

**Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC):
Meeting with DR Consultants
Lois Phillips and Barbara D’Incau**

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Barbara D’Incau and Lois Phillips were introduced to the Child Abuse Prevention Council. The consultants have been hired by the KIDS Network Task Force to develop the next countywide operational plan for implementing Differential Response in Santa Barbara County.

Barbara and Lois presented their scope of work and invited discussion. Many members expressed ideas related to the project goals.

The discussion continued with CAPC members sharing the following comments:

- It is important for the plan to **support families in an organized, coherent way**
- Much work has already been done to include but not be limited to:
 - Community conversations
 - A Summit was held with stakeholders
 - The SAP and SIP were written by DSS
 - Much community input and information were gathered already
 - Issues for nonprofit agencies have surfaced around DR implementation
 - The consultants should build on what has already happened; there is consensus in the community
 - Consultants should look at the First 5 funded initiatives and their evaluation data
 - Consultants should use DR pilot data
- The DR Plan should include **a model for further funding** to expand the program
 - Lots of ideas have been expressed already
- The Plan should focus on expanding DR by operationalizing Path 1
- Several agencies have been funded for child abuse prevention– what are they doing?
 - Consultants should evaluate the outcomes of those funded programs
 - Consultants should help the community define “what works”
- The Plan should include a matrix listing all the community partners
 - Describe the agencies’ organizational mission and activities
 - The Matrix should describe 2-1-1 services
- Agencies have different mandates and work with different population segments (i.e. homeless shelters)

- Human Services (N. Madsen) has grantees that are working in child abuse prevention. What are they doing?
- Under what conditions do people NOT enter the DR system?

Next, Lois asked the group to respond to this question: **“What is your ideal vision for a functional DR system?”** (Responses are numbered below for discussion purposes only and as they occurred, not in terms of their value or significance.)

1. Make use of the infrastructures that are already in place: Healthy Start Centers, Family Resource Centers
2. Expand Front Porch and the resources available, with a priority of keeping children and families intact
3. An “ecological perspective” is needed
 - a. Many families are isolated
 - b. Parents and youth need to advocate for their needs
4. SB County DR would look like the “SAFTY Program”
5. The project would identify formal and informal social networks
6. Mobile teams might work – some are in place in the county now
7. Community advocates will need to be trained; the program can’t rely on social workers alone
8. The project should “get the word out” – let people know what they can do to prevent or stop child abuse
9. People from all segments of the community must be invited to participate