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Providing Funding In Areas That Make Sense

(JUNE 2009) RIVERSIDE, CA — Affordable and accessible child care is ranked among the top needs of families in poverty, yet some Riverside County child care facilities still have vacancies.

A mismatch in locations of need and capacity is among conclusions included in a child care needs analysis report by the Advancement Project's Healthy City team.

Earlier this year, First 5 Riverside, the Riverside County Children & Families Commission, hired the Los Angeles-based group to analyze child care and preschool data, along with key economic indicators to help the Commission define needs and make decisions in allocating resources most effectively. Consultants recently presented their findings and recommendations during a presentation to the Commission.

Using indicators similar to measuring school readiness such as percent of families with children in poverty and percent of population 0-5 years old, Advancement Project created an index identifying the areas of highest need in the County.

Overall, there is an average of 1 space per 526 children in licensed child care centers, not including family care home, per Riverside County Zip code, according to the report. The report is available at www.rccfc.org under "Reports & Forms."

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