

The Mission of the Sacramento County Children's Coalition is to assess community needs, evaluate existing services, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other policy-making bodies in order to promote the health and well-being of children and families in Sacramento County. The Children's Coalition is an advocate for children's issues and provides policy oversight and community education about the needs of children and families.

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Sacramento County Children's Coalition. Please visit www.communitycouncil.org/level-3/cc.htm for some basic information about the Coalition's work and the responsibilities of its members. An application for appointment is enclosed in this packet and can be accessed at our website. Upon completion, your application and resume can be submitted to the **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814.**

The Children's Coalition meets on the third Monday of each month (in January and February it meets on the fourth Monday) from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition, each Coalition member is expected to work on at least one committee and to participate in a half-day meeting held once every two years to develop and refine its annual work plan. The Coalition may also hold special events throughout the year that members are encouraged to attend. Overall, the expected minimum commitment per month is 8 hours.

Thank you again for your interest in the Coalition. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone at 447-7063 ext. 368 or e-mail at nbui@communitycouncil.org. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Regards,

Nancy Bui

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Program Coordinator

Brief History and Purpose

The Sacramento County Children's Coalition is an advisory body to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Established in 1994, the Children's Coalition is comprised of up to 30 volunteer members and paid staff. The Children's Coalition works on behalf of all children living in Sacramento County and their families. Each volunteer member serves a three-year term and fills a seat in one of the following interest areas.

Child and Family Health
Out-of-Home Care
Education
Mental Health
Economic Development
Public Assistance
Community Service Organizations
Sports and Recreation
Public Consumer

Child Care Services
Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment
Child Justice
Housing
Drug & Alcohol Prevention & Treatment
Neighborhood Organizations
Religious Community
Violence Prevention & Treatment
Youth

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The Children's Coalition receives funding from Sacramento County's Department of Health and Human Services and grant-making foundations such as the Sierra Health Foundation and the California Healthcare Foundation.

Our recent work includes the following exciting projects: In 2006, we released the fourth Children's Report Card, assessing the state of children in the County. The Report Card was followed by the fourth Children's Summit in October of 2006, where community members came together to determine which of the Report Card indicators to we should focus on and developed the Children's Charter. Planning for the 2008 Report Card is currently in progress. We also continue to disburse Children's Trust Fund grant monies to child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs and to monitor the performance of grantees. Three agencies were awarded contracts that will begin in July 2007. Work is underway for the next granting process.

The Children's Coalition continuously recruits people to serve as members and/or to work on one of its committees. Please consider donating your time as a member of the Children's Coalition or to work on one of its committees. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Children's Coalition Program Coordinator:

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Children's Coalition Committees

Much of the work of the Children's Coalition is done within its five committees. Every Coalition member is asked to serve on at least one of these committees, or on one of the other local boards described below.

Advocacy

Since the first Children's Summit in 2000, the Advocacy Committee has provided a forum for the work groups addressing the Children's Report Card indicators that Summit participants identified as most important. Those key indicators are availability of child care, availability of and access to out of school time programs, school readiness, pupil support services, access to health care, child deaths, homeless children, out-of-home placement, and youth substance abuse. The Committee advocates and supports local policy changes to remove barriers faced by the work groups, as well as those faced by the community groups and agencies that address the same issues.

Child Protective Systems Oversight

The Child Protective Systems Oversight Committee provides oversight of child protective systems within Sacramento County through Quality Assurance reviews of Child Welfare System, reviewing critical cases of child injury and death, production of annual reports to the County Board of Supervisors, fielding questions and concerns from the public, periodic requests for information regarding issues of systematic concern, periodic presentations from Service Providers, Sacramento County department and CPS administration, as well as identification of exemplary programs implemented in other counties or states.

Children's Report Card

The Sacramento County Children's Coalition published the third Children's Report Card for Sacramento County in September 2006. The 2006 Report Card reports on the state of the children in Sacramento County, highlighting many of our county's successes and challenges. Work is now beginning on the fifth Children's Report Card, which is planned for release in the fall of 2008.

Executive

The Executive Committee is the body empowered to act on behalf of the Children's Coalition between regular meetings. This committee handles the regular business of the Coalition, including membership and board development.

Grant Review

The Grant Review Committee is an annually appointed standing committee of the Children's Coalition that handles all issues related to the Sacramento County Children's Trust Fund (CTF). The CTF is a funding source for child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs. The Committee manages the solicitation, application and selection procedures for the disbursement of grants in compliance with the statutes governing the CTF, and monitors the performance of the funded programs.

Human Services Coordinating Council

The Human Services Coordinating Council was established in 1994 to add a broad human services perspective to deliberations of the Board of Supervisors, county departments and Member Advisory Boards in identifying, prioritizing and responding to the human service needs of county residents.

First Five Sacramento Advisory Committee

This Committee serves as an advisory body to First Five Sacramento, the Commission charged with disbursing Proposition 10 money to address the health needs of children aged zero to five in the County.

FAQs

The Sacramento County Children's Coalition is a volunteer advisory body to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. Vacancies exist on the Children's Coalition that needs to be filled with qualified, dedicated, and interested people.

The next two pages answer many questions about the Children's Coalition. Please read these pages, and if you are still interested or have other questions, please call us at 447-7063 x 368.

1. WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHILDREN'S COALITION?

The mission of the Children's Coalition is to assess community needs, evaluate existing services, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and other policy-making bodies in order to promote the health and well being of children and families in Sacramento County. The Children's Coalition is an advocate for children's issues and provides policy oversight and community education about the needs of children and families.

2. DESCRIBE WHAT A COALITION MEMBER DOES?

Members develop short- and long-term work plans for the Coalition that support its mission and build on previous Coalition work. The Coalition then strives to meet the goals of these work plans. A partial list of Children's Coalition responsibilities and activities are:

- Develop the Sacramento County Children's Report Card;
- Administer the Sacramento County Children's Trust Fund;
- Serve as a forum for raising community concerns on child & family issues; and
- Serve as an oversight body to the Sacramento County Child Protective Services Division

The Children's Coalition meets on the third Monday of each month (in January and February it meets on the fourth Monday) from 4:00-6:00 p.m. In addition, the Coalition meets once a year for a full day to develop and refine its annual work plan. Throughout the year, the Coalition may hold special events, such as the Children's Summit, that members are encouraged to attend.

Each Coalition member is expected to work on at least one committee, attend at least 60% of the monthly Coalition meetings each year, and come to meetings prepared and ready to participate. The expected minimum commitment per month per member is 8 hours.

3. ARE COALITION MEMBERS PAID?

Coalition members do not get a salary for their work with the Coalition. They do, however, reap many benefits. Some of these benefits are:

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- The satisfaction of helping your community;
- Developing new skills;
- Influencing policy for children and families; and
- Meeting and working with new people with similar professional interests.

4. WOULD I HAVE TO MAKE SPEECHES?

Some Coalition members make formal presentations on behalf of the organization; most do not. One responsibility of each Coalition member is to report to his or her constituent group regarding Coalition activities and to bring forth relevant information from his or her constituent group to the Coalition. In essence, members are liaisons to the larger community.

5. WHAT IF I HAVE TO MISS A MEETING ONCE IN AWHILE?

Coalition members are busy people and many cannot make every meeting. Therefore, attendance requirements for monthly Coalition meetings were developed. Coalition bylaws state that a member must attend 60% of all monthly meetings held per year, or 6 of 10 meetings. Additionally, members should not miss three consecutive meetings.

Member attendance at meetings is crucial to conduct the business of the Coalition. As a body operating under the Brown Act, a quorum must be reached at meetings before action can be taken. The work of the Coalition should be a product of all members. Each member is important to the success of the Coalition.

6. I AM INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COALITION MEMBER, BUT I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION. IF I BECOME A MEMBER, WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO "GET UP TO SPEED" WITH THE COALITION?

When you become a Coalition member a basic orientation and manual will be provided to you, and an experienced Coalition member will be appointed to you as a mentor. However, the best way for you to "get up to speed" with the Coalition is to consistently participate at the committee level, carefully read materials sent to you, be very attentive at Coalition meetings, and ask questions of either staff or other members.

You may also join a working committee of the Coalition before you become a Coalition member. This is an excellent way to begin understanding the Coalition's work.

7. ARE COALITION MEETINGS VERY FORMAL?

Coalition meetings occur to conduct business, receive reports from committees, provide education to Coalition members, and to receive public comment on issues of concern to the Coalition. However, they are also interesting and fun. Coalition members are professional, but also relaxed and casual.

The best way for you to see what we mean is to attend a Coalition meeting. Most meetings are held the third Monday of each month. Please call staff to determine the location of the meeting you wish to attend. We would enjoy having you visit us.



**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

<http://www.sccob.saccounty.net/pages/boards.html>

**ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH
THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
700 H STREET, SUITE 2450, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814-1298**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Application for Appointment to: _____

Name of Board, Commission or Committee

Filing Period as listed on the announcement: _____

Category for which you are applying: _____

Incumbent? Y / N

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Last

First

MI

Home Address: _____

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

Zip Code

Supervisorial District in which you reside: _____

(This information is available from the Clerk's Office at 874-5411.)

Do you live within an incorporated city? Y / N

Y / N

Which city? _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Home

Work

Cell

Fax

E-mail Address: _____

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.): _____

For office use only

Seat #/Replaces: _____

Term: _____

Appt: _____

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: A resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Education: _____

Employment Experience: _____

Community Experience and Affiliations: _____

Other County Boards/Commissions/Committees on which you have served: _____

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment: _____

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for the County of Sacramento or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Commission? If yes, please explain: _____

REFERENCES: Please list three references with telephone numbers

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY ORDINANCE
TO FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
AS PART OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

_____ Date



_____ Original signature required

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**2008 General Coalition and
Committees Meetings
Calendar**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY
CHILDREN'S COALITION

Appointed by the Sacramento County
Board of Supervisors

Sacramento County Children's Coalition

Third Monday of the month (unless holiday)

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Dept. of Health & Human Services, 925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 500
Training Room B (Room 153)

Monday	January 28, 2008
Monday	February 25, 2008 (<i>Annual Retreat TBA</i>)
Monday	March 17, 2008
Monday	April 21, 2008
Monday	May 19, 2008
Monday	June 16, 2008
Monday	July 21, 2007 (<i>unless the Coalition agrees not to meet</i>)
Monday	August 18, 2008
Monday	September 15, 2008
Monday	October 20, 2008
Monday	November 17, 2008
Monday	December 15, 2008 (<i>Holiday Lunch, attendance is not mandatory</i>)

Advocacy Committee of the Children's Coalition

Second Thursday of the month

10:00 – 11:30 PM

Dept. of Health & Human Services, 925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 500

Thursday	January 10, 2008
Thursday	February 14, 2008
Thursday	March 13, 2008
Thursday	April 10, 2008
Thursday	May 8, 2008
Thursday	June 12, 2008
Thursday	July 10, 2008 (<i>unless the Committee agrees not to meet</i>)
Thursday	August 14, 2008
Thursday	September 11, 2008
Thursday	October 9, 2008
Thursday	November 13, 2008
Thursday	December 11, 2008 (<i>unless the Committee agrees not to meet</i>)

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Executive Committee

Third Monday of the month (unless holiday)

5:30 – 6:15 PM

Dept. of Health & Human Services, 925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 500,
Conference Room 132

Monday	January 28, 2008
Monday	February 25, 2008
Monday	March 17, 2008
Monday	April 21, 2008
Monday	May 19, 2008
Monday	June 16, 200
Monday	July 21, 2007 (<i>unless the Coalition agrees not to meet</i>)
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Grant Review Committee

Fourth Thursday of the month

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Molina Healthcare, 2277 Fair Oaks Blvd

Thursday	January 24, 2008
Thursday	February 28, 2008
Thursday	March 27, 2008
Thursday	April 24, 2008
Thursday	May 22, 2008
Thursday	June 26, 2008
Thursday	July 24, 2008
Thursday	August 28, 2008
Thursday	September 25, 2008
Thursday	October 23, 2008
Thursday	TBA
Thursday	TBA

Oversight Committee and Subcommittee meetings are not public meetings due to confidentiality requirements. If you are interested in the Oversight Committee's work, please contact staff at (916) 447-7063 ext. 368 or nbui@communitycouncil.org for more information. Thank you.