VALLEY CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE

Implementation Strategy 2013

Approved by the Valley Children's Board of Trustees July 18, 2013

PRIORITY NEED - *Child Abuse and Neglect*

Anticipated Impact

- Heightened awareness of, and participation in, child abuse prevention initiatives by community-based organizations.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Center staff will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

- Promote greater coordination and standardization of best practices among agencies and organizations in Central California working to prevent child abuse.

- Represent the hospital on local and regional collaboratives, including the Child Abuse Prevention and Community Resource Task Force, the Fresno County and Madera County Interagency Councils for Children, and the Central California Coalition of Child Abuse Prevention Councils.

- Support reforms to protect children placed in foster care, including requiring that medical clearance be provided within 72 hours of placement, as opposed to the current requirement of 30 days.

- Develop and implement a work plan to address priority needs identified in the Center’s 2013 needs assessment.
- Provide education and technical assistance to community-based organizations as appropriate regarding prevention and treatment of child abuse.

Collaborating Organizations

Center staff will collaborate with the following organizations.

- Central California Coalition of Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- County-Based Child Abuse Prevention Councils
- County Social Service Departments – Child Welfare and Child Protection
- County Pediatric Death Review Teams
- County Public Health Departments, Public Health Nursing
- Court Appointed Special Advocate Organizations
- Local Law Enforcement – Police and Sheriff
- Victim Advocacy Groups

PRIORITY NEED - Community Integration / Reintegration for Disabled Children

Anticipated Impact

- Increased opportunities for disabled children to reintegrate into their communities and to live as active and as fulfilling lives as possible.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

- Facilitate integration of children with chronic or long-term illness into the school environment using the hospital’s Rehabilitation Center’s School Site Visit program as a potential model.

- Support Resources for Independence Central Valley’s efforts to build and operate the Universally Accessible Park in the city of Fresno.
• Offer disabled children the opportunity to recreate and compete through the hospital’s Adaptive Sports Program. Program activities will include water skiing, kayaking, tennis, golf, and wheelchair racing.

**Collaborating Organizations**

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino
• Local recreational venues including county and state parks, skating rinks, rock climbing facilities, and others
• Local churches
• Local school districts
• Resources for Independence, Central Valley
• Wells Fargo Bank

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**PRIORITY NEED - Screening and Treatment for Developmental Delays**

**Anticipated Impact**

• Improved access to screening, assessment, and/or treatment of children at risk for or diagnosed with developmental disabilities.

**Evaluation**

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

**Interventions**

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• Participate in community coalitions focused on improving the identification and treatment of children with developmental delays. Coalitions include the Kern Medically Vulnerable Infant Work Group and the Fresno Model of Care Partnership Oversight Committee.

• Provide training and education to community-based agencies and other health care providers on care for babies born with complications, in part through implementation of the hospital’s Neonatal Stabilization Program.
• Support education for health care providers and families in other ways, including hosting of conferences.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• Kern Medically Vulnerable Infant Project
• March of Dimes Central Valley
• Model of Care Partnership Oversight Committee, Fresno
• The Children’s Movement Fresno County

PRIORITY NEED - *Obesity and Type II Diabetes Prevention*

Anticipated Impact

• Increased coordination of existing resources and identification of new resources to better prevent childhood obesity and Type II diabetes.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• As the public policy lead for the Kaiser Healthy Eating Active Living Zone Project in the City of Madera, facilitate advocacy for public policies that increase access to healthy foods and physical activity.

• Participate in the Central Valley Health and Nutrition Collaborative as a Partnering Agency.

• Support implementation of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force’s 2013 work plan, including the development of obesity prevention resources for hospital-based and community-based providers and the continued implementation of the Childhood Obesity Prevention Pilot Project.
• Provide education to primary care providers and community-based agencies regarding obesity prevention and diabetes management.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• California Health Collaborative
• California State University Fresno, Department of Child, Family and Consumer Services
• Childhood Weight Management Pilot Project
• Childhood Weight Management Task Force for Fresno and Madera Counties
• City of Fresno Healthy Lifestyle Fitness Camp
• Clinica Sierra Vista
• Kern County Call to Action
• Madera Healthy Eating and Active Living Zone
• Tulare County Healthy for Life Collaborative

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PRIORITY NEED - Injury Prevention

Anticipated Impact

• Improved identification and prevention of public health risks through outreach and education.

Evaluation

Valley Children's will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s injury prevention team will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• Participate in coalitions that promote childhood injury prevention including county Pediatric Death Review Committees, the Central Region Trauma Coordinating Committee, and chair of the Safe Kids Central Valley Coalition.

• Provide both direct education as well as professional development for other providers and community-based agencies to increase their knowledge base and capacity to provide direction education and/or training on pediatric injury prevention issues.
• Develop programs or projects as needed, and participate in events addressing identified child safety issues.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• California Injury Prevention Network
• Central Valley American Red Cross
• Central Valley Concussion Consortium
• County Public Health and Social Service Departments
• General Acute Care Hospitals, Emergency and Trauma Services Staff
• Mexican Consulate
• National Drowning Prevention Alliance
• Safe Kids Central Valley
• School Districts

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PRIORITY NEED - Access to Primary Care

Anticipated Impact

• Increased utilization of primary and preventative care for underserved children.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• Assess existing hospital-based and community-based resources intended to promote health literacy among adolescents and parents, and determine what if any gaps exist and the hospital’s role in addressing those gaps.

• Support development and implementation of medical education programs.

• Leverage provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the primary care physician rate increase and the Health Benefits Exchange, to increase access to primary and preventative care services for children.
• Participate in existing community initiatives that promote access to primary and preventative care, including Fresno Healthy Communities Access Partners, Babies First Fresno County, and the Children and Families Health Initiative of Fresno County.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• Children and Families Health Initiative, Fresno County
• Fresno County Babies First Coalition
• Fresno Healthy Community Access Partners
• March of Dimes California Chapter
• Medical Residency Programs, including the University of California at San Francisco - Fresno, the Sierra Vista Family Medical Residency Program, Valley Consortium for Medical Education, and others
• San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education

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PRIORITY NEED - Ability of Community Providers to Meet the Needs of Children with Complex Medical Conditions

Anticipated Impact

• Enhanced capacity of community providers to address pediatric health care needs, including children with medically complex conditions.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• Participate in efforts that support an enhanced level of coordination across the care continuum for children with complex medical conditions.

• Participate in community-based partnerships that enhance the ability of community stakeholders to meet the pediatric health care needs in Central California. Examples
include university-based academic advisory committees and the School Nurse Health Advisory Panel.

- Provide education to school nurses, primary care physicians, referring hospitals and other healthcare providers to advance their clinical competencies in targeted areas.

- Provide pediatric educational needs assessments and planning for healthcare organizations as requested.

- Promote health careers by participating in health career events and by offering training and/or observation activities at the hospital.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

- Central Valley School Health Advisory Panel
- Community Based Providers, including pediatricians, family practice physicians, and community clinics
- County Public Health Departments, Public Health Nurses
- General Acute Care Hospitals
- School Districts

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PRIORITY NEED - Access to Mental Health Services

Anticipated Impact

- Increased access to mental health services for children, including both inpatient and outpatient services.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the interventions listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

- Participate in suicide prevention initiatives, including the Madera Suicide Prevention and Intervention Task Force and the Central Region Suicide Prevention Task Force.
• Remain engaged in county mental health agency planning activities, including those regarding the Mental Health Services Act funding.
• Participate in the Central California Children’s Institute’s Infant Family Mental Health initiative.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• Central California Children’s Institute’s Infant and Family Mental Health Initiative
• Central California Perinatal Mental Health Collaborative
• Central Region Suicide Prevention Task Force
• County Mental Health Departments
• Hospital Council of Northern and Central California
• Madera Suicide Prevention and Intervention Task Force

PRIORITY NEED - Transportation

Anticipated Impact

• Improved access to transportation services to the hospital and its satellite facilities, including the satellite neonatal intensive care units and outpatient specialty care centers.

Evaluation

Valley Children’s will evaluate its success in meeting the anticipated impact based on the degree to which it successfully implements the intervention listed below.

Interventions

Valley Children’s will provide the following support to help address the priority need.

• Facilitate a regional conversation with transportation providers on how to address transportation gaps, with a short-term focus on Merced County.

Collaborating Organizations

Valley Children’s will collaborate with the following organizations.

• Central California Alliance for Health
- Fresno Council of Governments, Transportation Gap Analysis
- Going Places Program, Merced County
- Merced County Public Health Department
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies