



San Mateo County  
2005-2006 Legislative Program  
Amendments

January 25, 2005

A. **Add to LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS:**

**"State Children's Health Insurance (S-CHIP) eligibility**

**Proposal:** Authorize county agencies, local initiatives, and county organized health systems to seek and obtain funds to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to children in families whose income does not exceed a to-be-determined percentage of the federal poverty level and who do not qualify for either Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program.

**Background:** AB 495 (Diaz, 2001) authorized local governments to seek and obtain federal matching funds to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to children in families whose incomes do not exceed 300 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), and who do not qualify for either Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families program. San Mateo County's Children's Health Initiative provides services to children in families with incomes that does not exceed 400% FLP. The County serves approximately 5,100 children through its Healthy Kids insurance program since they are ineligible for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families due to the income restriction. As a result, San Mateo County does not receive federal or state funds to provide coverage to children between 300-400% FLP who meet citizenship and immigration status requirements."

B. **Add to LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS:**

**"Public Notice Process for Locating Parole Offices**

**Proposal:** Require the Department of Corrections to notify affected jurisdictions about a proposed parole office location that is within 1000 feet of a school (including K-12 and childcare centers/pre-schools) or a public park with playground equipment designed for young children and to secure a written response from affected jurisdictions before entering into a lease or beginning construction on the site.

**Background:** This proposal originates with a recent effort of the California Department of Corrections to relocate a community parole office near the County's child care center, Our Place. With the help of Senator Byron Sher and then-Assemblymember Joe Simitian, the County succeeded in convincing the Department of Corrections to reconsider the location of the parole office. However, the incident highlighted problems with the notification process. The current process does not require an action of express approval or objection by the affected jurisdiction. This proposal would require the Department of Corrections to notify affected jurisdictions about a proposed parole office location that is within 100 feet of a school and to secure a written response from affected jurisdictions before entering into a lease or beginning construction on the site."