

Santa Fe County

Resolution No. 2001- 95

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A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SANTA FE COUNTY TO STAND FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, the quality of early parent child interactions profoundly shapes the course and nature of social and emotional development of the child; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development occurs in the first three years of life; and

WHEREAS, a twenty year study of children conducted by Allen Sroufe at the University of Minnesota Child Development Institute has found that the attachment children form by age one, predicts the future quality of peer relationships, social competency and school achievement; and

WHEREAS, the longitudinal studies of Werner and Rutter identify the phenomena of resilience in high risk children programs that support more positive development through prevention of problems in the parent-infant relationship to reduce costs to the public such as schools, special welfare and criminal justice programs; and

WHEREAS, the birth of an infant redefines and requires responsibility in the social environment of any family; and

WHEREAS, the potential for abuse and neglect is further heightened in families experiencing stressors involving substance abuse, domestic violence, poverty and isolation; and

WHEREAS, the US Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect cited home visiting as its single most important recommendation to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the majority of physical abuse and neglect occurs to children under the age of two, with 45% of deaths from abuse occurring in the first year of life. National statistics indicate that serious risk for child abuse and neglect exists for 10% of children, translating to approximately 480 children under three years of age that are at risk at any one time in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, National studies indicate programs utilizing home visiting services by paraprofessionals and professionals who provide the following services: health promotion, child development information, parental support, social work, nursing,

counseling, and prevention and intervention services to families who are experiencing difficulties in attaching and bonding with their infant can reduce the potential for child abuse and neglect and improve both the short term and long term emotional and mental health for families.

WHEREAS, the U.S. General Accounting Office has identified Home Visiting " helping at risk families becoming healthier and more self sufficient by reducing later serious and costly problems"

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BELIEVES THAT IT MUST STAND FOR CHILDREN AND IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING:

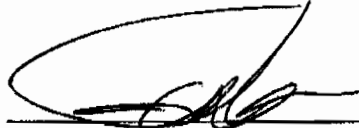
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1. The County will develop a comprehensive strategic plan for addressing support for children 0-3 in collaboration with planning efforts of the Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council.
2. The County should fund and undertake this depth of strategic planning for the 0-3 population in our county.
3. The County should help develop sustainable funding sources for the implementation of the strategic plan with its cornerstone being the Santa Fe Community Infant Program, which is currently providing much needed infant mental health services to Santa Fe County.

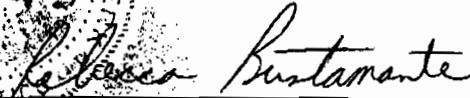
APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 31st day of July, 2001

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:


Paul Duran, Chairman




Rebecca Bustamante, Clerk

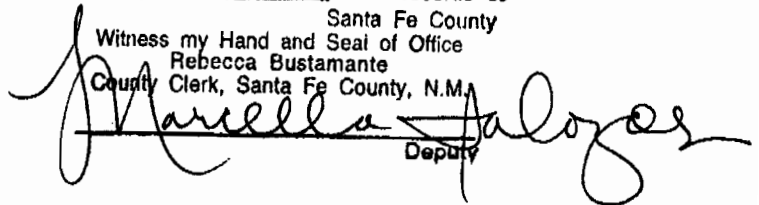
APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steven Kopleman, County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO } SS
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 1 day of Aug A.D.
20 01 at 8:22 o'clock a.m.
and was duly recorded in book 1950
page 410-411 of the records of
Santa Fe County

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.


Deputy