

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA**

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For the Agenda of:
June 15, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Department of Health and Human Services

Supervisory District: All

Subject: Report Back On Funding Required To Provide Service For Birth and Beyond

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BACKGROUND

During the June 11, 2009 Budget Hearing, the Department of Health and Human Services was requested to report back on the cost of operating the Birth and Beyond at a bare minimum capacity to prevent shutting down Birth and Beyond.

DISCUSSION

The Birth and Beyond Community Response (BBCR) program provides home visitation and differential response family support services at eight Family Resource Centers (FRC). The total cost necessary to operate Birth and Beyond at a bare minimum capacity is \$5,277,484. The additional budget appropriation needed to meet this level of services is \$2,539,070. The additional funding would draw \$653,567 in Federal funding, leaving a net County need of \$1,885,833.

First 5 provides \$2,738,414 in categorical funding for the personnel and operating costs associated with the Crisis Intervention and Effective Parenting program activities at the eight FRC. The additional \$2.5 million would provide for the personnel and operating costs associated with the Home Visitation and Differential Response program activities at the FRC. Both sets of personnel (36.5 FTE) are essential for the continued successful operation of the BBCR. Loss of funding will result in the closure of the FRC and leaving thousands of families and eight communities unserved, and severely impact the early intervention and prevention efforts needed to reduce the costs in Foster Care and Child Welfare Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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