

HOPE Collaborative

Healing . Outreach . Prevention . Education

Annual Report 2017-2018



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Message from the Board President

The Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a comprehensive Community Resource Packet that has guided the efforts of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (HOPE Collaborative) in Riverside County. Our HOPE Collaborative has focused on organizational strategies that involve community outreach and media collaborations –the most optimally effective efforts to reach individual families and to prevent child abuse.

We are very aware that any organizational effort to prevent child abuse must take into consideration risk factors for abuse and must tailor prevention strategies accordingly. For example, the sad knowledge that children of all ages experience abuse and that the youngest are most vulnerable, helps us focus a large amount of our efforts on families with young children. Children younger than age one account for the highest percentage of child abuse and neglect deaths in any given year throughout our nation. Approximately 85 percent of the children who die are younger than six years of age.

The Children's Bureau Resource Guide also helped with HOPE's efforts by reminding us that, by definition, perpetrators of child abuse and neglect are the very people responsible for the child's safety and well-being (including parents, other relatives, and babysitters). Our nation's experts suggest that for every geographic location, the best strategy for child abuse prevention stays the same, to support families and provide parents with the skills and resources they need! Prevention efforts must build on and support family strength!

The Annual Report that for fiscal year 2017-2018, showcases highlights of HOPE's accomplishments. This Annual Report is submitted with sincere gratitude to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) for allowing the HOPE Collaborative to work under their informed oversight to assist with their overreaching plans to prevent child abuse and neglect throughout Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Carla Lidner Baum, DDS, MS
HOPE Collaborative
Board President

Our Mission

Our Vision

Mission/Vision:

The HOPE (Healing, Outreach, Prevention, Education) 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.

This mission is accomplished 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.

The HOPE Collaborative's guiding principles contain a desire to bring together all agencies and individuals who are passionate about strengthening families, keeping children safe, 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 of our communities and families, and by building on those assets to address current issues and concerns. Our vision will always remain focused on building a better future for our most vulnerable children.

Statistics on Child Abuse and Neglect Riverside County 2017

* Total Incidents Reported

* Incidents Substantiated

Other Categories

Exploitation 8/0

Caretaker Absence/Incapacity 249/112

At-risk Sibling Abuse 57/10



* These numbers reflect data pulled the California Child Welfare Indicators Project from University of California, Berkeley on 9/25/18



Governance

The HOPE Collaborative is governed by a Board of Directors composed of key representatives from public and private agencies who are actively involved in keeping children safe, investigating and prosecuting intentional harm of a child, and supporting parents and children throughout Riverside County.

The HOPE Collaborative Board is comprised of representatives that follow WIC code 18982.1, including: public child and welfare services, the criminal justice system, prevention and treatment services, and community representatives, as well as from the seven regional collaborative councils, located throughout the five Riverside County Supervisorial Districts. The chairperson from each regional collaborative council provides a voice and feedback to the Board on the child abuse prevention needs specific to their respective district in order to address regional needs. The Board also functions as the official Riverside County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC), and is led by four Executive Committee Officers: president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. Both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee meet on a bi-monthly basis.

HOPE Board of Directors

Dr. Carla Lidner-Baum, President

Community Volunteer

Lacy Lennon-Arthur, Treasurer

Riverside County Office of Education

Alejandrina "AJ" Ocegueda

Riverside University Health System-Medical Center

Roberta "Bobbie" Neff

Community Volunteer

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Center Against Sexual Assault

Mabel Rivas, District 4 Chair

Desert Sands Unified School District

Regional Collaborative Councils

The HOPE Collaborative established six regional collaborative councils in the first year it was appointed as the 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. Last year (FY 2016/2017), due to the diverse population and needs within the District 3 communities, a seventh regional collaborative council was established to cover the Hemet/San Jacinto community. This year, all seven councils have been maintained and are led by dedicated community leaders who work together to address the diverse and specific needs within their respective communities.

Volunteerism is critical for the regional collaborative councils and 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 volunteers gave HOPE a total of 3,325.45 hours of experience valued at \$11,934. Of those hours 726.5 was active volunteer participation at regional collaborative meetings.

Collaborative Accomplishments

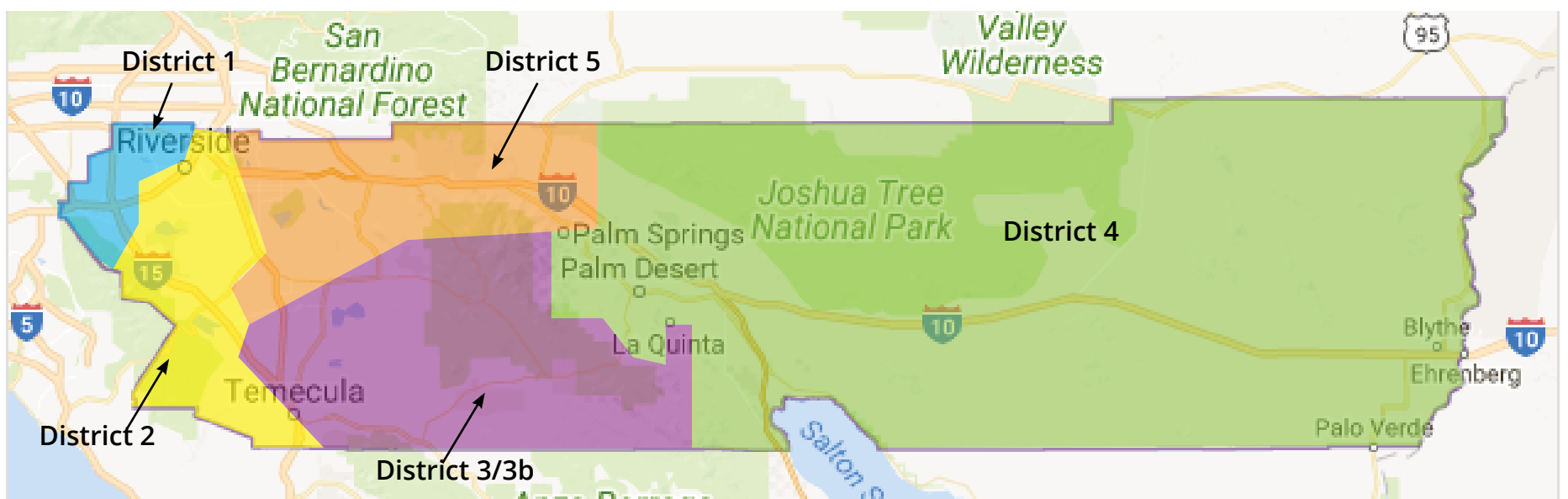
HOPE Program Specialists started the year by sharing the Riverside County Department of Public Services (DPSS) Community Self-Assessment results with all regional collaborative councils. Councils were able to get a better idea of specific child abuse issues in their communities and then develop specific areas of focus. Each regional collaborative council is annually allocated a budget to accomplish their goals.



I chose to be involved with HOPE Collaborative after hearing a presentation by Million Kids concerning sex trafficking of our children in the San Jacinto Valley. I started attending the HOPE District 3 Collaborative in Temecula and realized that we needed representation in our valley. We started the District 3B Collaborative in July of 2016 with the goal of reaching out to all service providers in the valley and getting them to join us once a month to better assist the residents of our valley. I believe we are fulfilling a great need by getting all providers to work together to reach out into the community.

-District 3B Chair, Kenneth Kidby-Retired Veteran

Riverside County Supervisorial District Map





District 1 (D1)

Focus Area:

Family Strengthening with a Focus on Substance Abuse

District 1 fulfilled their area of focus by hosting the “Strengthening Families and Empowering Youth” workshop. The workshop consisted of two concurrent workshops, one for youth and the other for parents.

The speakers were motivational and the families were engaged throughout the entire workshop, attendees provided positive feedback about the content of the presentations and ideas for future workshops.

The D1 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Clean & Green Program
- Table Sponsorship for Children’s Conference
- Foster Youth Graduation



District 1 Outreach Event



Strengthening Families and Empowering Youth Workshop



District 2 (D2)

Focus Area:

At-Risk Foster Youth

The District 2 Collaborative once again extended a large reach-out to at-risk youth via the "Teen Talk Conference." The keynote speaker was Richard Santana, Ed. M., a third generation gang member, who earned his Master's degree from Harvard University, became founder of "Homeboy Goes to Harvard," and is now a motivational speaker. He shared his personal story and gave encouragement to the youth that they can also overcome any obstacle. Other presentation topics included internet safety, drug and alcohol abuse, meditation, domestic violence, and unity. A total of 500 youth attended the conference, from the Corona-Norco and Jurupa Unified School Districts.

The D2 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- 7th Annual Jurupa Healthy Bodies
- Corona Day of the Child
- Jurupa Day of the Child



Day of the Child



Corona/Norco Teen Talk 2018



District 3 (D3)

Focus Area:

Strengthening Families by Implementing the Community Café Model

The District 3 Collaborative focused on strengthening families by implementing the Community Café Model. The Community Café aims to build

leadership, resilience, social connections, and other protective factors to strengthen families. The Community Cafes bring community members and families together in guided conversations. Pre-designed and structured questions facilitate conversations that build on the Protective Factors for strengthening families.

District 3 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Self-care kits for youth served under the Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy programs provided by Resilient Brave Youth
- Graduation baskets filled with college supplies for foster youth
- Backpacks filled with school supplies for the Riverside University Health Systems Mental Health Clinics
- Children's Conference table sponsorship



Murrieta Day of the Child



Murrieta Day of the Child at Thunder from the Storm Stadium



District 3 Hemet/San Jacinto (D3B)

Focus Area:

At-Risk Youth

District 3B Collaborative focused their efforts on at risk youth. To target at-risk youth, District 3B co-hosted Day of the Young Child event to bring awareness of resources for children, youth and

families. This event was held at Mt. San Jacinto College on April 28, 2018. This event was well-attended with a total of 47 vendors that provided valuable information to children and families. Vendors also provided a variety of children's activities such as face painting, planting, and ring toss. The children and families enjoyed the Kaboom Imagination Playground provided by the HOPE Collaborative. Parents enjoyed how children created their own fun with the playground. Parents were also able to positively interact with their children through several activities and received many valuable resources.

District 3B Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Bullying coloring books for schools in San Jacinto
- Come Back Kids Prom sponsorship
- Scholarships for graduating foster youth
- Backpacks for the Riverside University Health Systems backpack drive



San Jacinto Day of the Young Child



San Jacinto Day of the Young Child



District 4 (D4)

Focus Area:

Tools for Prevention

informed parents about abuse prevention, warning signs of abuse, risk factors, how to help children, and what to do. Parents who attended this workshop had great feedback on how useful the information was. Every attendee could enter an opportunity drawing to win a mini iPad or other prizes which included movie night and a family campfire day.

The D4 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Strengthening Families Workshop
- Day of the Young Child



La Quinta Day of the Child



District 4 Blythe (D4B)

Focus Area:

Community Education

The D4B Collaborative participated in two large events, and as in previous years, had a great turnout of attendees. Events included the Water Safety Extravaganza and Day of the Child. The Water Safety Extravaganza was advertised on the front page of the Palo Verde Valley Times newspaper. These large events allowed for wide-reaching dissemination of child abuse prevention information and resource opportunities for families.

The D4 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Blythe Activities League
- Blythe Community Pool Days
- Day of the Young Child



Blythe Day of the Young Child



District 5 (D5)

Focus Area:

**Family Education and Empowering Youth,
Addressing Areas in Human Trafficking and
Substance Abuse**

District 5 hosted “Stolen Teens, Stolen Dreams,” a conference that informed parents of teen-age youth about warning signs of human trafficking. Every attendee received the book “Seduced” by Opal Singleton who is the President/CEO of Million Kids and the Training and Outreach Coordinator for Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force.

The D5 Collaborative members utilized some of their allocated funds to support:

- Masquerade Gala
- Foster Youth graduation
- Sponsored table at Children’s Conference
- Sponsored table at HOPE’s Gala
- Co-Hosted Perris Resource Fair



District 5 Outreach Event



District 5 Outreach Event

Children's Conference

This year's Annual Children's Conference was held at the Riverside Convention Center with the theme "HOPE Collaborative Presents: A Community Conversation about Child Abuse." The structure of presentations consisted of a dynamic opening keynote presentation by Dr. Clare Sheridan-Matney, personal stories from a "lived-experience" panel, a presentation from DPSS Regional Manager Renita Lewis on child abuse reporting, and perspectives from professionals who work with child abuse cases, including mental health, district attorney, physician and child protective services staff. The wealth of knowledge and experience from all presentations enabled conference attendees to gain a better understanding of child abuse and reporting, insight on different experiences, and perspectives for families or professionals directly involved in a child abuse case.

Although recently retired, keynote speaker Dr. Clare Sheridan-Matney, MD, Forensic Pediatrician, continues to make her life's work the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. In her career, Dr. Sheridan-Matney directed the Child Abuse and Neglect Team for Riverside University Health System and served as Medical Director of child abuse and neglect teams at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and the San Bernardino County Children's Assessment Center. She has received numerous awards for her advocacy and outstanding work in child abuse pediatrics.



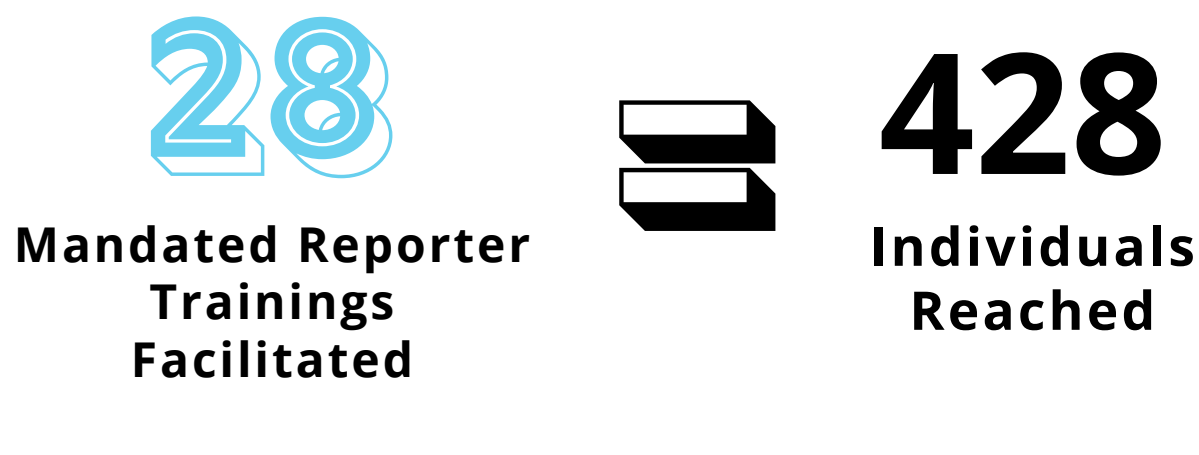
Dr. Clare Sheridan-Matney, MD
Forensic Pediatrician



HOPE Team

Mandated Reporter Training (MRT)

It is the goal of HOPE to provide education to individuals and professionals to heighten awareness and increase the reporting of child abuse and neglect. By educating what is reportable, it is expected that necessary reports will be made and intervention for children in need will occur. First time and refresher trainings are provided in English and in Spanish. Examples given throughout training are tailored to match the needs and specific professions of the audience (e.g., mental health, law enforcement, parents, child-development teachers, etc.). This year, HOPE staff facilitated a total of **28** Mandated Reporter Trainings and reached a total of **428** individuals.



Educational Workshops

Last year, HOPE initiated educational workshops and trainings on topics that are directly related to child abuse. Given the significant amount of requests for educational workshops, HOPE has continued making workshops available. All workshops are tailored to the specific audience, and are made available upon requests to professionals, parents, caregivers, and children. A total of **19** educational workshops were conducted, reaching a total of **996** individuals.

Topics presented on included:

- Bullying
- Knowing and Understanding Long-Term Effects of Child Abuse
- What is Child Abuse and How to Report it
- Internet Safety
- Nurturing Parenting
- Building Resilience and Stress Management
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Adolescent Development
- Substance Abuse- Adolescents

Child Abuse Treatment Program (CHAT)

Although the HOPE program makes its best effort to provide child abuse prevention education throughout Riverside County, it has relied heavily on the CHAT program for the actual treatment of children and adolescents who have been victims of abuse. The CHAT program provides therapy to the child victim of abuse and case management services to the non-offending parent or caregiver. To provide more accessible services to child abuse victims, CHAT operates out of Moreno Valley, Riverside, Cabazon, and San Jacinto Family Service association clinics, and has partnered with the Family Justice Centers (FJC) in Murrieta and Riverside. This year CHAT expanded services to the desert community and began the process of expanding to the Indio FJC.



CHAT is an amazing therapy program which fosters resiliency in children who have endured abuse. This program creates a safe-haven for children to process their abuse through the use of trauma-focused evidence-based practices, in a warm and accepting therapeutic environment. Children enter into the program as victims with difficulties in managing the symptoms and behaviors derived from their abuse. These same children exit the program as resilient survivors who are capable of managing their own symptoms and behaviors through the skills and techniques that they learned in CHAT.

–CHAT Clinician, Tanya Aviles

Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

PCIT is an empirically supported treatment modality for young children (2-8 years old) which focuses on improving the caregiver-child relationship, as well as providing skills for the caregiver to better manage the child's behavior. This modality of treatment was developed for children who have experienced trauma and are dealing with emotional and/or behavioral disorders. PCIT uses live coaching to help improve interaction patterns between caregiver and child. All CHAT clinicians are trained and qualified to provide the service.

Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT)

TCIT is a program adapted from PCIT to utilize in the classroom setting. It focuses on enhancing the teacher-child relationship, increases teacher's attention to the child's positive behavior, and allows children to develop initiative and problem solving skills. It provides an understanding for teachers of why children misbehave, as well as how to handle challenging behaviors in a positive manner. A total of **38** teachers completed the 10 week training, and shared positive outcomes.

38 Teachers
Trained



TCIT definitely impacted the identified child in my classroom, prior to the training the child would throw toys out of nowhere and really struggled managing his impulses.

Now, he has better control and has learned to express himself in a positive way.

- Paola Rivera, Lead Teacher
Family Service Association,
Olivewood Child Development Center

HOPE Collaborative Achievements

19

Educational
Workshops



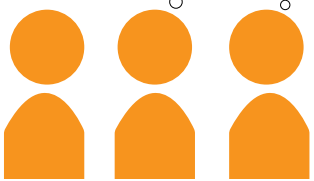
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Individuals
Attended



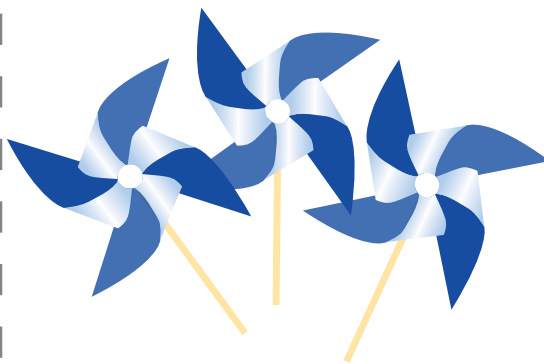
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Team Decision
Making



33

Outreach Events

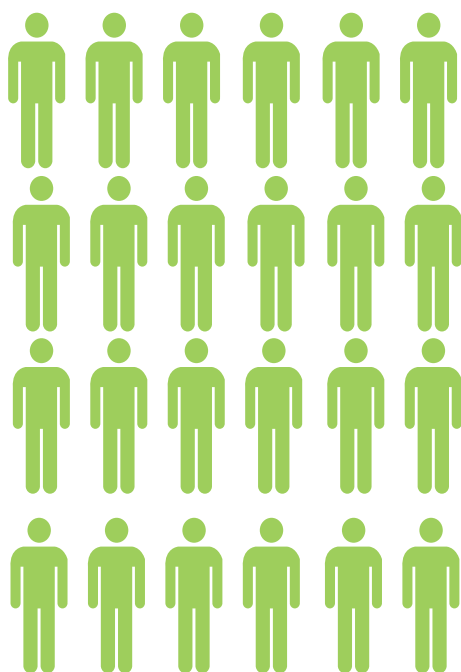


428

people trained in
Mandated Reporting

102

Forum Participants



Community Outreach

Community Engagement is a key component of the HOPE Collaborative. Staff are able to gather feedback from individuals throughout Riverside County on issues and trends. Staff are also able to provide educational and preventative information, linkages, and referrals. A total of **33** community events were attended this year. HOPE staff extended their reach, by identifying and attending community events that occurred throughout the entire County. A total of **4,925** individuals were provided outreach materials, and 1,005 individuals were served (signed up to receive more information, linkages or referrals).



HOPE Volunteers

Community Forums

A total of nine forums were conducted by HOPE staff, covering all five Riverside County Supervisorial Districts. The forums were guided by the HOPE Executive Committee, with the intent of gathering information and gaining insight from the community-at-large in regards to their understanding of child abuse reporting. The Executive Committee plans to assess responses, and use the information to plan upcoming child abuse prevention efforts. Forums were conducted at community events. A total of **102** individuals participated.

Key Issues and Trends Identified

The community forums were led by the HOPE Special Task Force and Executive Committee. Questions asked were geared towards getting an assessment of the community's level of understanding regarding child abuse and reporting. Noted below are the questions, and the top two responses for each one.

1. Who would you call if you were concerned about the safety of a child?

 - Law Enforcement
 - Child Protective Service (CPS)
2. What would help you to be more comfortable making a child abuse report?

 - Worry for the child's safety
 - Anonymity
3. What types of behaviors or conditions would incline you to make a child abuse report?

 - Signs of Abuse
 - Behavioral Concerns
4. Do you have any concerns regarding what happens after a child abuse report is made? If so, what are those concerns?

 - No Concerns
 - Whether you get an update

Team Decision Making Meetings (TDMs)

HOPE staff attend TDMs to identify trends, issues, and/or gaps in services. Staff then report back to the HOPE Board on the trends identified and provide recommendations for service improvements. This year, HOPE attended a total of **14** TDMs. Some of the trends identified included:

- There is a need for more resources for caregivers/parents regarding educational supports or services. Some examples would be: after school tutoring programs, information regarding school plans such as IEPs, suggestions to help children improve emotional well-being including individual/group therapy, and joining after school club or sports team to give child opportunity to build relationships.
- Due to trauma experienced by youth, it is recommended that caregivers seek out Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT). TF-CBT is an evidence-based modality of treatment tailored to address trauma. It can be utilized with both children and adults.

Public Awareness Campaigns

Each year the HOPE Collaborative runs two focused public awareness campaigns to enhance its year-long child abuse prevention efforts.

HOPE launched its “Don’t Look the Other Way When a Child Needs You to See and Report” awareness campaign during the month of October. This campaign focused on providing education to Riverside County at large on how to spot signs of abuse, when someone should report and how to report abuse and neglect. HOPE targeted the average citizen who is not a mandated reporter but spends time around children. This campaign included three billboards, a radio jingle, digital ads, campaign specific outreach material, a website makeover to reflect the campaign, and a campaign-specific social media posting schedule.



HOPE Child Abuse Hotline Billboard

Every April, HOPE joins with the national campaign, “April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.” This year, efforts consisted of a Children’s Conference titled “HOPE Presents: A Community Conversation about Child Abuse.” Other components of the campaign included regular social media postings, attendance at outreach events where information was shared with families, and a closing of the Children’s Conference with a moment of silence at the Children’s Memorial Flag to remember the lives of children lost to senseless violence.



Child Abuse Prevention Flag

HOPE for the Holidays



This was the fourth year that HOPE held the “HOPE for the Holidays” toy drive fundraiser. The toy drive was a success through the generosity of the Community Designation (CID) funds from Districts 1, 2, 3, and 5. My Stuff Bags Foundation, Blythe Energy, and the community donated toys and other items. HOPE staff coordinated with DPSS regional managers and social workers to identify foster youth who could benefit from the gifts. HOPE was able to provide a gift to **805** foster youth throughout Riverside County.

5th Annual HOPE Gala



The 5th Annual HOPE Gala, “A Night to Remember Child and Family Advocates,” was held on June 8, 2018 at the Riverside Art Museum. This special event gives HOPE the opportunity to honor individuals in Riverside County who have gone above and beyond for the safety and well-being

of children. A total of 11 very deserving individuals were recognized at the event. The event also serves as one of HOPE’s fundraising efforts and raised **\$3,242.83**.



HOPE Gala Award Recipients

Contract Outcomes and Targets

[W & IC 18982.] A child abuse prevention coordinating council is a community council whose primary purpose is to coordinate the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse.

The HOPE Collaborative's Mission encompasses the requirement of this section of the California Department of Social Services Welfare and Institutions Code (W & IC). The coordinated effort of the county-wide HOPE Board and regional collaborative councils ensures that county-wide efforts are flexible, responsive to the community need and aligned with the CAPC (Child Abuse Prevention Council) goals.

The HOPE Collaborative will focus on four key approaches in the prevention of child abuse: Community Connections, Public Awareness, Trainings, and Capacity Building. Efforts made under these four approaches will allow for meeting CAPC W & IC code requirements, HOPE contract targets, and will support the Riverside County Department of Social Services (DPSS) System Improvement Plan.

Approaches	Strategies
Community Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community assessments/forums • Participate in Riverside County's Self-assessment (as applicable) • Maintain and coordinate seven regional collaborative councils • Hold bi-monthly multidisciplinary team meetings (HOPE Board meetings) • Assist with the Community Partners Forum • Network with providers in the community to facilitate/coordinate ongoing family strengthening services, based on community needs, at the Family Resource Centers • Map and strengthen a comprehensive, accessible, unified network of sustainable family-support organizations
Public Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and upkeep the HOPE Collaborative/Riverside County CAPC website, that provides information to the public, Board of Supervisors and DPSS • HOPE will complete an annual report, which highlights all of its efforts and achievements throughout the year • Participate in community events throughout all Supervisorial Districts, to distribute materials related to the prevention of child maltreatment (materials will be culturally and language appropriate) • Maintain HOPE Collaborative social media accounts (e.g., Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook) where information related to the prevention of child abuse maltreatment is shared • Coordinate quarterly resource fairs at each of the five Riverside County Family Resource Centers
Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and host the annual Children's Conference • Facilitate a minimum of 24 Mandated Reporter Trainings • Facilitate a minimum of 15 Educational Workshops to parents, children and professionals
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a broad base of volunteers • Utilize grant writing, fundraising, and other revenue-generating strategies to provide additional strategic initiatives (in addition to contracted requirements) • Provide otherwise unattainable resources for foster youth such as, but not limited to, holiday gifts, comfort and transition bags, and funds for extra-curricular activities, etc. • Obtain and coordinate in-kind goods

Resources

For more information on the HOPE Collaborative, or if you would like to participate in a child abuse prevention regional Collaborative council in your community, visit our website at: www.HOPEcollaborative.org or call: (951) 686-3750



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

