Institution for Men and Women in Chino in order to help prepare them to effectively parent their children and decrease the

Targets	2015-2016 Outcomes	Plans for 2016-2017
Promote public awareness of abuse and neglect of children through outreach services, including available intervention and treatment resources.	A total of 851 individuals served through community events were provided with information, linkages and/or referrals.	Provide resources and/or referrals to at least 120 families.
Provide awareness of child abuse prevention and intervention in underserved communities through forums, website hits, events, etc.	HOPE far exceeded the goal of 1,200 by reaching 200 individuals via forums, 7,488 reached through community events, and had a total of 11,718 website hits.	HOPE staff will provide awareness of child abuse prevention and intervention by reaching at least 1,200 individuals via forums, community events and website hits.
Encourage and facilitate training in the detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.	HOPE exceeded goal by facilitating 28 Mandated Reporter Trainings (MRT), maintained a total of six MRT eligible trainers, and trained a total of 650 individuals (262 counted as professionals of various cat-	Facilitate a minimum of 24 mandated reporter trainings, maintain at least six MRT eligible trainers, and train at least 240 professionals.
Participants trained on Mandated Reporting will demonstrate satis- factory knowledge of child abuse reporting and other areas related to child abuse and neglect.	HOPE exceeded the required amount of 80%, as evident by 82% of participants scoring at least 80% on the MRT post-test	80% of participants will score at least 80% on post MRT test.
Educate the public on the issue of child maltreatment in an effort to decrease child abuse.	HOPE maintained a yearly county- wide media campaign, consisting of regular preventative and educa- tional informational updates on the HOPE website, and regular social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) posts.	Awareness and education will be enhanced utilizing key issues identified by the regional collaborative councils and HOPE Board. The HOPE website and social media will continue to be key components of the yearly county-wide child abuse prevention campaign.
Provide a platform for parents, caregivers, service professionals, service agencies, and public agencies to meet and review/discuss issues related to child abuse prevention and treatment.	HOPE staff conducted seven forums, and obtained responses from 200 individuals who shared feedback regarding issues related to child abuse prevention and treatment.	HOPE will schedule and conduct 6 regional forums early on the fiscal year, so feedback can be utilized to enhance the planning of awareness and education campaigns, and promote community involvement and participation.

Targets	2015-2016 Outcomes	Plans for 2016-2017
Hold a Total of three (3) fundraisers to benefit the Countywide CAPC	Fundraising efforts were held throughout the year. These included: 1000 people give \$1, HOPE for the Holidays, 3 rd Annual HOPE Awards Dinner; "A Night to Remember," and Heroes for HOPE Walkathon.	HOPE will evaluate various fund- raising efforts and try to hold those that have the most potential for success. HOPE will hold a mini- mum of three fundraisers.
Complete fundraising of cash and ancillary grants, as well as any in kind goods or services that will directly benefit foster youth and families.	Annual fundraising goal of \$50,000 was met by the HOPE Board. This fundraising target included both cash raised and in kind goods and services donated directly for youth and families.	HOPE Board set the fundraising goal to \$50,000, to include both cash and in kind goods and services donated directly for youth and families.
Conduct culturally sensitive campaigns to increase awareness to targeted populations; Campaigns will center around two key areas: domestic violence awareness with an emphasis on the child's perspective and the effects on a child, and the second is, child abuse awareness with a specialized focus on sexual assault.	HOPE executed two month long campaigns that centered around two key areas: In October, there was the "Through the Eyes of a Child" campaign that focused on the effects of domestic violence on children, and in April, HOPE adapted the state wide theme of "Community in Unity" campaign that addressed child abuse awareness.	Conduct a minimum of two culturally sensitive campaigns based on feedback from the HOPE Board at the strategic planning meeting occurring in August, 2016.
Increase skills and assets of parents in the county.	HOPE staff facilitated eight Six Protective Factors workshops, and six Nurturing Parenting (NP) clas- ses throughout this fiscal year, with a total of 26 participants enrolling in the NP classes. This included court mandated and voluntary par- ticipants. Also, a total of three fami- lies were provided Parent-Child	HOPE staff will continue utilizing the Six Protective Factors framework, as well as other evidence based models of treatment and education in an effort to increase skills and assets of parents in Riverside County.

Targets	2015-2016 Outcomes	Plans for 2016-2017
Regional collaborative councils will continue to support their regions and provide a voice to the overall CAPC/Hope Board of the needs in their geographic regions. Each Collaborative will participate in a minimum of four existing commu-	Regional collaborative members from all districts attended and reported on many events throughout the year.	All Regional collaborative councils will participate in a minimum of four existing community events.
Regional collaborative councils will continue to support their regions and provide a voice to the overall Hope Board of the needs in their geographic regions. Each collaborative council will develop and convey to the HOPE Board a focus	All regional collaborative councils established an area of focus, and then planned and executed their efforts around that focus.	All regional collaborative councils will develop and convey to the HOPE Board an area of focus based on needs in their region.

Resources

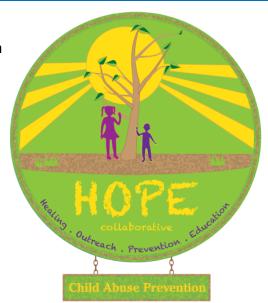
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The HOPE Collaborative would also like to THANK all of the staff, volunteers, and community members for their ongoing support of the Child Abuse Prevention Council for Riverside County.