

January 29, 2003

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF YEAR 2 FUNDING FOR SUTTER COUNTY PARENT NETWORK
"SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM"**

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve the funding for year 2 of the Sutter County Parent Network "Special Needs Program" grant for the funding period of one year: July, 2003 through June, 2004.

BACKGROUND: The Sutter County Children & Families Commission issued an RFP for Direct Services Grants on December 18, 2001. It is the intent of the Commission to allocate funding to new & existing projects that enhance services to young children 0-5 & their families through innovative and integrated approaches. Following the oral presentation on April 24, 2002 the Commission approved awarding funds to the Sutter County Parent Network.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: Pursuant to the establishment of the Sutter County Children and Families Commission, the Commission developed a Strategic plan to guide funding of programs and projects that would benefit young children throughout the county. The Commission's intent is to allocate funding to new and existing projects aimed to enhance services to young children and their families through innovative and integrated approaches.

The commission will continue to fund the Sutter County Parent Network as long as they move toward the stated goals in the proposal, demonstrate tangible benefit to children & families and demonstrate system integration.

In Addition, the Commission realizing that start-up of programs is a long and arduous process, any unspent grant money of the grant year June 02-June 03 will be applied to offset grant year June 03-June 04 expenditures. Pending review of June 02-03 budget, the final grant dollar award will be approved at the May 23, 2003 Commission meeting.

It is the recommendations of the Executive Director to approve the intent to fund year 2 of the funding cycle with final grant dollar approved at the May 23, 2003 Commission meeting.

IMPACT ON COUNTY RESOURCES: The Commission has funds to pay for the funding this program.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of intent to fund year 2 of the "Special Needs Program"

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