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
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TO: Board of Supervisors
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FROM: Daniel Little, Social Services Agency Director 

SUBJECT: Off-Agenda Report regarding Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities Program

At the February 21, 2023 Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC) meeting, Supervisor Chavez requested the Administration provide information on the Summer Camps and Enrichment Activities (SCEA) program (Item No. 6), including information regarding program usage in 2022 and what the capacity for the 2023 SCEA program is.

2022 Program Utilization

The SCEA program provided scholarships to 365 children and youth in 2021 and 386 children and youth in 2022. For 2022, 274 camp experiences and 216 other enrichment activities were funded with the average total scholarship for every child and youth was \$743.

Forty-nine percent of all children participating in 2022's SCEA program were current or former-foster children, adopted, in kinship care (with or without an open case), in an open voluntary case, or were receiving Differential Response services.

2022 SCEA Program Participants

Participant Eligibility, from Application	Percentage
Adopted	16%
Open DFCS Case (Includes family maintenance)	13%
Foster Care	9%
Kinship Family	5%
Other DFCS Connected Service (Including Differential Response and Informal Supervision)	6%
Low-income	51%
	19% of low-income had history of referral to DFCS

The Kinship, Adoptive, and Foster Parent Association (KAFPA), who administers the SCEA program on behalf of the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS), maintained an open registration platform to allow continuous enrollment of eligible families until all budgeted funds for scholarships were committed. In 2022 the registration period ran from mid-February to mid-May when the number of scholarship requests committed all available funding. Most families register during the peak period of March through April. When the scholarship fund is depleted each year, DFCS can augment denied requests for foster children through limited special funds available through the Director's Office. Each child can receive funding for up to two activities, not exceeding \$600. From all applications received in 2022, only two foster children and two kinship children were denied requests due to lack of funds.

2023 Projected Program Participation

According to the agreement with KAFPA for the SCEA program, up to 400 clients are to be served with 800 summer camp or other enrichment sessions. Requested expansion of the program at the February 2023 CSFC meeting will be considered through the County's budget process.

2023 Outreach Efforts and Registration

On March 11, 2023, KAFPA held an in-person Summer Resource Fair to provide information about available camps and activities and to support with the online application process on site. There were seven camps represented: Boys & Girls Club, Guadalupe Conservancy, Athena, New Beginnings, Let's Play in Spanish, Royal Family Kids, & YMCA and two other camps sent information (ID Tech & OV Toros Soccer Club) to be distributed to those families in attendance. There were 20 families in attendance and seven children were enrolled into the program. As of this writing, there are currently 158 children/youth signed up for camps. This includes duplicated numbers as some children and youth are signed up for more than one camp.

Outreach will continue to encourage families to sign up for camps. KAFPA and DFCS continue to meet with new camps referred by the County's Board of Supervisors to establish a working relationship and have a wider span of camps available. DFCS continues to send emails to resource parents to remind them of the availability of summer camps for the children and youth in their care.

DFCS has engaged the below organizations to support partnership around the SCEA program. Coordination of youth participation in the respective programs will be done on a continuous basis.

- San Jose Giants
- Happy Hollow Park
- Boys and Girls Club
- City of San Jose Parks Department
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Emma Prusch Park
- Lake Almaden
- City of San Jose Community Centers
- San Jose State University

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