



Child Abuse Prevention

HOPE COLLABORATIVE ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



Mission and Vision

The HOPE (Healing, Outreach, Prevention, Education) Collaborative is the designated Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) 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 encompass a desire to bring together all agencies and individuals who are passionate about strengthening families, keeping children safe, collaboratively creating a bright future for families, and 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.

Message From Our Board Chair

For another year it has been the privilege of our HOPE Board to work together with all of our collaborative partners in each Supervisorial District of the county to protect and to improve the lives of our county's most vulnerable children. Every year we collectively wish we could have done more, but, this year, we feel more confident than usual that we did as much as we possibly could to meet the needs of families and vulnerable children with various adaptive and creative approaches that were necessarily instituted during a viral pandemic. It seems that our adaptive and creative approaches were effective in providing families extra resources that were helpful in reducing stresses during the pandemic and in making the home environment a safer place for children. The county's data for various levels of child abuse reporting and child abuse assessments seems to indicate that our county's collective efforts were more successful than anticipated and might have curbed abuse more than we thought possible.

We frequently re-design areas of focus. We continually think and strategize together in our HOPE Board meetings and in our meetings with community partners about ways that we can improve our outreach, ways that we can improve the utilization levels of services available to families, and ways that we can directly prevent abusive moments/incidents in the lives of our vulnerable children.

This Annual Report reflects the past year's programmatic and countywide efforts. We are already eagerly working on even better and more effective strategies for the new year.

Thank you to the Department of Public Social Services and to our County Board of Supervisors for allowing us to partner with you in this most sacred and daunting task of protecting the vulnerable children around us.

Sincerely,

Carla Lidner Baum, DDS, MS

Board Chair 2020-2021





HOPE Collaborative Board of Directors

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 the California Welfare and Institutions (WIC) Code 18982. Members are from public child and welfare services, the criminal justice system, prevention and treatment services, and community representatives. 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.

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Collaborative Testimonials

"I became acquainted with HOPE Collaborative a number of years ago when I was involved in organizing a health fair for my church, Oasis Community Church. I realized the need to address the problems that the people experience in our community of Moreno Valley. Problems that include food insecurity, minimum wages for parents raising children, lack of adequate health care, inadequate information about healthy family relationships and more. I found that the mission of HOPE Collaborative, promoting the safety of children and preventing abuse and neglect, resonated with me. I have appreciated the efforts of all the Collaborative members to educate our community about child neglect and abuse and to provide practical solutions for the prevention of abuse in our homes and schools. Each member of the Collaborative brings a unique resource to implement the overall vision vital to the success of our mission. I really enjoy interacting with everyone as we reach out to our community because we encourage each other to be the best we can be individually and collectively."



Ruth Hill, representing Oasis Community Church and Moreno Valley Women's Health Center

"A child's safety should be a priority by all means. I have seen with my eyes the damage that abuse and neglect have on children. Unfortunately, overcoming such daunting events is easier said than done. Traumatic events at a young age are associated with a higher risk of poor health outcomes and partaking in unhealthy behavior activities, increasing children's risk of acquiring preventable morbidities during their lifespan. HOPE Collaborative is a perfect example of how one organization can collaborate with multiple entities to positively impact the community and prevent child abuse and neglect. I am involved with HOPE Collaborative because I do not want more children to go through a life-changing traumatic event. With HOPE Collaborative, I am part of the solution in making a more significant difference in our community, in our future. My ineradicable passion and dedication to public health, drives me to involve myself with amazing organizations that focus on enhancing the quality of life via prevention and healthcare services. I always look forward to uniting with other entities and strategically establishing activities and projects to prevent child abuse and neglect. Because when there is HOPE, the impossible becomes possible. And with HOPE, we can do much more!"



Kevin Alvillar- Community Health Systems, Inc.

"Healing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, this is why it was important for me to create a partnership with HOPE Collaborative District 4. One of the best ways to enhance the physical, emotional, and intellectual wellness of families in the Coachella Valley is to be part of the collaborative efforts dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. We are able to reach families through community events, educational materials, and joint efforts."



Angela Munoz – John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation

Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics

- If you suspect that a child has been abused or neglected, call: 1-800-442-4918
- Outside the Riverside area, call: Child Help National Child Abuse Hotline at: 1-800-422-4453
- Mandated reporters must immediately report abuse to the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-442-4918. Within 36 hours, mandated reporters are required to submit a written follow-up report.
- If you or someone you know are in immediate danger please call 9-1-1.

California Child Population (ages 0 to17) and Children with Child Maltreatment Substantiations: Children with Substantiations- Riverside County.

January 2020- December 2020

AGE GROUP	JANUARY 2020 - DECEMBER 2020
Under 1	753
1-2	660
3-5	877
6-10	1,331
11-15	1,164
16-17	324
Total:	5,100



These numbers reflect data from the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP) from the University of California, Berkeley on 7/13/21.

These symptoms can be signs that possible abuse is occurring:

- Bed- wetting
- Sleep disturbances/nightmares
- Temper tantrums
- Social withdrawal
- Unexplained injuries, or injuries that do not match the explanation
 - Aggressive behavior such as:
 - Biting
 - Pinching
 - Hitting
 - Fighting
 - Drug/alcohol abuse
 - Fearfulness
- Depression
- Low self-esteem
- Poor academic performance
- Headaches/stomachaches
- Poor hygiene
- Inappropriate sexual play or behavior
- Regressive behaviors
- Crying without provocation
- Flashbacks/self-inflicted injuries
- Anxiety
- Inadequate awareness of personal/social boundaries

District 1 (D1):

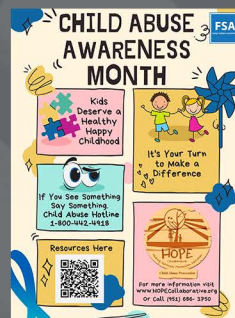
Focus Area: “Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness.”

District 1 efforts focused on the quickly changing needs of their community. To keep families safe, the Annual Winter Wonderland event was restructured to a resource basket drive-thru. Over 75 families were reached, and with the contribution of community partners the baskets contained a variety of different resources available in the area.

Child Abuse Awareness Month efforts were spearheaded by an informational poster initiative. These posters contained vital information for the public, including the child abuse reporting hotline, and a linkage to family support and resources located on the HOPE Collaborative website. These posters were showcased at a variety of community locations including several Stater Bros. grocery stores, local dentist offices, day cares, libraries, shopping centers, and religious buildings. A total of 20 locations collaborated with HOPE to display the posters during the month of April. Child Abuse Awareness efforts did not end there, they also distributed blue ribbons with small business cards which described the importance of April and the significance of the color blue. Over 600 cards were distributed to collaborative members, families, and organizations within these areas.

Community Impact Highlights:

- **October 20, 2020** – Virtual Internet Safety workshop for parents, 8 families were reached during this online event.
- **December 17, 2020** – Family Resource Bag Drive-Thru event. Families received a basket with holiday cheer and community resources, 75 families were reached during this event.
- **April 27, 2021** – “Let’s Talk About Child Abuse” webinar where author Laurie Smith and the founders of Advocates United for Humanity spoke on the importance of normalizing discussion around abuse; 20 individuals participated in this online event.
- **May 6, 2021** – Riverside University Health Systems Mental Health Resource Drive-Thru. District 1 contributed educational material and summer activities for children, 150 individuals were reached during this event.
- **June 29, 2021** – Self Care workshop for parents where the concept of stress was explored and tools were given to help parents manage their day to day stressors, 20 individuals participated in this event.



District 2 (D2):

Focus Area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

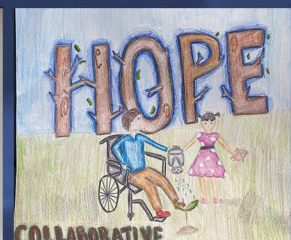
District 2 identified the community of Highgrove as a high need area and decided to host a Drive-Thru resource event to provide support. This event was held on June 15, 2021 at Norton Younglove Community Center. During this event food boxes, fresh produce, face masks, backpacks, family board games, tote bags with educational material on child abuse prevention/awareness, and thirteen family-oriented baskets were provided to families.

Collaborative members also planned a few awareness activities such as an Art Challenge that took place in March. With this challenge, they promoted awareness of resources in Riverside County through their art. They also posted Child Abuse Prevention Month posters throughout April, which were placed in organizations within D2 communities. The posters included, "If You See Something. Say Something," the child abuse hotline number followed by a QR code leading people to resources within Riverside County. Another effort to bring awareness of resources was the use of lawn signs that shared a QR code leading to the hopecollaborative.org website.

A series of three workshops were coordinated to promote Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness. The first Internet Safety workshop was held for professionals and parents on April 13, 2021. Those in attendance received Opal Singleton's book on human trafficking awareness, along with educational material on this topic. The second Internet Safety workshop was held for teenagers on April 20, 2021. Lastly, a Kid's Safety workshop was held for children between the ages of 4 to 11 on April 29, 2021. This workshop covered various topics such as the "No Run Tell" safety technique, "Good Secrets vs. Bad Secrets" and age appropriate definitions of abuse.

Community Impact Highlights:

- District 2 Art Challenge on March 30, 2021, had a total of seven participants in this contest.
- Fifty Child Abuse Prevention Month posters were printed in English and Spanish and distributed on April 1, 2021 within organizations of District 2.
- 50 lawn signs placed in agencies and homes within the D2 region for the April Child Abuse Prevention campaign.
- Internet Safety workshop for professionals and parents on April 13, 2021, with a total of eight participants.
- Internet Safety workshop for teenagers was held on April 20, 2021, reaching a total of seven participants.
- Kid's Safety workshop was held for children on April 29, 2021, reaching a total of three individuals.
- Drive-Thru Resource Event held on June 15, 2021 in Highgrove. There was a total of 200 people at this event, with a focus on targeting low-income families surrounding D2 communities.



District 3 (D3):

TEMECULA/MURRIETA

Focus Area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

District 3 continued its awareness efforts by starting the year by creating a Halloween-inspired bookmark for children that included the signs of child abuse and resource hotlines. Throughout October, they distributed the bookmarks with goodie bags filled with candy, at several schools, agencies and a Halloween Drive-Thru event in their region.

As more children were spending time online, District 3 prioritized providing families and professionals information on the impacts of social media. A webinar series was put in place that targeted both professionals and parents. The series provided tips and tools while also discussing the correlations between social media use, teen suicide, unrealistic self-image, relational disconnection, emotional abuse, and psychological abuse.

In the recent years, District 3 identified Anza as an area of high need that they would like to serve more. They have continued to offer support for this region, this year collaborative members mentioned the need for food in this area and decided to do a Drive-Thru food distribution and resource event at Anza Electric Cooperative. This event was well received by the community of Anza and a total of 300 food boxes from Find Food Bank were distributed along with resources for families.

Community Impact Highlights:

- **October 1, 2020** –Halloween Goodie bags, candy goodie bags with educational bookmarks on child abuse and resource hotlines. A total of 600 goodie bags were distributed to children of this region.
- **December 9, 2020** – "The Social Media Dilemma Regarding Child Abuse," A guide for professionals was Part 1 of the webinar series on social media. A total of 67 professionals joined in on this webinar.
- **February 10, 2021** – "The Social Media Dilemma Regarding Child Abuse" Part 2 provided parents with tools to help keep children safe online. A total of 75 parents attended this webinar.
- **May 22, 2021** – Anza Drive-thru food distribution and resource event. A total of 300 food boxes were distributed through this event along with resources, targeting families in need.
- **May 27, 2021** – Anza Book Distribution for students of Hamilton Middle School. A total of 66 students received a book with an educational bookmark on the signs of child abuse and resource hotlines.



District 3B (D3B):

HEMET/SAN JACINTO

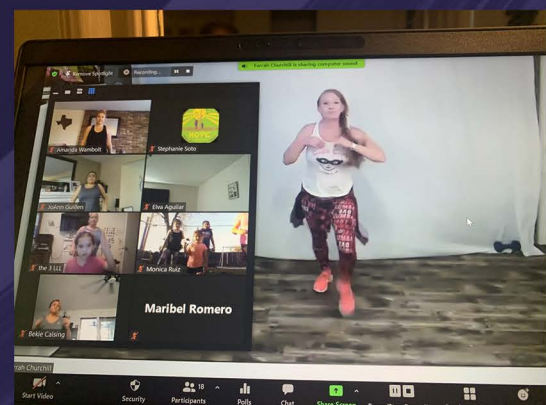
Focus Area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

District 3B was quick to spring into action upon the start of the year. As students began returning from summer break into their online school settings, this district collaborated with San Jacinto Unified School District (SJUSD) and Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) to provide students with back to school resource bags. These bags contained school supplies, as well as supplemental education on online safety. The student resource bags were safely distributed to families during school meal pickups, and allowed for a face to face connection with the region's families. The resources and efforts focused on ensuring that students learning from home had the tools to engage in safe internet use. During this event over 400 resource bags were distributed to students.

In order to stay engaged with the community, the collaborative conducted a series of virtual workshop events, many of which promoted overall wellness, and family bonding. In addition to these workshops, the Collaborative also concluded the year with another student resource bag distribution but with a wider reach. These student resource bags were created in collaboration with SJUSD, HUSD, Romoland Unified School District (RUSD), Borrego Healthcare, and Molina Healthcare. Together, over 450 students received a summer resource bag with hygiene kits, summer activities, and most importantly, educational bookmarks reminding them to seek safe adults during their summer break.

Community Impact Highlights:

- **September 11, 2020** – Back to School Resource Bags distributed to students starting their distance learning education at HUSD and SJUSD school sites, with over 400 students reached.
- **March 31, 2021** – Family Fitness Night, an opportunity for families to get together, learn about resources, and engage in a physical activity with their children; 20 families were reached during this online event.
- **April 30, 2021** – Dealing with Stress Workshop, an in-depth journey into the impact that stress can have on a family unit and tools to manage stress; 20 families were reached during this online event.
- **June 4, 2021** – Summer Resource Bags distributed to students starting their summer break at SJUSD, HUSD, and RUSD school sites; over 450 students were reached.
- **June 20, 2021** – Summer Activity totes with educational material for the foster youth participating in California Family Life Center's Summer Camp; 15 families were reached with these efforts.



District 4 (D4):

COACHELLA VALLEY

Focus Area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

District 4 Collaborative kicked off the year with the Speak Up media campaign in December. The goal of the media campaign was to reach youth through social media and bring awareness of child abuse and how to report it. District 4 collaborated with the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) for District 4 to assist in reaching the community through the use of social media. YAC members received a T-shirt with the phrase "Your Courage to Speak Up Might Make You a Hero. #StopChildAbuse." Those who participated, posted a series of posts on social media encouraging friends and family to report abuse if they see it in their community.

District 4 also joined in a Public Awareness Display activity and collaborated with the Riverside County desert region libraries. The libraries posted pinwheels and lawn signs that encouraged the community to report child abuse. Public awareness was a big focus for this collaborative. With an additional effort to bring awareness, they placed two billboards in their region, each one running for a total of 8 weeks. Although events were limited in their community, District 4 collaborated with the school districts and community-based organizations to distribute educational material and resource bags throughout the year.

Community Impact Highlights:

- **March 30, 2021** – Parenting During a Pandemic, a virtual workshop for parents focused on the Six Protective Factors; a total of 2 individuals attended this presentation.
- **April 1, 2021** – Lawn signs with the Child Abuse Reporting Hotline was displayed at Coachella, Indio, Desert Hot Springs, La Quinta, and Palm Desert Riverside County Libraries
- **May 1, 2021** – Resource bags for parents of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation who participated in a Child Abuse Awareness session, a total of 200 bags were distributed to these parents.
- **May 15, 2021** – Día Del Niño at the Coachella Library, District 4 provided giveaways and educational material for this event; about 60 families were reached through this event.
- **June 16, 2021** – Palm springs Unified School District hosted STEAM Kids Camp and Junior Black Achievers summer session. A total of 80 students received resource bags that included Anti-Bullying coloring books, educational brochures, and bookmarks with the signs of child abuse and resource hotlines.
- **March 22 - May 16, 2021** – Lamar Billboard in Cathedral City received a total of 796,967 impressions.
- **June 14 - August 8, 2021** – Lamar Billboard in Coachella received a total of 759,736 impressions.



District 4B (D4B):

BLYTHE

Focus Area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

District 4B hosted a Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Resource Fair at Palo Verde Head Start on November 16, 2020. Those in attendance received a free food box along with educational material on child abuse prevention and awareness. Collaborative members hosted another Drive-Thru Resource Event at Palo Verde Head Start on March 10, 2021. HOPE Collaborative received promotional support from two major media outlets Palo Verde Times & Quartzsite Times promoted HOPE Collaborative's Drive-Thru Event. With the help of organizations in attendance, families received free food boxes, diapers, wipes, hand sanitizers, masks, goodie bags, family-oriented baskets, and educational material/resources.

D4B utilized Lamar Billboards to promote child abuse awareness and reporting, the billboard included #StopChildAbuse along with the child abuse reporting hotline number. In honor of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, vinyl stickers were placed in homes, agencies, workplaces, and car windows. The stickers contained the National Child Abuse Hotline along with "Don't look the other way when a child needs you to see and report."

Community Impact Highlights:

- District 4B purchased a billboard from May 2, 2021 to July 4, 2021, reaching a total of 248,198 individuals.
- Blythe's Drive-Thru Event was promoted through Palo Verde Times & Quartzsite Times on March 3, 2021, targeting about 1,000 individuals.
- On April 1, 2021, 500 Vinyl stickers were printed to be placed in D2 communities.
- Internet Safety Workshop for parents was held on October 15, 2020, reaching a total of 16 individuals.
- Hosted Drive-Thru Resource Fair in Blythe on November 16, 2020. There was a total of 80 individuals, with a focus on families in need affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hosted Drive-Thru Resource Fair in Blythe on March 10, 2021. The event reached a total of 244 individuals, with a focus on families who are in need because of the financial stress of the COVID-19 pandemic.



District 5 (D5):

Focus area: "Using media as a platform to promote child abuse awareness and reporting. Focus on where to get help, how to get help, and wellness."

Collaborative members joined the national efforts of promoting Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness in April. They distributed pins with a blue pinwheel as a national symbol of child abuse awareness. Another effort to bring awareness throughout April was the use of Child Abuse Prevention Month posters, targeting an audience of children, parents, and teens. The posters included, "If You See Something. Say Something," followed by the child abuse hotline number and a QR code to lead people to the HOPE Collaborative website where they could find resources throughout Riverside County.

District 5 held a Drive-Thru Community Resource Event on May 28, 2021 at the James A. Venable Community Center in Cabazon, a prioritized community of need. This event was discussed last fiscal year as one of the goals for the collaborative due to Cabazon being identified as a city of high need. The community received free food boxes, self-care bags, resources from various partners, educational materials, blue business cards explaining the symbolism of the blue ribbon and a QR code leading individuals to the HOPE Collaborative resource page.

Community Impact Highlights:

- Fifty Child Abuse Prevention Month posters were printed in English and Spanish on April 1, 2021 and placed in seven organizations within D5 communities. Using the same artwork, an additional 1,000 were printed in postcard format and distributed within their cities.
- Pins with blue pinwheels were distributed on April 1, 2021; about 270 of these pins and pinwheels were given out within D5 communities to multiple individuals.
- Internet Safety Presentation for Teens on March 11, 2021, included a self-care basket with community resources for participants, reaching a total of two individuals.
- Drive-Thru Community Resource Event on May 28, 2021 in Cabazon. There was a total of 100 people at this event with a strong focus on reaching low-income families within D5 communities.



HOPE GIVES ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS THROUGH COVID-19

This year, COVID-19 presented many challenges for families of our County including loss of employment, food insecurity, lack of healthcare, and many other familial stressors. Throughout the year, HOPE and the Regional Collaboratives, looked at the various needs within each region to identify events and activities to provide support to families in need.

In efforts to provide food and resources to these families, HOPE hosted five Drive-Thru Food Distribution and Resource events at specific locations that were identified as high need communities.

- In November, the first Drive-Thru event in Blythe, FIND Food Bank distributed 100 food boxes to the families of Blythe. District 4B replicated this event again in March. They received a generous donation from FIND Food Bank for a total of 240 food boxes. HOPE also coordinated additional resources including diapers, wipes, masks, and hand sanitizers.
- Another region identified as high need was Anza. District 3 worked collaboratively once again with FIND Food Bank who donated 300 food boxes for this event and coordinated additional items to include in resource bags. The next event took place in the community of Cabazon in May, District 5 also worked with Find Food Bank who was able to show up and distribute 100 food boxes for this community.
- The last event took place in Highgrove with District 2 coordinating with For the People to provide 200 food boxes and also with Sahaba Initiative distributing over 100 backpacks to these families.

Along with the food boxes, families received information on resources for mental health, physical health, child abuse prevention, parenting classes, internet safety, positive parenting and more through these events.

As an additional support for families, HOPE coordinated several workshops on various topics related to the immediate concerns that parents were expressing such as internet safety, self-care, dealing with stress and other parenting topics. These workshops aimed to provide parents with tools for themselves, their children and families. Throughout the year, HOPE created a series of posts to provide tips for parent self-care and also continued to have a resource page for families to access different resources throughout the county.



Collaborative Partners

The mission of HOPE Collaborative would not be accomplished without coordination and facilitation of interagency collaboration. This year, HOPE had participation from a total of 96 organizations. HOPE is thankful for the dedication and commitment from all members who shared the passion to strengthen families, keep children safe and collaboratively create a bright future for families.

Anza Electric Cooperative
Assembly of Sabrina Cervantes
Barbara Sinatra Children's Center
Beaumont Unified School District
Blue Shield of California
Borrego Health
Cahuilla Consortium
California Family Life Center
California Firearms Licensee Check System
California Mentor Network
Care for Kids
CASA Riverside
Catholic Charities
Clinicas de Salud Del Pueblo
Coachella Valley Sexual Assault
Coachella Valley Unified School District
Come Back Kids
Community Health System, Inc.
Connect IE
Consortium for Early Learning Services
Corona- Norco United Way
Corona-Norco Unified School District
DPSS- Children's Services Division
DPSS- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
DPSS- Community Outreach Branch
DPSS- Housing
Desert Sands Unified School District
Employment Development Department

Escuela De La Raza Unida
Family Service Association- Child Development
Fatherhood Coalition Children Services
First 5 Riverside County -Family Resource Centers
First Five Riverside County
Hazelden Betty Ford Children's Program
Hemet Unified School District
Hemet Unified School District Student Interns
Indio WIN Center
Inland SoCal 211
John. F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation
MFI Recovery
Mission Academy
Molina Healthcare
Moreno Valley Unified School District
Moreno Valley Women's Health Center
Murrieta Unified School District
MVUSD Interns
Norton Younglove Community Center
OASIS Community Church
Office of Supervisor Manuel Perez
Olive Crest
Operation SafeHouse of the Desert
Palm Springs Unified School District
Palo Verde College
Palo Verde Unified School District- Head Start
Pathway Family Services
Perris Unified School District

Planned Parenthood
Pueblo De Salud
REACH (Formally CASA)
Reach out
RI International
Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
Riverside Community Health Foundation
Riverside County Child Assessment Team
Riverside County District Attorney's Office
Riverside County District Attorney's office- Victim Services
Riverside County District Attorneys- RESTOAR Initiative
Riverside County Library Indio
Riverside County Office of Education
Riverside County SELPA
Riverside County Probation Department
RUHS- Adolescent Family Life Program
RUHS - BH- Parent Support Training Program
RUHS- HerCare Program
RUHS- Homeless/Foster
RUHS- Integrated Clinic Blythe
RUHS- Mobile Clinic
RUHS- Staff Development
RUHS- Substance Abuse clinic
RUHS- TAY
RUHS- Tobacco Control
RUHS- Wraparound Services
Romoland Unified School District
SAFE Family Justice Centers
San Diego Mission Academy
San Jacinto Unified School District
Temecula Valley Unified School District
The Braille Institute
The Empowerment Center
The Seraphim Project
The SISGI group
The Stephan Center
The Carolyn E. Wylie Center
United Cerebral Palsy of Inland Empire
United Way
Voices for Children

Visit: www.hopecollaborative.org/resources/general-info for more resources and services from our community partners. #SharingIsCaring

Mandated Reporter Training (MRT)

It is the goal of HOPE Collaborative to provide education to individuals and professionals that 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 refresher trainings are provided in English and Spanish. Examples given throughout training are tailored to match the needs and specific professions in the audience (e.g., mental health, law enforcement, parents, child development teachers, etc.). This year, HOPE staff facilitated a total of 31 Mandated Reporter Trainings and reached a total of 401 individuals, including 26 High School Students as well as 3 MRT's that were facilitated countywide. Due to COVID-19, MRT's have continued to be held virtually on Zoom.

Locations and Dates:

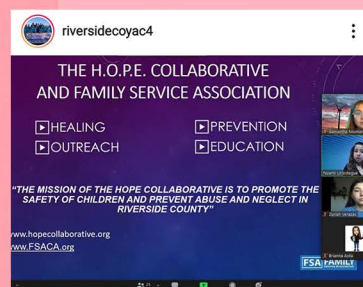
- 17 Riverside: (07/07/2020; 8/13/2020; 11/18/2020; 01/12/2021; 02/03/2021; 02/04/2021; 02/19/2021; 02/22/2021; 04/13/2021; 04/14/2021; 04/20/2021; 05/10/2021; 05/10/2021; 05/11/2021; 05/11/2021; 05/13/2021; 05/13/2021)
- 4 Moreno Valley: (08/18/2020; 09/03/2020; 09/23/2020; 03/26/2021)
- 1 Temecula: (09/01/2020)
- 1 Murrieta: (10/28/2020)
- 2 Coachella: (07/13/2020; 01/20/2021)
- 1 Palm Desert: (02/18/2021)
- 3 Open to the community: (09/16/2020; 10/07/2020; 01/28/2021)
- 2 Out of County: (04/23/2021; 05/20/2021)

Total of people trained and breakdown

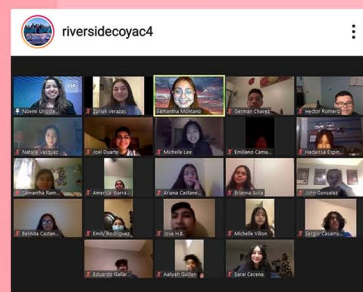
Total of people trained: 401

- 24 Educational Personnel
- 111 Mental Health Professionals
- 33 Non-Profit Organization Staff
- 23 Specialized Educational Professionals
- 12 Foster Parents
- 38 Community Based Partners
- 1 Faith Based Organization
- 2 Volunteers
- 2 Law Enforcement
- 26 High School Students
- 39 Unknown
- 90 Community Employees

Total MRT's: 31



Age Group	Riverside				California			
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2015	2016	2017	2018
Under 1	2,209	2,729	3,648	3,487	862	848	764	755
1-1	3,947	3,761	3,841	3,626	843	755	719	676
1-5	4,201	4,236	4,736	4,287	977	932	873	852
6-10	11,839	11,699	11,673	11,294	2,261	2,264	2,218	2,239
11-15	16,262	16,099	15,264	14,928	3,261	3,067	3,011	3,017
16-17	3,849	3,848	4,038	4,029	340	312	304	312
Total	38,262	38,066	39,048	38,661	5,674	5,279	4,982	4,980



Educational Workshops

HOPE facilitates educational workshops and trainings on topics that directly relate to child abuse. All workshops and the content are tailored to the specific audience and are made available upon request to professionals, parents, caregivers, and children. In Fiscal year 2020 - 2021, a total of 23 workshops were conducted with five being open countywide, reaching a total of 355 individuals. Due to COVID-19, educational workshops have continued to be facilitated virtually via Zoom.

Topics presented included:

- Internet Safety Presentation for Parents: (8)
- Parental Resilience: (1)
- Six Protective Factors: (2)
- What is Child Abuse? A Presentation for Parents: (1)
- Bullying Presentation for Parents: (1)

In addition to these educational workshops, other topics were presented through HOPE by collaborative partners.

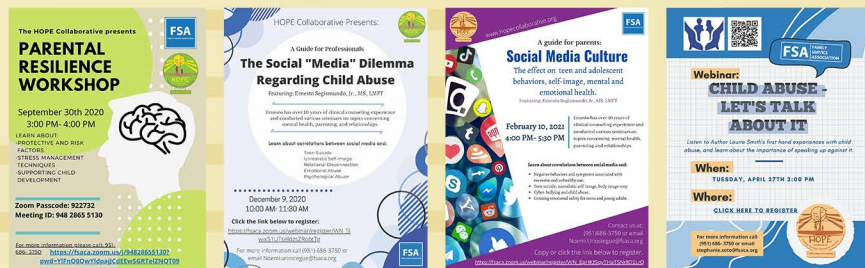
- The Social Media Dilemma Regarding Child Abuse: A Guide for Professionals (1)
- The Social Media Dilemma Regarding Child Abuse: A Guide for Parents (1)
- Internet Safety for Children and Teens: (2)
- Internet Safety for Parents and Professionals: (1)
- Parenting During a Pandemic: (1)
- What is Child Abuse? Let's talk about it: (1)
- Dealing with Stress: (1)
- Kids Safety Workshop: (1)
- Self-Care for Parents: (1)



Educational Workshops per District, Total: 23 Reached: 355

- District 1: 4
- District 2: 3
- District 3: 3
- District 4: 7
- District 5: 1

Countywide: 5



Community Outreach

Community engagement is a key component of the HOPE Collaborative. Staff have the opportunity to directly speak with families and share information on child abuse and related topics. This year, a total of 27 community events were attended, reaching 2,865 individuals. Due to COVID-19, HOPE Collaborative was limited from in-person community outreach events. However, HOPE Collaborative partnered with collaborative partners throughout the community and was able to cooperatively distribute a total of 5,335 educational material items.

Community Events

District 1: 6
District 2: 3
District 3: 3
District 4: 3
District 5: 8

Countywide: 4



Public Awareness Campaigns

Public Awareness is a key component of child abuse prevention, and this year with COVID-19 it was an essential component.

HOPE staff participates in numerous outreach events where preventative materials and information are provided, maintain a website with resources and information, utilize social media, and provide trainings and workshops on various child abuse prevention topics. Due to COVID-19 and state mandates of social distancing, HOPE focused heavily on reaching families via media efforts. With children away from school and Mandated Reporters, it was important to remind the community to look out for children and report any suspected abuse. In efforts to share the child abuse reporting hotline number across Riverside County, billboards were strategically placed along busy highways within each supervisorial district throughout the month of April. Regional Collaborative Councils D4 and D4B placed additional billboards in their district with a total of 13 billboards throughout the county. Lamar Billboards reported an estimated 28,961,731 impressions from this very visible awareness effort.

During the month-long April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness campaign, HOPE encouraged the community to participate in several awareness activities throughout the month. Through the use of social media, HOPE shared information on activities, education on child abuse prevention, resources and services available in Riverside County. This year, HOPE created a Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month poster to bring awareness of the child abuse reporting hotline and connect individuals to the HOPE website for community resources. A new partnership that came through this effort is support from the Riverside Metro Stater Bros. grocery markets. Along with Stater Bros. sharing these posters, many other organizations joined such as dental offices, day cares, religious organizations, shopping centers and community-based organizations.

An Art Contest was held during the month of April to bring awareness of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The art contest was a great way for participants to showcase their talent and to express the importance of bringing awareness and stopping child abuse in their community.

The “Decorate Your Door Blue” activity provided a fun activity for families to engage with their children and decorate their door blue in support of Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. This activity consisted of families decorating their door with anything blue throughout the month of April. Participants were encouraged to share their pictures via social media to reach a higher audience while also encouraging others to participate.

HOPE ANNUAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



Community Round Table Discussion

This year, HOPE kicked off the month-long Child Abuse Awareness Month campaign with a Community Round Table Discussion on March 31, 2021. This effort brought the community together to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on our families and the efforts being made to support. HOPE received a great support from the community with many school districts, mental health agencies, parents, and youth from the Riverside County Youth Commissions participating in this discussion. A total of 91 individuals participated in the open forum. Through this Round Table Discussion, HOPE was able to gain insight on trends of how families were impacted by COVID-19 and how service providers adapted and continued providing support and services to families. This discussion also provided a space where organizations could voice their concerns about any gaps in services. Overall, those in attendance were actively engaged throughout the discussion, gathered information on how other service providers were providing support and how they could better serve their families.

**HOPE COLLABORATIVE'S
PLANTING THE SEEDS OF
HOPE
VIRTUAL
SYMPOSIUM** **THURSDAY
APRIL, 29th, 2021
9:00 am - 12:30pm**

Planting Seeds of HOPE:
Join us and share in the conversation as we discuss how the National Pandemic has impacted the safety of children in our community. Learn about the innovative ways our community responded and the practices implemented to foster a holistic environment that supports all children.

CLICK FLYER TO REGISTER TODAY! **Event Speakers:**



Libertie Miller
DPSS Regional Manager
Children Services Division



**Barbara Andrade
Dubransky**
Deputy Director
of Programs
First 5 Riverside



Katie Gilbertson
Executive Director
SAFE Family Justice
Centers



Mike Barney
Executive Director
Riverside County
Office of Education

**Special Presentation By: Dr. Mark Massi, Forensic Pediatrician, RUHS Children's Assessment Center:
"Child Protection In A Time Of Pandemic"**






HOPE HEALS TRAUMA
SAFE Family Justice Centers

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION**
Students, Families, and Educators Served through
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Renae Ramsey
Coordinator, Leadership, Innovation, and Outreach
Mike Barney
Executive Director, Instructional Services

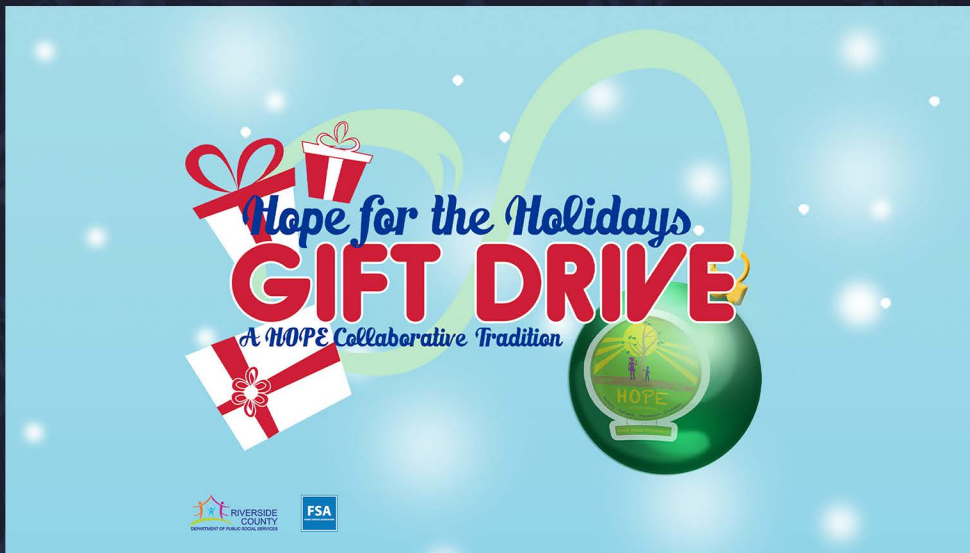
Impact of the Pandemic
Childhelp Data

**WHY
FIRST 5**

- 90% of a child's brain development happens before age 5
- 1 in 4 children are at risk for a developmental delay.
- Developmental Screenings: Early Identification and Intervention
 - 30% of CA young children are screened for developmental delay
 - Families struggle to navigate CA's complex early intervention system.
 - Early identification and referral to services = effective intervention resulting in better outcomes for children.
- FIRST 5 RIVERSIDE IS INVESTING \$2.5 MILLION FOR 3 YEARS IN EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVENTION SERVICES

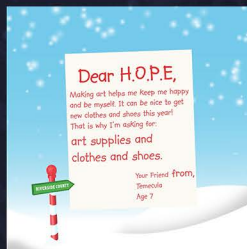
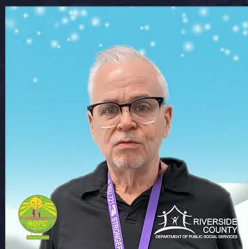
Children's Conference

HOPE Collaborative closed out this year's Child Abuse Awareness Month campaign with the Children's Conference "Planting the Seeds of HOPE," which was held virtually on April 29, 2021. The conference featured several speakers from various partner agencies such as the Department of Public Social Services Children's Services Division, Riverside University Health System Children's Assessment Center, SAFE Family Justice Centers, Riverside County Office of Education, and First 5 Riverside. The Children's Services Division provided an overview of the COVID-19 trends in relation to child abuse and reporting in Riverside County. Service providers followed by sharing trends they observed, the support they implemented to address those issues and how they provided hope to their families. Attendees received resources provided by the presenters. A total of 106 individuals joined this virtual conference with many professionals from school districts, mental health and community-based organizations.



HOPE for the Holidays

HOPE had another successful year of its HOPE for the Holidays Toy Drive. HOPE for the Holidays is a special project in which HOPE coordinates with Riverside County Department of Social Services to spread holiday cheer to identified foster youth, by providing a holiday gift. A total of 1,017 foster youth received a gift through this project. This Toy Drive was possible with the outpouring support from community organizations such as the Riverside County Supervisors Awards of County Improvement Designation (CID) Funds, My Stuff Bags Foundation, Cal Fire, Supervisor Manuel Perez’s Office, Riverside Sherriff’s Association, Sparks of Love and many more community members and organizations. Through the Toy Drive, HOPE was able to raise a total value of \$66,190.33, including cash, checks, toys, and other items.



“Hope is where people desire or expect for something to happen, for an outcome. And, the amazing thing is when I was a Social Worker I was able to give that hope to some of my families, and it’s an honor to have that H.O.P.E. to help my Social Workers extend that to their families who are in need. H.O.P.E. for the Holidays we appreciate you and thank you.”

DPSS Supervisor, Matt

Donor Recognition:

- Ajay Raj \$1,027.88
- America Lopez \$100.22
- Brianna Gordon \$103.44
- Danielle Teslevich \$46.00
- Kathleen Vicario \$19.98
- Lisa Gonzalez \$28.67
- Mackenzie Morgan \$49.88
- Bridget Ford \$583.29
- Cal Fire \$2,989.40
- County Improvement Designation Fund: D2 and D5 \$3,000.00
- Delton Walker \$259.26
- Diana Giardina \$2,777.00
- First 5 Family Resource Center-Mead Valley \$818.36
- Isidra Guerrero \$133.82
- Jack and Jill of America \$735.27
- Jason Pickell \$1,121.39
- Jason Presley \$1,969.22
- Katie Gilbertson \$100.00
- Magic Land Dental- Moreno Valley \$1,069.95
- Maxim Health Care of Temecula \$870.46
- Melody Colon \$122.44
- Milaukas Eye Institute \$800.00
- My Stuff Bags Foundation \$37,400.00
- Noemi Uriostegue \$88.65
- Riverside City Football Club Boys 2008/2010 FC \$406.08
- Riverside Sheriff's Association \$ 2,500.00
- Shane Landay \$574.73
- Sparks of Love \$2,713.31
- Supervisor Manuel Perez's Office \$3,469.82
- Gabbert Fund \$500.00
- Mighty Cause (J. Dominguez) \$500.00
- Find Food Bank \$18,054.00
- US Department of Public Health \$383.00
- Dorsha Wilson (Borrego Health) \$900.00
- Together Towards Health Grant \$500.00
- Sahaba Initiative \$ 4,338.88
- Western Municipal District \$7,700.00





County Children's Trust Fund

In 1983, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2994 which established the County Children's Trust Fund (CCTF). The purpose of the CCTF is to support child abuse prevention services in the community and to fund child abuse prevention coordinating councils (CAPCs), along with intervention programs operated by private nonprofit organizations or public institutions of higher education, with recognized expertise in fields related to child welfare.

Since 2013, Family Service Association has received funding by the CCTF for HOPE Collaborative, the Child Abuse Prevention Council for Riverside County. In FY 20/21, the CCTF funded the CAPC HOPE Collaborative with a total of \$517,098.37.

Balance forward from 6/30/20	\$1,467,389.23
Revenue balance before expenditures as of 6/30/21	\$2,040,739.74
Children's Trust Fund balance as of 6/30/21	\$1,408,138.11
CBCAP Balance as of 6/30/21	\$11,628.87
Remaining trust balance as of 6/30/2021 (including CBCAP)	\$1,419,766.98

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 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 needs and aligned with the CAPC (Child Abuse Prevention Council) goals.

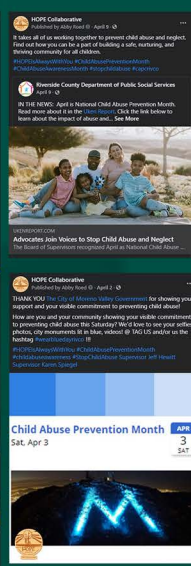
The HOPE Collaborative will focus on four key approaches in the prevention of child abuse: Community Connections, Public Awareness, Trainings, and Capacity Building. Efforts made under these four approaches will allow for meeting CAPC W& IC requirements, HOPE contract targets, and will support the Riverside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

Approaches	Strategies
Community Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Expanding collaborative participation by 10%, advancing innovative partnerships that increase and influence prevention funds
Public Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and update 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
Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a minimum of 24 Mandated Reporter Trainings
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) • Obtain and coordinate in-kind goods



SOCIAL MEDIA

HOPE acknowledges that all our families were greatly impacted by the National Pandemic. In order to fulfill our mission to prevent child abuse we must address the stressors and barriers our families were facing first. Originally a collage of all of the social media posts shared for the past year was going to be the graphic for this page, such as resources, educational workshops, virtual events, educational campaigns, and other supportive services. What came forward was a story of the overwhelming challenges our families were facing and supports they were needing. HOPE feels proud that through our social media efforts we were able to meet this moment. Social Media went from being a marketing platform, to one of the key tools of prevention, education, linkage, and at times reporting. To revisit the many campaigns and efforts please follow us on all Social Media platforms. The following are some highlights of this past year's efforts.



**Abdias Arevalo-Garnica,
Marketing and Communication**

ART CONTEST WINNERS



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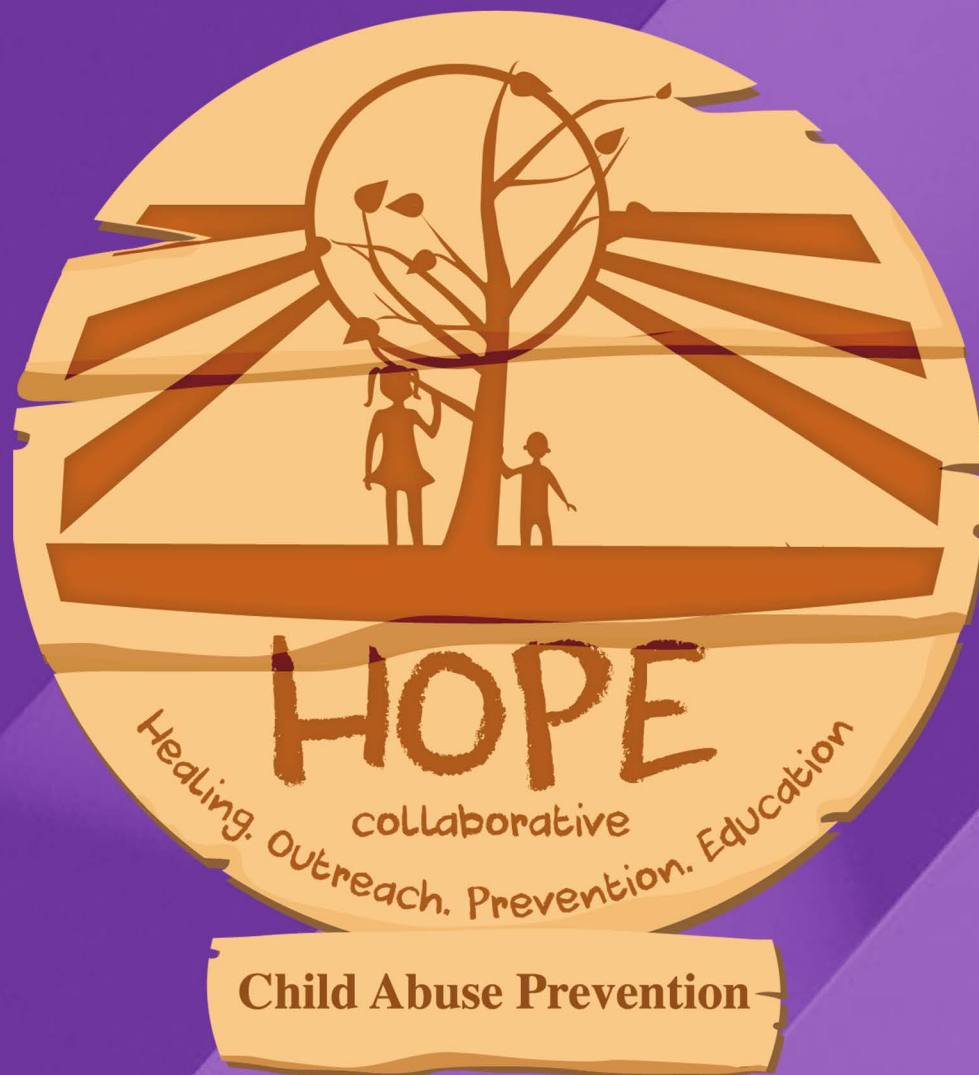
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For more information on W&IC visit: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov>



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Mandated Reporter Trainings and Workshops to keep you and your
community safe.**



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