

Media Advisory: Press Event - November 18, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.

And How Are The Children?: Sacramento County *Children's Report Card* Releases 10 year Comprehensive Data on Child Health, Education, Safety, Family Economics, and Social And Emotional Well-Being

The graduation rate for high school seniors in Sacramento County has decreased from 85.1 percent in 2000-01 to 79.6 percent in 2006-7. What does this mean for the future and health of our local workforce and economy? And, will our children be self-sufficient as adults?

Children hold our future in their hands. As a community, we hold their health, safety, education, and happiness in ours.

Who: The Sacramento County Children's Coalition to release the Fifth Edition of the Sacramento County *Children's Report Card*.

What: The *Children's Report Card* presents forty-two indicators in the areas of demographics, economics, education, health, safety, and social and emotional well-being.

While the data displayed reflect the changing conditions over time, the purpose and intent of the *Report Card* has remained the same since its first publication in 2000. The *Children's Report Card* is meant to serve as a foundation to help:

- Guide policy development;
- Set goals for improvement;
- Track changing conditions;
- Support allocation of resources; and
- Promote community responsibility for positive change

When: **Tuesday, November 18, 2008 – 1:00 p.m. (PRESS EVENT)**

- Guest Speakers feature - Children's Coalition Panelists
- Youth Presenters from Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy's (SAVA) Student Leadership Team

Presentation before the Board of Supervisors – 2:15 p.m.

Where: **County of Sacramento Administrative Building**
1st Floor, Board Chambers
700 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

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Sacramento County Children's Coalition members and SAVA youth presenters will be available after the presentation for interviews and questions. ***This is the first time to have youth co-present and provide insight on issues reflected in the Report Card.***

The Fifth Edition of the Sacramento County *Children's Report Card* will be made available after the presentation to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors