

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Community Relations
RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES**

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that agencies at all levels of government share their concern and responsibility for the health, safety, and welfare of youth. The County Superintendent and County Board or designee shall initiate and maintain good working relationships with representatives of these agencies in order to help schools and students make use of the resources which governmental agencies can provide.

The County Superintendent and County Board may initiate or participate in collaborative relationships with city and county elected officials to design and coordinate multi-agency programs that respond to the needs of children and families and provide more efficient use of resources. To further such collaborations, the County Superintendent and County Board may establish or participate in formal structure for governance teams to regularly meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

The County Superintendent and County Board may cooperate with government and public agencies in the planning and implementation of joint projects or activities within the community. The County Superintendent may designate a staff to ensure effective implementation of the County Superintendent's responsibilities in any such collaborative project.

In order to identify priorities for services, the County Superintendent and County Board may encourage periodic assessment of children's needs within the community, which may include, but not be limited to, needs based on poverty, child abuse and neglect, poor physical or mental health, substance abuse, violence, homelessness, placement in foster care, or lack of access to child care. The needs assessment may also examine the extent to which those needs are being met through existing services, the costs of providing those services, and any gaps, delay, or duplication of services.

The County Superintendent may enter into agreements with other agencies which involve the exchange of funds or reciprocal services. Such agreements shall be approved by the County Superintendent or designee and executed in writing.

The County Superintendent or designee may work with interagency partners to explore funding opportunities available through each agency, state and national grant programs, and/or private foundations for youth service coordination and delivery.

In order to facilitate service delivery or determination of eligibility for services, the County Superintendent may share information with other appropriate agencies as long as the parent/guardian consents and the information is shared in accordance with laws pertaining to confidentiality and privacy.

The County Superintendent and County Board may communicate with the community about their collaborative efforts and the conditions of children within the schools. The County Superintendent and County Board may advocate for local, state, and national policies, programs, and initiatives designed to improve the conditions of children and youth.

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Adopted: 06/15/1995
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Legal Reference

Education Code

8800-8807 Healthy Start support services for children
10900-10914.5 Cooperative community recreation programs
49073 Privacy of student records
49075 Parent/guardian permission for release of student records
49557.2 Sharing of information for MediCal eligibility

Health and Safety Code

120440 Immunization records; release to local health departments
130100-130155 Early childhood development; First 5 Commission

Welfare and Institutions Code

5850-5883 Mental Health Services Act
18961.5 Computerized database; families at risk for child abuse; sharing of information
18980-18983.8 Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council
18986-18986.30 Interagency Children's Services Act
18986.40-18986.46 Multidisciplinary services teams
18987.6-18987.62 Family-based services

Management Resources

Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership Publications

Healthy Children, Health Communities: An Action Guide for California Communities, 2006
Stretching Community Dollars: Cities, Counties and School Districts Building for the Future, 2006

Youth Law Center Publications

Model Form for Consent to Exchange Confidential Information among the Members of an Interagency Collaborative, 1995

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
California Department of Education, Learning Support: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls>
California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>
California Department of Social Services: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov>
California State Association of Counties: <http://www.csac.counties.org>
Children Now: <http://www.childrennow.org>
Cities, Counties, and Schools Partnership: <http://www.ccspartnership.org>
First 5 California: <http://www.cfcf.ca.gov>
League of California Cities: <http://www.cacities.org>
Youth Law Center: <http://www.ylc.org>