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Introduction

The Ventura County Behavioral Health Department (VCBH) is taking a comprehensive community-based approach to the development of the County's Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan. This effort is funded through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), an act providing funds for services and supports to help people feel socially and emotionally stable.

The MHSA has defined mental health *prevention* as reducing risk factors and building protective factors in order to keep mental health issues from occurring. Mental health *early intervention* refers to short, low-intensity services to improve mental health problems and avoid the need for more extensive treatment.

The approach to developing the PEI plan is multi-faceted and utilizes quantitative data indicators, key individual interviews, focus groups, and community forums to assess the mental health needs, priority populations, and needed services across five geographic areas of Ventura County. VCBH contracted with Evalcorp Research & Consulting, Inc. to spearhead the PEI data collection process. The data gathered by Evalcorp will be analyzed and synthesized to inform Ventura County's Prevention and Early Intervention Plan.

This report presents findings from quantitative data gathered as representative of priority populations that have been defined by the MHSA to be included in the PEI plan. The purpose of this collection was to collect data on indicators that relate to mental health issues and needs in communities throughout the county.

Methodology

California's Department of Mental Health (DMH) has designated six priority populations whose needs should be addressed in any county's PEI plan. The six groups comprising that list are:

- Underserved cultural populations
- Individuals experiencing the onset of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or families
- Trauma-exposed individuals
- Children/youth in stressed families
- Children/youth at-risk for school failure
- Children/youth at-risk of or experiencing Juvenile Justice involvement.

VCBH and Evalcorp collaboratively decided that these categories would drive the quantitative data collection component of the PEI process. Additionally, it was determined that two groups under the state administered projects, Suicide prevention and Stigma/Discrimination reduction, be considered.

In initial planning meetings VCBH and Evalcorp defined several categories of quantitative data for each heading listed above, which could then be utilized to indicate differences or similarities across the county. An example of this is found in the decision to consider ethnicity under the heading of Underserved cultural populations. The compiled list of possible data indicators was presented to the Planning Committee in Fall 2008. The Planning Committee vetted most of the indicators as created by VCBH and Evalcorp, and submitted suggestions for other data collection points. In addition, members offered sources from where the data could be found, or volunteered to find out where the data could be accessed. Some committee members offered to compile the information for certain indicators. It was also decided to try to find data for the five areas within the county if at all possible in addition to countywide statistics.

The decision to collect data across regions of the county was based on earlier meetings between VCBH and Evalcorp to divide the county into five areas for analysis: Area 1 comprising the Santa Clara Valley (Fillmore, Piru, Santa Paula); Area 2 comprising the cities of Ojai and Ventura; Area 3 comprising the cities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Port Hueneme; Area 4 comprising the cities of Thousand Oaks and Westlake Village; and Area 5 comprising Moorpark and Simi Valley. Evalcorp obtained pertinent demographic variables and compiled them into a table (**Table 1**), which then was used as a basis of comparison to other data that was collected and analyzed. Data from the 2000 U.S. Census was used for creating the variables displayed in **Table 1**. Although data has been compiled by the U.S. Census for dates later than 2000 through the American Community Surveys, not all of the cities in Ventura County participate in those surveys. Thus, it was decided that the advantages of being able to have data across more cities in the county better served the purposes of the data collection for the PEI process.

After the list of data indicators was created and vetted by the Planning Committee, staff from Evalcorp set about collecting data from recommended sources, as well as finding additional sources. These data were then evaluated, compiled, and analyzed with the resulting derived statistics presented in the following report. Whenever possible, data in this report are presented broken down by area. There are instances, though, where information on a data indicator was available only by county, and will be stated as such in the tables. The timeframes for information collected vary by data indicator, and will be noted throughout the report. It should also be noted that percentages were calculated on a cell by cell basis for validity purposes; therefore, some percentages may not equal 100 percent.

Table 1. Ventura County Demographic Data Overview by Area

	Place	Population	% of County population	% Children under 5	% Youth 5 - 17	% TAY 18 - 24	% Adults 25 - 59	% Adults 60 +	Median age	% Hisp.	% Speak language other than English at home	% Speak English less than very well	Median household income	% Households at or below 200% poverty level	Avg household size	% Veterans
	Ventura County	753,197	100%	7%	21%	9%	49%	14%	34.2	33%	33%	16%	\$ 59,666	27%	3.04	8%
Area 1	Fillmore	13,643	2%	8%	24%	12%	42%	13%	29.8	67%	54%	26%	\$ 45,510	38%	3.56	6%
	Piru	1,196	0%	11%	24%	11%	44%	10%	28.0	68%	59%	23%	\$ 41,490	42%	3.88	6%
	Santa Paula	28,598	4%	9%	23%	11%	44%	14%	29.6	71%	58%	32%	\$ 41,651	43%	3.49	6%
	Area 1 Total	43,437	6%	9%	23%	11%	43%	14%		70%	56%	30%		41%		6%
Area 2	Ojai	7,862	1%	5%	20%	10%	44%	22%	42.0	16%	13%	6%	\$ 44,593	39%	2.48	11%
	Ventura	100,916	13%	7%	18%	8%	51%	16%	36.8	24%	22%	9%	\$ 52,298	31%	2.56	10%
	Area 2 Total	108,778	14%	6%	19%	8%	50%	17%		24%	22%	9%		32%		10%
Area 3	Camarillo	57,077	8%	7%	19%	6%	47%	21%	38.9	16%	20%	8%	\$ 62,457	25%	2.62	12%
	Oxnard	170,358	23%	9%	23%	12%	46%	11%	28.9	66%	62%	35%	\$ 48,603	34%	3.85	7%
	Port Hueneme	21,845	3%	9%	19%	13%	45%	14%	30.3	41%	39%	17%	\$ 42,246	41%	2.86	11%
	Area 3 Total	249,280	33%	8%	22%	11%	46%	14%		52%	50%	27%		32%		8%
Area 4	Thousand Oaks	117,005	16%	7%	19%	7%	52%	15%	37.7	13%	19%	8%	\$ 76,815	19%	2.75	9%
	Westlake Village	8,368	1%	5%	19%	1%	52%	23%	44.6	5%	18%	4%	\$ 94,571	15%	2.56	11%
	Area 4 Total	125,373	17%	7%	19%	7%	52%	16%		13%	19%	8%		19%		9%
Area 5	Moorpark	31,415	4%	8%	26%	9%	50%	7%	31.5	28%	28%	13%	\$ 76,642	17%	3.49	6%
	Simi Valley	111,351	15%	7%	21%	8%	53%	11%	34.7	17%	21%	8%	\$ 70,370	18%	3.04	8%
	Area 5 Total	142,766	19%	8%	22%	8%	52%	10%		19%	23%	9%		18%		8%

Data from U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000. Percent Hispanic include those who are Hispanic or Latino of any race. Percent of those who speak a language other than English at home and those who speak English less than very well are based on the population 5 years and older. The official U.S. poverty level for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,463. Doubling that amount is equal to \$34,926. The value used for this table is a household income of less than \$35,000. It is possible each household in this category could be more or less than four people. Population totals of the five service areas do not add up to the county total as places without a city or CDP designation were not included.

Underserved Cultural Populations

The Planning Committee decided to use four data indicators to represent the priority population of Underserved cultural populations: ethnicity, primary language, migrant population, and health insurance.

As seen in **Table 2**, the majority ethnicity within the county is White (57%) followed by Latino/Hispanic (33%). However, it is clear that the distribution is not even across the county as seen in Area 1 where 70% of that population is Hispanic/Latino and 28% is White, and in Area 3 where 52% of that population is Hispanic/Latino and 34% are White. In Areas 2, 4 and 5 there are far greater percentages of White, and far less percentages of Hispanic/Latino than the county total.

Table 2. Ethnic Breakdown by Area within Ventura County

	Place	% Black or African American	% American Indian	% Asian / Pacific Islander	% Hispanic or Latino origin	% White	% Other Race	% Two or More Races
Area	Ventura County	2%	0%	5%	33%	57%	< 1%	2%
1	Fillmore	0%	1%	1%	67%	31%	< 1%	1%
	Piru	0%	2%	2%	68%	27%	< 1%	1%
	Santa Paula	0%	0%	1%	71%	26%	< 1%	1%
	Area 1 Total	0%	1%	1%	70%	28%	< 1%	1%
2	Ojai	1%	0%	2%	16%	80%	< 1%	2%
	Ventura	1%	1%	3%	24%	68%	< 1%	2%
	Area 2 Total	1%	1%	3%	24%	69%	< 1%	2%
3	Camarillo	1%	0%	7%	16%	73%	< 1%	2%
	Oxnard	3%	0%	8%	66%	21%	< 1%	2%
	Pt. Hueneme	6%	1%	7%	41%	43%	< 1%	3%
	Area 3 Total	3%	0%	7%	52%	34%	< 1%	2%
4	TO	1%	0%	6%	13%	78%	< 1%	2%
	Westlake Village	1%	0%	6%	5%	87%	< 1%	2%
	Area 4 Total	1%	0%	6%	13%	78%	< 1%	2%
5	Moorpark	1%	0%	6%	28%	62%	< 1%	2%
	Simi Valley	1%	0%	6%	17%	73%	< 1%	2%
	Area 5 Total	1%	0%	6%	19%	70%	< 1%	2%

Data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

The primary language spoken at home is another key indicator under this category. Data specific to primary language spoken at home, presented in **Table 3**, mirrors the ethnicity data above especially regarding the percentage of those of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity.

Table 3. Primary Language Spoken at Home in Ventura County

	Place	English Only	Spanish	Other Indo-European Languages	Asian/Pacific Island Languages
	Ventura County	67%	26%	3%	4%
Area 1	Fillmore	47%	52%	0%	1%
	Piru	41%	56%	0%	3%
	Santa Paula	42%	56%	0%	1%
	Area 1 Total	44%	55%	0%	1%
Area 2	Ojai	87%	9%	2%	1%
	Ventura	79%	17%	2%	2%
	Area 2 Total	79%	16%	2%	2%
Area 3	Camarillo	80%	11%	3%	5%
	Oxnard	38%	55%	1%	6%
	Port Hueneme	61%	32%	1%	5%
	Area 3 Total	50%	43%	1%	6%
Area 4	Thousand Oaks	81%	11%	5%	3%
	Westlake Village	82%	5%	9%	3%
	Area 4 Total	81%	10%	5%	3%
Area 5	Moorpark	72%	22%	4%	2%
	Simi Valley	79%	12%	4%	4%
	Area 5 Total	77%	14%	4%	4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000. Language spoken at home is based on population 5 years and over.

There are substantial numbers of residents in the county who are migrant workers/farm workers. It is difficult to get a clear sense of the size of this population because by the very nature of their work, they tend to move around and not reside in one place for any length of time. One way to get a sense of the number of those in this group is to count the number of youth within the county who are classified as "migrant students." There are 14 school districts within the county that have students within this classification plus the Ventura County of Education with 25 migrant students. **Table 4** displays which school districts have the highest concentration of migrant students. Area 1 has the greatest percentage of these students with migrant students comprising one-quarter of the total population of the four school district. There are migrant students within all Areas with the exception of Area 4.

Table 4. Migrant Student Population in Ventura County, 2007-08

Area	School District 2007-08	Total Students 2007-08	Migrant students 2007-08	% of total
1	Briggs Elementary	425	119	28%
1	Fillmore Unified	3,812	1,001	26%
1	Santa Paula Elementary	3,680	843	23%
1	Santa Paula High School	1,748	490	28%
	Area total	9,665	2,453	25%
2	Ventura Unified	17,330	499	3%
3	Hueneme Elementary	8,084	1,940	24%
3	Mesa Elementary	571	100	18%
3	Ocean View Elementary	2,476	445	18%
3	Oxnard Elementary School Dist	15,280	807	5%
3	Oxnard Union High School	16,480	3,320	20%
3	Pleasant Valley Elementary	7,133	42	1%
3	Rio Elementary	4,150	1,141	27%
3	Somis Elementary	527	28	5%
	Area total	54,701	7,823	14%
5	Moorpark Unified	7,418	155	2%

Source: Ventura County Office Education, Migrant Populations.

Disparities in access to health insurance is another topic that directly affects underserved cultural populations within Ventura County. The following table (**Table 5**) displays results for those in the county who have health insurance and those who do not. The data are for all ages and are broken down by % of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), gender, place of residence (urban v. rural), and ethnicity. The lower the % of FPL, the poorer that particular segment of the population is. As would be expected, those in lower income levels are insured at a lower rate.

Table 5. Health Insurance Coverage in Ventura County

Population	Currently Insured	Not Currently Insured
All	89.5%	10.5%
Federal Poverty Level	Currently Insured	Not Currently Insured
0 - 99% FPL	77.5%	22.5%*
100-199% FPL	76.7%	23.3%
200-299% FPL	79.9%	20.1%*
300% FPL +	96.1%	3.9%*
Gender	Currently Insured	Not Currently Insured
Male	92.3%	7.7%
Female	86.6%	13.4%
Urban/Rural	Currently Insured	Not Currently Insured
Urban	90.3%	9.7%
Rural	78.9%	21.4%*
Ethnicity	Currently Insured	Not Currently Insured
Hispanic/Latino	80.1%	19.9%
American Indian	85.5%	14.5%*
Asian/Pacific Islander	82.1%	17.9%*
African American	98.6%	na
White	98.6%	3.5%*
Other Eth/2 or more	73.9%	26.1%*

*Source: 2007 California Health Interview Survey. *Asterisk means statistically unstable.*

Individuals Experiencing Onset of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Families

Three data indicators were chosen under this category by the Planning Committee: the mental health treatment rate, diagnosed depressive disorders, and diagnosed co-occurring disorders. **Table 6** displays the count of unduplicated clients served by Ventura County Behavior Health at various facilities in the county for the 1st and 2nd quarters of Fiscal Year 2008/2009. The data are broken down by area, with numbers for children and adults listed separately. The bottom part of the table is where to look for disparities by area. The table lists what percentage of the total county population is represented by each area compared to the percentage of clients who come from each area. For example, Area 3 has 33% of the county's population; however, 43% of adult clients in the 1st quarter were from Area 3. **Tables 7** and **8** list the percentage of adults and children seen for each particular type of disorder over the 1st and 2nd quarters combined.

Table 6. Adult and Child Clients Served in Ventura County Facilities

	Ventura County	Area 1 Total	Area 2 Total	Area 3 Total	Area 4 Total	Area 5 Total
Population	753,197	43,437	108,778	249,280	125,373	142,766
# of unduplicated adult clients served in VC facilities 1st quarter FY 08/09	3538	212	849	1521	389	318
# of unduplicated adult clients served in VC facilities 2nd quarter FY 08/09	3676	257	845	1654	404	331
# of unduplicated child clients served in VC facilities 1st quarter FY 08/09	1983	139	357	853	218	278
# of unduplicated child clients served in VC facilities 2nd quarter FY 08/09	2072	166	373	870	249	290
% of Total Population	100%	6%	14%	33%	17%	19%
% of unduplicated adult clients served in VC facilities 1st quarter FY 08/09	100%	6%	24%	43%	11%	9%
% of unduplicated adult clients served in VC facilities 2nd quarter FY 08/09	100%	7%	23%	45%	11%	9%
% of unduplicated child clients served in VC facilities 1st quarter FY 08/09	100%	7%	18%	43%	11%	14%
% of unduplicated child clients served in VC facilities 2nd quarter FY 08/09	100%	8%	18%	42%	12%	14%

Data from VCBH, 2009, based on where resident lives, not where treated.

1st and 2nd Quarters, Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Table 7. Percentage of Adults seen for Various SMI at Ventura County Facilities

Adults Countywide 1st and 2nd quarter FY 2008/09 Combined - Total Number 7214	
DIAGNOSIS	% of Total
Psychosis	38%
Depression	30%
Mood	17%
Anxiety	8%
Disruptive	2%
Substance	2%
Other	3%
Co-Occurring Disorders	42%

Data from VCBH, 2009.

Table 8. Percentage of Children Seen for Various SMI at Ventura County Facilities

Children Countywide 1st and 2nd quarter FY 2008/09 Combined - Total number 4055	
DIAGNOSIS	% of Total
Disruptive	34%
Depression	18%
Mood	16%
Anxiety	12%
Adjustment	11%
Psychosis	3%
Other	6%
Co-Occurring Disorders	16%

Data from VCBH, 2009.

Trauma-Exposed Individuals

Various categories were chosen to represent this category including elder and dependent adult abuse, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), homelessness, and children exposed to domestic violence. Additionally, it was suggested that child abuse be considered. As child referral for either abuse or neglect is considered the most reliable indicator of child abuse, the reader is directed to the following section titled Children/Youth in Stressed Families where that indicator is covered.

Elder/adult abuse is defined as abuse perpetrated on adults who are 65 years or older, or on dependent adults aged 18 through 64 who have either a mental disability, physical disability, or developmental disability that prevents them from advocating for themselves or protecting themselves and/or their assets. **Table 9** displays the incidences of elder/adult abuse in Ventura County in calendar years 2007 and 2008. As with previous indicators it is important to look at the percentage of cases that occurred in each city as compared to the percentage of population within that area. The data show high incidences of elder/adult abuse in Area 2 compared to population. Area 3 also has a higher ratio of cases to population, although not quite as much of a disparity as found in Area 2.

Table 9. Elder/Adult Abuse in Ventura County, 2007 and 2008

	Place	Population	# of Cases Calendar Year 2007	# of Cases Calendar Year 2008	% of total Population	% of Cases Calendar Year 2007	% of Cases Calendar Year 2008
	Ventura County	753,197	1,516	1,696	100%		
Area 1	Fillmore	13,643	42	34	2%	3%	2%
	Piru	1,196	5	3	0%	0%	0%
	Santa Paula	28,598	58	61	4%	4%	4%
	Area 1 Total	43,437	105	98	6%	7%	6%
Area 2	Ojai	7,862	62	65	1%	4%	4%
	Ventura	100,916	279	337	13%	18%	20%
	Area 2 Total	108,778	341	402	14%	22%	24%
Area 3	Camarillo	57,077	175	189	8%	12%	11%
	Oxnard	170,358	399	435	23%	26%	26%
	Port Hueneme	21,845	54	72	3%	4%	4%
	Area 3 Total	249,280	628	696	33%	41%	41%
Area 4	Thousand Oaks	117,005	126	143	16%	8%	8%
	Westlake Village	8,368	18	32	1%	1%	2%
	Area 4 Total	125,373	144	175	17%	9%	10%
Area 5	Moorpark	31,415	40	35	4%	3%	2%
	Simi Valley	111,351	181	215	15%	12%	13%
	Area 5 Total	142,766	221	250	19%	15%	15%

Source: VC, Adult Protective Services.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a serious and potentially devastating disorder. There are not hard data on the incidence of this disorder in the county, perhaps because people tend not to be clinically diagnosed with this syndrome. The National Institute for Mental Health lists many factors that may play a part in whether a person will get PTSD. This list of risk factors include living through dangerous events and traumas, having a history of mental illness, getting hurt, seeing people hurt or killed, feeling horror or helplessness or extreme fear, having little or no social support after the event, pain and injury, dealing with extra stress after the event (such as with the loss of a loved one), or loss of a job or home. VC PEI work groups are urged to take these factors into account as they review the data for making recommendations.

One of the indicators in this category is homelessness. For the purposes of this data collection it was decided to use the actual counts of people on the streets, emergency shelters, or transitional housing for homeless persons as collected by the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition. The point of comparison is the area's percent of the total population to the percent of total homeless, adults or children as displayed in **Table 10**. Note in Area 2 the high rate of homelessness in both cities compared to the percentage of population, and the high rate of homelessness in Oxnard in Area 3, especially the percent of children.

Table 10. Homeless Count in Ventura County as of January 23, 2007

	Place	Population	Total # of Homeless	# of Adults	# of Children	% of total Pop	% of Total Homeless	% of Adults	% of Children
	Ventura County	753,197	1,961	1,679	282	100%			
Area 1	Fillmore	13,643	5	5	0	2%	0%	0%	0%
	Piru	1,196	n/a	n/a	n/a	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Santa Paula	28,598	97	74	23	4%	5%	4%	8%
	Area 1 Total	43,437	102	79	23	6%	5%	5%	8%
Area 2	Ojai	7,862	82	79	3	1%	4%	5%	1%
	Ventura	100,916	588	541	47	13%	30%	32%	17%
	Area 2 Total	108,778	670	620	50	14%	34%	37%	18%
Area 3	Camarillo	57,077	10	10	0	8%	1%	1%	0%
	Oxnard	170,358	671	558	113	23%	34%	33%	40%
	Port Hueneme	21,845	9	9	0	3%	0%	1%	0%
	Area 3 Total	249,280	690	577	113	33%	35%	34%	40%
Area 4	Thousand Oaks	117,005	81	65	16	16%	4%	4%	6%
	Westlake Village	8,368	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Area 4 Total	125,373	81	65	16	17%	4%	4%	6%
Area 5	Moorpark	31,415	13	13	0	4%	1%	1%	0%
	Simi Valley	111,351	163	146	17	15%	8%	9%	6%
	Area 5 Total	142,766	176	159	17	19%	9%	9%	6%

Data from Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, Homeless Count 2007.

The data for children exposed to domestic violence comes from Interface Children Family Services (ICFS), which operates the 211 emergency line and provides domestic violence services to those in need across the county. Of the domestic violence calls received by 211 Ventura County, during the period of January 2008 - December 2008, **217** children aged 5 and under were in the homes of callers. In 2008, the IFCS domestic violence emergency shelter provided shelter for **56** children and referred **232** children to other domestic violence programs. Also in 2008, the total number of children aged 17 and younger whose parents accessed the emergency call line was **821**.

Children/Youth in Stressed Families

There were several indicators chosen by the Planning Committee as representative of children and youth in stressed families. The data include poverty, unemployment rate, the incidence of single parent families and of all parents in the workforce, childcare/preschool facilities compared with parents in the work force, children placed in out-of-home care, foster care, and child abuse referrals for abuse or neglect.

The indicator for poverty is the percentage of households that live on an income that is considered 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or less. As seen in **Table 11**, Area 1 has the highest rate of poverty followed by Areas 2 and 3. Unemployment rates are also displayed in **Table 11** with the highest incidence in Area 1, followed by Area 3 and 2.

Table 11. Rates of Poverty and Unemployment in Ventura County

Area	Place	% Households at or Below 200% FPL	% Unemployment Rate
1	Fillmore	38.4%	11.4%
	Piru	41.8%	14.0%
	Santa Paula	42.8%	13.2%
	Area 1 Total	41.4%	13.0%
2	Ojai	38.8%	10.5%
	Ventura	31.5%	7.2%
	Area 2 Total	32.0%	7.4%
3	Camarillo	24.7%	5.7%
	Oxnard	33.6%	10.9%
	Port Hueneme	41.1%	8.8%
	Area 3 Total	31.7%	9.5%
4	Thousand Oaks	19.0%	6.2%
	Westlake Village	15.1%	4.8%
	Area 4 Total	18.7%	6.0%
5	Moorpark	16.9%	7.4%
	Simi Valley	18.2%	6.6%
	Area 5 Total	18.0%	6.7%

Federal Poverty Level - Source: U.S. Census, 2000.

Unemployment - Source: CA Employment Development Dept., Preliminary December 2008 numbers, not seasonally adjusted.

Table 12 lists the percentage of single parent families and households with both parents in the workforce. The 2000 Census defines that variable as families with a female householder, with no husband present, with related children under 18 years of age, or in other words "single mom" families. Area 2 has the highest rate of single moms followed by Area 3. Area 1 has the lowest incidence of single moms. The percentages of households with both parents in the workforce is fairly stable across all five areas.

Table 12. Incidence of Single Parent Families and All Parents in the Labor Force

Area	Place	% Single Parent Families	% All Parents in Labor Force
1	Fillmore	15.4%	58.5%
	Piru	11.1%	37.6%
	Santa Paula	9.4%	48.0%
	Area 1 Total	10.6%	50.8%
2	Ojai	22.2%	39.1%
	Ventura	21.1%	57.7%
	Area 2 Total	21.2%	56.6%
3	Camarillo	14.1%	55.3%
	Oxnard	17.4%	52.4%
	Port Hueneme	22.7%	52.7%
	Area 3 Total	17.1%	53.0%
4	Thousand Oaks	12.6%	49.6%
	Westlake Village	12.8%	46.4%
	Area 4 Total	12.6%	49.4%
5	Moorpark	11.1%	54.2%
	Simi Valley	13.8%	55.6%
	Area 5 Total	13.2%	55.2%

Single Parent Families - Source: U.S. Census, 2000 (Families with female householder, no husband present, with related children under 18 years of age/family households with own children under 18).

All Parents in Labor Force - Source: U.S. Census, 2000 (All parents in family in labor force/ number of women[over 16 years old] with own children under 6 years old).

As per the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network, 2007 Portfolio, there are an estimated 89,840 children aged 0-13 with both parents in the labor force countywide and an estimated 25,866 child care slots or 29% of the total. It is important to note that the number of slots are for licensed care and do not take into account that many children are looked after by a relative or an older sibling. Infant/toddler care represents 2% of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

As seen in **Table 13**, there were 343 children in the county placed in out-of-home care during fiscal year 2006/07, and 314 placed in out-of-home care during fiscal year 2007/08. As with many other tables in this report, it is important to focus on the percent of the total children removed as compared to the percent of the population represented by each area. Area 3 has the highest disparity in cases of children removed with 49% in FY 2006/07, but with 33% of the total population of the county. However, in FY 2007/08 the percentage of cases falls to 38%. Area 2 has the next greatest difference in percentage with 20% of the cases in FY 2006/07 and 19% of the cases in FY 2007/08, but with 14% of the total population. **Table 13** also displays the numbers of children in foster care as of December 2008. Two-fifths (40%) of foster children are placed in Area 3 as compared to 33% of the population. It is important to note the caveat that these numbers reflect what area in which the children were actually placed, not necessarily where they originally lived.

Table 13. Children Removed from Home and Children in Foster Care in Ventura County

	Place	% of total Pop	# Children Removed from Home FY 06/07	% of Total Children Removed from Home FY 06/07	# Children Removed from Home FY 07/08	% of Total Children Removed from Home FY 07/08	# Children in Foster Care as of 12/31/08	% of Total Children in Foster Care as of 12/31/08
Area	Ventura County	100%	343	100%	314	100%	605	100%
1	Fillmore	2%	8	2%	6	2%	7	1%
	Piru	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Santa Paula	4%	13	4%	16	5%	33	5%
	Area 1 Total	6%	21	6%	22	7%	20	3%
2	Ojai	1%	5	1%	9	3%	13	2%
	Ventura	13%	62	18%	51	16%	79	13%
	Area 2 Total	14%	67	20%	60	19%	92	15%
3	Camarillo	8%	19	6%	19	6%	76	13%
	Oxnard	23%	140	41%	83	26%	150	25%
	Port Hueneme	3%	8	2%	18	6%	17	3%
	Area 3 Total	33%	167	49%	120	38%	243	40%
4	Thousand Oaks	16%	8	2%	11	4%	20	3%
	Westlake Vil.	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Area 4 Total	17%	8	2%	11	4%	20	3%
5	Moorpark	4%	15	4%	12	4%	16	3%
	Simi Valley	15%	36	10%	45	14%	97	16%
	Area 5 Total	19%	51	15%	67	21%	113	19%

Source: VC Human Services Agency.

Location for children in foster care is where they were actually placed. An additional

74 foster children from Ventura County were placed in other California counties or out of state.

The number of child abuse/referrals for Fiscal Year 2007/08 are displayed in **Table 14**. Almost one-half of the cases (45%) took place in Area 3 as compared to 33% of the population. Area 2 also had a much higher incidence of cases as compared to the percentage of the population (21% and 14% respectively).

Table 14. Child Abuse Referrals in Ventura County, Fiscal Year 2007/08

	Place	# Child Abuse or Referrals FY 07/08	% Child Abuse or Referrals FY 07/08	% of total Population
Area	Ventura County	8,139	100%	100%
1	Fillmore	222	3%	2%
	Piru	37	0%	0%
	Santa Paula	444	5%	4%
	Area 1 Total	703	9%	6%
2	Ojai	165	2%	1%
	Ventura	1,521	19%	13%
	Area 2 Total	1,686	21%	14%
3	Camarillo	508	6%	8%
	Oxnard	2,742	34%	23%
	Port Hueneme	420	5%	3%
	Area 3 Total	5,356	45%	33%
4	Thousand Oaks	550	7%	16%
	Westlake Vil.	n/a	n/a	1%
	Area 4 Total	550	7%	17%
5	Moorpark	242	3%	4%
	Simi Valley	761	9%	15%
	Area 5 Total	1,003	12%	19%

Source: VC Human Services Agency.

Children/Youth at Risk for School Failure

The Planning Committee came up with a very large number of data indicators for this particular priority population. Rather than list all of those many categories here, they will be introduced table by table. The data in this section will be listed by school district and tallied within each Area as appropriate. Not all of the data will be applicable for all school districts as some are elementary districts, other are high school districts, and yet others are unified school districts. **Table 15** lists the school districts that will be considered for this population.

Table 15. List of School Districts in Ventura County, 2007-08 Enrollment

Area	School District	2007-08 Enrollment
1	Briggs Elementary	425
	Fillmore Unified	3,812
	Mupu Elementary	127
	Santa Clara Elementary	53
	Santa Paula Elementary	3,680
	Santa Paula Union High	1,748
2	Ojai Unified	3,225
	Ventura Unified	17,330
3	Hueneme Elementary	8,084
	Mesa Union Elementary	571
	Ocean View Elementary	2,476
	Oxnard Elementary	15,280
	Oxnard Union High	16,480
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	7,133
	Rio Elementary	4,150
	Somis Union	527
4	Conejo Valley Unified	21,162
	Oak Park Unified	3,742
5	Moorpark Unified	7,418
	Simi Valley Unified	21,032

Source: California Department of Education.

Table 16 displays the high school dropout rates and the one-year graduation rates for students in Ventura County. The district with the highest dropout rate is Oxnard Union High in Area 3 followed by Mesa Union in Area 3, Ventura Unified in Area 2, and Fillmore Unified in Area 1. Oxnard Union High in Area 3 has the lowest graduation rate followed by Ventura Unified in Area 2, Mesa Union in Area 3, and Fillmore Unified in Area 1.

Table 16. High School Dropout Rates and Graduation Rates in Ventura County

Area	School District	High School Dropout Rates			Graduation Rates		
		04/05	05/06	06/07	04/05	05/06	06/07
1	Fillmore Unified	0.7%	2.9%	2.1%	94.0%	90.5%	92.1%
	Santa Paula Union High	0.3%	0.2%	0.8%	98.3%	98.8%	95.8%
2	Ojai Unified	0.3%	0.6%	1.7%	98.2%	97.7%	94.5%
	Ventura Unified	2.7%	2.1%	1.1%	89.2%	89.3%	92.6%
3	Mesa Union	n/a	2.2%	3.0%	95.0%	88.2%	94.7%
	Oxnard Union High	3.8%	2.5%	3.3%	83.7%	84.6%	82.2%
4	Conejo Valley Unified	0.3%	0.8%	0.9%	97.6%	95.6%	95.9%
	Oak Park Unified	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	100.0%	99.7%	99.7%
5	Moorpark Unified	0.6%	3.6%	2.5%	95.4%	86.7%	89.5%
	Simi Valley Unified	1.5%	2.6%	2.6%	90.3%	88.2%	88.8%

Source: California Department of Education.

1 Year dropout rate formula: $(\text{grade 9-12 Dropouts}/\text{grade 9-12 Enrollment}) * 100$.

1 Year graduation rate formula based on the NCES definition: Number of graduates (year 4) **divided by** number of graduates (year 4) + grade 9 dropouts (year 1) + grade 10 dropouts (year 2) + grade 11 dropouts (year 3) + grade 12 dropouts (year 4).

The Planning Committee also wanted to look at the truancy rates. Those data are displayed in **Table 17**. Truancy rates vary greatly across type of school district, and by area. The school district with the highest incidence of truancy is Santa Paula Union High in Area 1 followed by Oxnard Union High and Oxnard Elementary in Area 3. Additionally, Rio Elementary in Area 3 has seen a large increase in its truancy rate over the last year.

Suspensions and expulsions of students is another indicator of those at risk for school failure. **Table 18** lists the rates of students who have been either suspended or expelled, and as a subset those who have been specifically expelled for violence or drugs. The highest rates of suspensions/expulsions are found in Oxnard Union High and Oxnard Elementary in Area 3, and Fillmore Unified and Santa Paula Union High in Area 1. Also, there is a moderate rate of suspensions in Simi Valley Unified in Area 5. There was a large increase in the rate during 2007/08 at Santa Paula Union High for suspensions/expulsions for violence or drugs, which is also reflected in the total incidence of suspensions/expulsions.

Table 17. Truancy Rates in Ventura County

Area	School District	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	Briggs Elementary	3%	2%	3%
	Fillmore Unified	4%	51%	25%
	Mupu Elementary	7%	1%	2%
	Santa Clara Elementary	2%	11%	4%
	Santa Paula Elementary	16%	22%	18%
	Santa Paula Union High	53%	75%	62%
2	Ojai Unified	4%	4%	4%
	Ventura Unified	15%	12%	12%
3	Hueneme Elementary	24%	26%	2%
	Mesa Union Elementary	38%	39%	35%
	Ocean View Elementary	0%	0%	0%
	Oxnard Elementary	41%	42%	46%
	Oxnard Union High	51%	59%	36%
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	6%	29%	36%
	Rio Elementary	13%	13%	50%
Somis Union	1%	2%	21%	
4	Conejo Valley Unified	18%	29%	30%
	Oak Park Unified	1%	20%	15%
5	Moorpark Unified	22%	19%	32%
	Simi Valley Unified	38%	38%	36%

Source: California Department of Education.

Table 18. Suspension/Expulsion Rates in Ventura County

		Suspensions/Expulsions For Violence/Drugs			Suspensions/Expulsions Total		
Area	School District	05/06	06/07	07/08	05/06	06/07	07/08
1	Briggs Elementary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Fillmore Unified	7%	7%	10%	18%	17%	17%
	Mupu Elementary	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%
	Santa Clara Elementary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Santa Paula Elementary	5%	5%	5%	8%	9%	9%
	Santa Paula Union High	7%	8%	33%	13%	13%	45%
2	Ojai Unified	3%	5%	5%	4%	8%	8%
	Ventura Unified	5%	5%	5%	8%	10%	9%
3	Hueneme Elementary	4%	5%	4%	6%	8%	8%
	Mesa Union Elementary	2%	4%	1%	3%	5%	2%
	Ocean View Elementary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Oxnard Elementary	6%	8%	5%	14%	19%	13%
	Oxnard Union High	5%	8%	10%	5%	21%	31%
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	3%	2%	2%	6%	6%	5%
	Rio Elementary	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	6%
	Somis Union	0%	2%	4%	0%	2%	6%
4	Conejo Valley Unified	4%	4%	3%	8%	6%	7%
	Oak Park Unified	3%	1%	2%	5%	4%	3%
5	Moorpark Unified	4%	4%	3%	7%	7%	7%
	Simi Valley Unified	3%	4%	3%	9%	12%	11%

Source: California Department of Education.

The committee was also interested in looking at class size and at the pupil-teacher ratio. Class size is simply the average number of students per classroom. It is important to remember that within the unified school districts, the average class size takes in to account classrooms at the elementary level through high school. So, while there may be smaller class sizes at the elementary level, the larger classrooms in high school will bring the average up. The pupil-teacher ratio is enrollment divided by the number of full-time equivalent teachers. Because some teachers are not assigned to a classroom, the pupil-teacher ratio is usually smaller than the average class size. **Table 19** displays the average class size and pupil-teacher ratio for each district.

Table 19. Average Class Size and Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Ventura County

		Average Class Size			Pupil-Teacher Ratio		
Area	School District	05/06	06/07	07/08	05/06	06/07	07/08
1	Briggs Elementary	23.8	26.0	27.3	20.5	22.4	22.8
	Fillmore Unified	27.2	26.4	26.0	21.4	20.9	21.6
	Mupu Elementary	17.0	21.0	18.6	19.1	20.0	18.7
	Santa Clara Elementary	23.5	18.5	18.5	18.0	18.0	17.7
	Santa Paula Elementary	24.3	24.5	23.5	21.2	21.6	19.7
	Santa Paula Union High	29.3	30.6	28.3	25.7	25.0	23.8
2	Ojai Unified	27.1	26.4	25.6	22.5	21.6	21.8
	Ventura Unified	27.7	28.4	27.1	21.0	21.5	24.2
3	Hueneme Elementary	27.4	26.9	26.9	21.9	21.6	22.7
	Mesa Union Elementary	26.1	30.0	na	24.9	25.2	25.2
	Ocean View Elementary	25.1	27.2	26.3	19.8	20.1	19.7
	Oxnard Elementary	25.7	26.1	25.7	21.2	22.1	22.6
	Oxnard Union High	28.6	28.6	28.2	24.1	25.8	25.2
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	28.2	26.9	26.3	22.0	21.3	20.5
	Rio Elementary	25.5	25.8	26.2	21.3	22.5	22.9
	Somis Union	24.5	25.2	22.8	24.4	18.2	16.9
4	Conejo Valley Unified	28.3	28.2	27.1	22.7	22.6	21.4
	Oak Park Unified	28.4	28.2	26.3	21.6	21.6	21.5
5	Moorpark Unified	27.7	27.0	25.9	21.4	21.1	22.2
	Simi Valley Unified	28.7	27.7	26.7	23.2	23.4	23.1

Source: California Department of Education.

Academic Performance Index (API) scores are a possible indicator of youth who may be at risk for school failure. The higher the API, the better the students are performing in school. As shown in **Table 20**, the school districts with the lowest API scores can be found in Areas 1 and 3.

Table 20. API Scores in Ventura County

		API Score		
Area	School District	05/06	06/07	07/08
1	Briggs Elementary	735	719	691
	Fillmore Unified	691	694	699
	Mupu Elementary	765	786	770
	Santa Clara Elementary	905	904	939
	Santa Paula Elementary	665	696	715
	Santa Paula Union High	625	628	666
2	Ojai Unified	779	794	794
	Ventura Unified	763	777	786
3	Hueneme Elementary	694	700	697
	Mesa Union Elementary	818	835	818
	Ocean View Elementary	694	702	706
	Oxnard Elementary	652	673	688
	Oxnard Union High	658	669	673
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	827	837	846
	Rio Elementary	651	677	676
	Somis Union	731	721	727
4	Conejo Valley Unified	846	864	853
	Oak Park Unified	880	882	866
5	Moorpark Unified	804	811	819
	Simi Valley Unified	797	797	802

Source: California Department of Education.

A high number of English learners within a school district may be an indicator of students who struggle with the curriculum. The percentage of English learners within each school district is listed in **Table 21**. The highest rate of English learners is found at Santa Paula Elementary in Area 1. There are also high rates at Fillmore Unified in Area 1, and at Hueneme Elementary, Ocean View Elementary, Oxnard Elementary, and Rio Elementary in Area 3.

Table 21. English Learners in Ventura County

		English Learners		
Area	School District	05/06	06/07	07/08
1	Briggs Elementary	14%	18%	24%
	Fillmore Unified	39%	36%	38%
	Mupu Elementary	23%	21%	21%
	Santa Clara Elementary			
	Santa Paula Elementary	60%	56%	59%
	Santa Paula Union High	19%	24%	25%
2	Ojai Unified	14%	13%	14%
	Ventura Unified	14%	15%	15%
3	Hueneme Elementary	46%	48%	50%
	Mesa Union Elementary	7%	7%	7%
	Ocean View Elementary	54%	56%	59%
	Oxnard Elementary	43%	46%	46%
	Oxnard Union High	23%	24%	23%
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	10%	10%	11%
	Rio Elementary	42%	37%	42%
	Somis Union	17%	21%	22%
4	Conejo Valley Unified	9%	9%	10%
	Oak Park Unified	2%	3%	2%
5	Moorpark Unified	17%	18%	19%
	Simi Valley Unified	9%	10%	10%

Source: California Dept. of Education.

The data in the following tables have been taken from the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS). Districts participate in this survey to gather self-reported data by 7th graders, 9th graders, 11th graders, and non-traditional (NT) students on such risk factors as alcohol and drug use, harassment and bullying, and taking weapons to school. The survey instrument also has questions used to measure resiliency factors such as school connectedness and relationships with caring adults. Districts administer the survey every two years. It is important to keep in mind while looking at these data that the information is self-reported, and may not be completely factual. Also, it is a different group of 7th graders or 9th graders or 11th graders taking the survey two years later on. **Tables 22 - 27** display the CHKS data that have been collected for this process. Each table includes all school districts within a particular Area. The one exception is Area 3, which has one table for elementary schools, which covers 7th graders, and another table for the high school. The data are divided by risk factors and resiliency factors. A higher percentage on the risk factors and a lower percentage on the resiliency factors could be a sign of children or youth at risk for school failure. The descriptor of "alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)" refers to either alcohol or drugs, and was not reported for districts in Area 2.

Table 22. CHKS Data for School Districts in Area 1

RISK FACTORS	Fillmore Unified							Santa Paula Elementary (7th Grade) and Santa Paula Union High (9th, 11th grades)					
	7th		9th		11th		NT**	7th		9th		11th	
	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2008	2006	2008	2005	2007	2005	2007
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)		22%		35%		35%	69%		30%		41%		44%
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	23%	21%	34%	31%	36%	31%	65%	22%	7%	29%	33%	36%	43%
Binge drinking	8%	10%	17%	17%	21%	17%	na	10%	8%	14%	16%	17%	24%
Report taking a gun to school	8%	5%	8%	7%	4%	4%	16%		5%	7%	7%	2%	6%
Report taking other weapons to school	12%	9%	9%	9%	12%	6%	18%		8%	13%	12%	9%	8%
Been bullied or harassed on school property	28%	35%	30%	36%	38%	27%	33%		34%		26%		21%
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		29%		33%		38%	35%		29%		32%		32%
RESILIENCY FACTORS													
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	24%	35%	30%	29%	26%	45%	33%	28%	35%	39%	23%	44%	31%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	45%	57%	35%	41%	34%	53%	36%	40%	68%	55%	41%	53%	46%
High level of meaningful participation in school	16%	16%	22%	14%	18%	17%	8%	10%	12%	22%	10%	14%	14%
High level of total assets	27%	36%	30%	31%	28%	40%	26%	25%	33%	19%	20%	22%	32%
High level of school connectedness		39%		30%		40%	35%		49%		33%		45%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		70%		64%		68%	53%		65%		60%		67%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		73%		58%		70%	49%		63%		62%		67%
High level of meaningful participation in community		48%		42%		50%	16%		41%		32%		42%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?"

** Non-traditional student.

Table 23. CHKS Data for School Districts in Area 2

RISK FACTORS	Ojai Unified						Ventura Unified						
	7th		9th		11th		7th		9th		11th		NT**
	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2008
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)													
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	14%	12%	30%	35%	42%	42%	16%	16%	36%	32%	44%	44%	
Binge drinking	7%	3%	15%	20%	32%	30%	5%	7%	18%	17%	29%	30%	
Report taking a gun to school	7%	4%	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	
Report taking other weapons to school	10%	9%	11%	6%	12%	14%	12%	12%	15%	13%	13%	11%	
Been bullied or harassed on school property	30%	34%	30%	34%	23%	26%	36%	38%	38%	32%	30%	28%	
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		24%		41%		34%		26%		31%		36%	44%
RESILIENCY FACTORS													
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	38%	44%	31%	26%	30%	39%	33%	36%	31%	41%	47%	48%	39%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	54%	59%	44%	44%	36%	46%	46%	55%	42%	54%	52%	57%	54%
High level of meaningful participation in school	14%	20%	8%	14%	13%	12%	16%	15%	13%	14%	18%	14%	57%
High level of school assets	35%	43%	31%	23%	30%	32%	33%	34%	29%	36%	41%	39%	39%
High level of school connectedness		54%		34%		36%		49%		47%		44%	49%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		80%		70%		66%		70%		69%		69%	58%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		81%		71%		68%		71%		69%		70%	60%
High level of meaningful participation in community		70%		52%		50%		55%		49%		46%	28%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?"

** Non-traditional student.

Table 24. CHKS Data for Elementary Schools in Area 3

RISK FACTORS	Hueneme Elementary		Mesa Union Elementary		Oxnard Elementary		Pleasant Valley Elem.		Rio Elementary	
	7th		7th		7th		7th		7th	
	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)		19%		8%		24%		19%		25%
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	21%	17%	13%	6%	19%	20%	13%	15%	12%	21%
Binge drinking	7%	7%	2%	0%	7%	8%	6%	6%	12%	9%
Report taking a gun to school	8%	5%	2%	4%	9%	7%	7%	5%	12%	6%
Report taking other weapons to school	16%	11%	4%	4%	16%	14%	12%	12%	18%	11%
Been bullied or harassed on school property	32%	30%	29%	33%	35%	31%	36%	33%	29%	34%
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		32%		15%		34%		23%		33%
RESILIENCY FACTORS										
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	32%	37%	43%	48%	35%	35%	30%	35%	24%	28%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	49%	61%	57%	62%	44%	59%	46%	53%	35%	47%
High level of meaningful participation in school	14%	12%	11%	20%	17%	12%	17%	14%	0%	8%
High level of total assets	30%	33%	30%	56%	32%	32%	33%	32%	24%	23%
High level of school connectedness		48%		65%		41%		55%		32%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		62%		67%		60%		67%		61%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		66%		67%		62%		69%		60%
High level of meaningful participation in community		37%		59%		37%		61%		36%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that stopped doing some usual activities?"

Table 25. CHKS Data for Oxnard Union High in Area 3

RISK FACTORS	Oxnard Union High				
	9th		11th		NT**
	2005	2007	2005	2007	2007
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)		35%		45%	71%
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	30%	32%	43%	41%	63%
Binge drinking	13%	17%	24%	24%	41%
Report taking a gun to school	5%	7%	4%	6%	
Report taking other weapons to school	13%	12%	11%	9%	
Been bullied or harassed on school property	26%	29%	25%	24%	27%
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		37%		35%	51%
RESILIENCY FACTORS					
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	25%	30%	31%	36%	38%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	35%	46%	41%	47%	51%
High level of meaningful participation in school	11%	10%	17%	14%	7%
High level of total assets	22%	27%	31%	30%	28%
High level of school connectedness		43%		42%	48%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		62%		62%	54%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		65%		63%	59%
High level of meaningful participation in community		38%		41%	20%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks you stopped doing some usual activities?"

** Non-traditional student.

Table 26. CHKS for School Districts in Area 4

RISK FACTORS	Conejo Valley Unified							OakPark Unified						
	7th		9th		11th		NT**	7th		9th		11th		NT**
	2005	2007	2005	2007	2005	2007	2007	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2008
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)									8%		22%		43%	79%
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	7%	7%	23%	20%	38%	39%		17%	7%	24%	20%	39%	38%	
Binge drinking	1%	3%	10%	10%	20%	27%		5%	1%	9%	7%	29%	24%	
Report taking a gun to school	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%		3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	
Report taking other weapons to school	7%	7%	9%	7%	7%	5%		7%	6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	
Been bullied or harassed on school property	25%	28%	26%	29%	23%	28%		32%	31%	25%	28%	24%	20%	
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		21%		26%		31%	47%		22%		27%		29%	53%
RESILIENCY FACTORS														
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	46%	44%	29%	35%	37%	42%	50%	38%	40%	32%	40%	42%	43%	55%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	61%	66%	41%	51%	45%	52%	54%	56%	61%	47%	55%	46%	50%	50%
High level of meaningful participation in school	23%	19%	15%	16%	17%	18%	21%	21%	14%	13%	17%	21%	13%	24%
High level of total assets	48%	45%	29%	36%	36%	39%	47%	40%	39%	30%	38%	39%	37%	41%
High level of school connectedness		63%		60%		57%	40%		66%		64%		60%	61%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		77%		74%		73%	50%		68%		71%		71%	59%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		78%		75%		73%	54%		72%		77%		71%	62%
High level of meaningful participation in community		69%		64%		63%	21%		72%		69%		69%	39%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?"

** Non-traditional student.

Table 27. CHKS for School District in Area 5

RISK FACTORS	Moorpark Unified							Simi Valley Unified						
	7th		9th		11th		NT**	7th		9th		11th		NT**
	2006	2008	2006	2008	2006	2008	2008	2005	2007	2005	2007	2005	2007	2007
Alcohol and other drug use (within the last 30 days)		14%		26%		37%	59%		13%		32%		42%	80%
Alcohol (only) use (within the last 30 days)	11%	12%	25%	22%	31%	34%	51%	11%	9%	25%	29%	38%	37%	74%
Binge drinking	3%	4%	14%	13%	21%	24%	42%	3%	3%	12%	16%	22%	24%	63%
Report taking a gun to school	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%		3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	
Report taking other weapons to school	11%	13%	11%	8%	11%	10%		9%	9%	10%	8%	9%	9%	
Been bullied or harassed on school property	34%	37%	27%	32%	34%	30%			31%		31%		25%	
Feelings of sadness or hopelessness*		26%		26%		31%	35%		26%		30%		34%	43%
RESILIENCY FACTORS														
High level of caring relationships with adults in school	35%	33%	29%	37%	31%	44%	38%	34%	33%	24%	29%	32%	32%	48%
High level of high expectations from adults in school	51%	52%	40%	52%	32%	56%	46%	54%	56%	36%	47%	40%	42%	63%
High level of meaningful participation in school	16%	14%	13%	14%	15%	17%	14%	15%	15%	10%	10%	15%	14%	16%
High level of total assets	38%	34%	29%	38%	27%	41%	27%	36%	33%	24%	28%	30%	29%	49%
High level of school connectedness		49%		53%		48%	37%		52%		44%		45%	63%
High level of caring relationships with adults in community		69%		71%		68%	67%		73%		71%		69%	55%
High level of high expectations from adults in community		67%		72%		70%	59%		73%		72%		69%	53%
High level of meaningful participation in community		60%		61%		53%	24%		61%		53%		50%	18%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

* "During the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more that you stopped doing some usual activities?"

** Non-traditional student.

There is a fairly significant percentage of students who report taking a gun or other weapon to school. The actual numbers for weapons confiscated in school are much lower, as would be expected, than as reported by these students. **Table 28** displays the actual total of weapons confiscated from students in the county during 2007 and 2008.

Table 28. Actual Counts of Weapons Confiscated from Students in Ventura County

Actual Juvenile Arrests/Citations for Weapons on Campus:	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2-year total</u>
Oxnard Police Department	44	52	96
Santa Paula Police Department	9	7	16
Simi Valley Police Department	3	4	7
Ventura County Probation Agency	1	0	1
Ventura County Sheriff's Department	35	34	69
Ventura Police Department	18	28	46
Totals	110	125	235

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Another data indicator decided upon for this section is preschool participation. **Table 29** lists the percentage of preschool participation by school district. The data for this category is not necessarily a one-for-one comparison by school district, and is noted as such on the table. Both the highest and lowest participation in the county are found in Area 4. Additionally, there is a very high rate of preschool participation in Area 2.

Table 29. Preschool Participation in Ventura County

		Preschool Participation 07/08
Area	School District	
1	Briggs Elementary	20%
	Fillmore Unified	38%
	Mupu Elementary	20%
	Santa Clara Elementary	20%
	Santa Paula Elementary	20%
2	Ojai Unified	94%
	Ventura Unified	90%*
3	Mesa Union Elementary	41%*
	Pleasant Valley Elementary	100%
	Port Hueneme Elementary	27% and 34%
	Somis Union	41%*
	Oxnard Elem/Rio Elem	32%
	Oxnard Elem/Rio Elem/ VCOE	57%
	OxnardElem/Pt.H Elem/Ocean View Elem	36%
4	Conejo Valley Unified	97%
	Oak Park Unified	10%
5	Moorpark Unified	50%
	Simi Valley Unified	46%

Source: American Institutes for Research Early Learning Systems: "Master Utilization Spreadsheet for Ventura County." Research based on children 4 years of age in 2006. Percentages based on simple unmet need (demand minus supply).

** One zip code in the Ventura Unified School District includes Mesa Union Elementary in Area 3.*

Mesa Union and Somis Union were combined into one area.

Port Hueneme Elementary is served by 2 zip codes with different participation rates.

The last 3 entries in Area 3 include a zip code where a student might attend any one of the schools listed.

The committee was also interested in finding out about Preschool expulsions for this priority population. According to a report out of the Yale University Child Study Center in 2005 the PreK expulsion rate in California is 7.49 children expelled per 1000 students. Rates are highest for older preschoolers and African-Americans nationally. Boys are 4 1/2 times more likely to be expelled than girls, and rates are highest in faith-affiliated centers and for-profits. The estimated number of PreK children expelled in California in 2001 was 1008 out of an estimated preschool enrollment of 134,612.

The final indicator for children/youth at risk for school failure is the incidence of teen pregnancy. As reported by Ventura County's Health Status Profile for 2008 the 3-year average (2004-2006) for teen pregnancies (girls aged 15-19) is 34.3 per thousand. That rate is not constant across the county, though. There are several "hot spots" across the county for teen births, which are displayed in **Table 30**. These data are from a 2000 study that show many of the these locations are in Area 3 and Area 1. The highest incidence is in El Rio with 111.5 births per 1000.

Table 30. Teen Birth "Hot Spots" in Ventura County, 2000

Area	City	Census tract	Zip code	Births per 1000
1	Santa Paula	6.00	93060	88.9
	Santa Paula	4.00	93060	74.6
	Fillmore	3.02	93015	65.0
	Santa Paula	7.00	93060	63.4
	Fillmore	3.01	93015	60.2
3	El Rio	50.02	93030	111.5
	Oxnard	38.00	93033	93.2
	Oxnard	44.00	93033	86.6
	Oxnard	45.01	93033	84.7
	Oxnard	47.05	93041	84.7
	Port Hueneme	49.00	93041	84.7
	Oxnard	32.01	93030	84.4
	Oxnard	39.00	93033	81.6
	Oxnard	40.00	93033	80.9
	Oxnard	45.03	93033	78.6
	Oxnard	37.00	93033	78.0
	Oxnard	43.02	93033	77.3
	El Rio	50.01	93030	76.4
	Oxnard	45.04	93033	74.9
	Oxnard	47.02	93041	73.3
	Oxnard	34.01	93030	71.8
	Oxnard	34.02	93030	71.4
	Oxnard	31.00	93030	66.4
	Oxnard	32.02	93030	65.9
	Oxnard	30.02	93030	65.7
Oxnard	42.00	93033	64.9	
Oxnard	41.01	93033	62.0	
5	Simi Valley	78.00	93065	85.2
	Simi Valley	77.00	93065	65.1

Source: Child Care Planning Council of Ventura County. "2005 Ventura County Child Care Needs Assessment."

Children/Youth at Risk of or Experiencing Juvenile Justice Involvement

Several data indicators were decided to be looked at for this priority population by the Planning Committee. These include juvenile arrest data, youth in custody for non-violent offenses, gang participation, and youth on probation. Additionally, the Committee wanted to view school discipline statistics. The data for this last indicator can be found in **Table 18** in the Children/Youth at Risk for School Failure section. Suspensions and expulsions for violence and/or drugs are a subset of total suspensions and expulsions, and a decision was made to place both of those indicators in the same table for comparison purposes.

Data for juvenile arrests and youth in custody for non-violent offense were obtained for January 4, 2009, or a "snapshot" in time. On that date, there were 164 minors booked in Ventura County Juvenile Facilities. Of those, 89 (54%) were booked for non-violent offenses. These data are displayed in **Table 31**.

Table 31. Minors in Ventura County Juvenile Facilities on January 4, 2009

	Detention	Commitment	Total
All Minors Booked	80	84	164
Minors Booked for Non-Violent Offenses	34 (43%)	55 (65%)	89 (54%)
Detention = Pre-adjudicated/pre-sentence offender population within the Juvenile Facilities. Commitment = Post-adjudication/post-sentence offender population within the Juvenile Facilities serving a Court-ordered commitment as part of the offender's sanction for delinquent behavior.			

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Booking charges only were used in compiling this data.

Involvement and participation in gangs put youth at a very strong risk of experiencing the Juvenile Justice system. One of the questions asked by the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) is if the student belongs to a gang. The thinking is that youth are proud to belong to a gang and do not hesitate to report this. On the other hand, because CHKS data are self-reported, it is hard to truly know if the numbers are overinflated. **Tables 32** and **33** display the CHKS survey data collected regarding gang participation. In Area 3, 7th graders (with the exception of Mesa Union Elementary) marked a higher gang involvement rate than did the 9th and 11 graders. This same pattern is also seen in the Fillmore Unified District in Area 1, Ventura Unified District in Area 2, Oak Park Unified District in Area 4, and Moorpark Unified in Area 5.

Table 32. CHKS Data for Gang Involvement for Area 3

Hueneme Elementary		Mesa Union Elementary		Oxnard Elementary		Pleasant Valley Elem.		Rio Elementary		Oxnard Union High			
7th Grade		7th Grade		7th Grade		7th Grade		7th Grade		9th Grade	11th Grade		
<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
11%	10%	6%	4%	11%	11%	13%	8%	0%	10%	9%	10%	8%	8%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

Table 33. CHKS Data for Gang Involvement for Areas 1,2,4,5

Area 1	Fillmore Unified						Santa Paula Elementary (7th Grade) and Santa Paula Union High (9th, 11th grades)					
	7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade		7th Grade		9th Grade		11th grade	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
	9%	12%	6%	9%	8%	10%	7%	7%	10%	11%	5%	11%
Area 2	Ojai Unified						Ventura Unified					
	7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade		7th Grade		9th Grade		11th grade	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
	11%	5%	10%	7%	8%	16%	9%	12%	10%	10%	8%	8%
Area 4	Conejo Valley Unified						Oak Park Unified					
	7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade		7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>
	6%	6%	6%	10%	5%	8%	8%	10%	4%	6%	7%	7%
Area 5	Moorpark Unified						Simi Valley Unified					
	7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade		7th Grade		9th Grade		11th Grade	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>
	10%	12%	8%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	10%	8%	10%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey.

In contrast to the CHKS self-reported data, **Table 34** shows the documented gang members in the county as compiled by the Ventura County Probation Agency as of January 2009. The numbers do not mean that all listed members are "active" at the same time. Many of these gang members are incarcerated, and others have relocated to create distance between themselves and their gang. By law, an individual needs to have 5 years of gang inactivity before they are purged from the gang database. Oxnard, in Area 3, has the largest number individuals in gangs. There are six active, traditional Hispanic criminal street gangs. Colonia Chiques falls in this category, and is by far the largest gang in Oxnard and in Ventura County with over 1000 documented members. Two other Hispanic gangs in that city have been inactive for some time. Additionally, there are two active, non-Hispanic gangs in Oxnard.

The gang problem is not limited to Area 3. There are documented gang members in all five areas of the county. Note the large number of gang members in Ventura in Area 2, as well as another gang in Santa Paula in Area 1 with 150 members.

Table 34. Documented Gang Members in Ventura County by Area

	City	Gang Name	Documented Members
Area 1	Fillmore	Little Boyz	60-75
	Fillmore	East Side Fillmore	50
	Santa Paula	Crimies	150
	Santa Paula	Crazy Boyz	50
	Santa Paula	12th Street Locos	50-75
	Santa Paula	Party Boyz	60-75
	Santa Paula	Bad Boyz	50
Area 2	Ojai Valley	Ojai Surenos Locos	30
	Ojai Valley	Meiner Oaks Boys	n/a
	Ojai Valley	Oak View Boys	n/a
	Ventura	CabrilloVillage/Campo	100
	Ventura	East Side Montalvo	100
	Ventura	East Side Saticoy	100
	Ventura	Pierpont	40
	Ventura	Ventura Avenue Gangsters	450
	Ventura	White Supremacist	n/a
Area 3	Hispanic		
	Oxnard	Colonia Chiques	1000
	Oxnard	Southside Chiques	200
	Oxnard	El Rio	100-300
	Oxnard	Lemonwood Chiques	30
	Oxnard	Loam Flats	30
	Oxnard	SurTown	50
	Oxnard	Squires Drive	10-15
	Non-Hispanic		
	Oxnard	Satanas	15
	Oxnard	Black Mafia Gang (BMG)	50
Area 4	Thousand Oaks	TOCAS	30
	Thousand Oaks	MS-13 (all originally from L.A.)	12
Area 5	Moorpark	Moorpark Locos	55
	Simi Valley	Varrío Simi Valley	20
	Simi Valley	West Side Locos	30
	Simi Valley	Brown Life Familia	10

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

The last indicator for this priority population is concerned with youth on probation. **Table 35** shows the number of juvenile probationers within each area. The percent of probationers in each area is displayed next to the percent of the population in that area. The largest disparity between the two is seen in Area 3 with 33% of the population and 50% of juvenile probationers in the county. This is directly attributable to Oxnard with 23% of the county's population and 40% of county's probationers. Disparities are also found in Area 1 with 6% of the county's population and 13% of probationers, and in Area 2 with 14% of the county's population and 18% of probationers.

Table 35. Juvenile Probationers in Ventura County as of December 31, 2008

	Place	# of Juvenile Probationers	% of Juvenile Probationers	% of total Population
Area	Ventura County	2,760	100%	100%
1	Fillmore	151	5%	2%
	Piru	19	1%	0%
	Santa Paula	187	7%	4%
	Area 1 Total	357	13%	6%
2	Ojai	59	2%	1%
	Ventura	436	16%	13%
	Area 2 Total	495	18%	14%
3	Camarillo	192	7%	8%
	Oxnard	1,103	40%	23%
	Port Hueneme	89	3%	3%
	Area 3 Total	1,384	50%	33%
4	Thousand Oaks	122	4%	16%
	Westlake Village	10	0%	1%
	Area 4 Total	188	7%	17%
5	Moorpark	125	5%	4%
	Simi Valley	211	8%	15%
	Area 5 Total	336	12%	19%

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Juvenile probationers across the five areas have varying demographic characteristics. **Tables 36 - 40** display those similarities and differences across the five areas. There are far more males on probation across all areas (ranging from 76% - 82% of the probationers). Hispanics comprise the greatest percentage of juvenile probationers in Areas 1 and 3, while in Areas 2 and 5 there are somewhat equal numbers of white and Hispanic probationers. In Area 4, approximately three-fifths (61%) of the probationers are white and one-third (32%) are Hispanic. Youth aged 16 - 18 comprise the greatest majority of probationers across all areas. Eighty percent or greater of probationers across all areas do not have a gang affiliation.

Table 36. Characteristics of Juvenile Probationers in Area 1 as of December 31, 2008

GENDER		AGE	
Female	20%	9	0%
Male	80%	10	0%
		11	0%
		12	1%
		13	5%
		14	6%
		15	13%
		16	15%
		17	20%
		18	15%
		19	11%
		20	13%
ETHNICITY		GANG AFFILIATION	
American Indian	0%	No Association	80%
Asian Indian	0%	Northside Filtros - Lil Boyz	7%
Black	1%	Santa Paula 12th St. Locos	6%
Chinese	0%	Santa Paula Crimies	3%
Filipino	1%	Eastside Filtros	2%
Guamanian	0%	Other (4 gangs with 2 or fewer)	2%
Hawaiian	0%		
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican	87%		
Japanese	0%		
Korean	0%		
Other Asian	0%		
Pacific Islander	0%		
Samoan	0%		
Vietnamese	0%		
White	9%		
Other	0%		
Unknown	0%		

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Table 37. Characteristics of Juvenile Probationers in Area 2 as of December 31, 2008

GENDER		AGE	
Female	24%	9	0%
Male	76%	10	0%
		11	0%
		12	1%
		13	2%
		14	4%
		15	9%
		16	19%
		17	25%
		18	19%
		19	11%
		20	9%
ETHNICITY		GANG AFFILIATION	
American Indian	1%	No Association	88%
Asian Indian	0%	Ventura Avenue Gangsters	5%
Black	4%	Saticoy	1%
Chinese	0%	Pierpont Rats	1%
Filipino	0%	Ojai Surenos Locos	1%
Guamanian	0%	Other (12 gangs with 2 or fewer)	3%
Hawaiian	0%		
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican	42%		
Japanese	0%		
Korean	0%		
Other Asian	1%		
Pacific Islander	1%		
Samoan	0%		
Vietnamese	0%		
White	50%		
Other	0%		
Unknown	1%		

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Table 38. Characteristics of Juvenile Probationers in Area 3 as of December 31, 2008

GENDER		AGE	
Female	24%	9	0%
Male	76%	10	0%
		11	0%
		12	1%
		13	3%
ETHNICITY		14	7%
American Indian	0%	15	14%
Asian Indian	0%	16	17%
Black	4%	17	23%
Chinese	0%	18	18%
Filipino	1%	19	10%
Guamanian	0%	20	7%
Hawaiian	0%		
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican	81%	GANG AFFILIATION	
Japanese	0%	No Association	81%
Korean	0%	Colonia Chiques	11%
Other Asian	1%	Southside Chiques	2%
Pacific Islander	0%	El Rio - Trouble St.	1%
Samoan	0%	Lemonwood Chiques	1%
Vietnamese	0%	Surtown - Diablitos	1%
White	12%	Ventura Avenue Gangsters	1%
Other	0%	Other (23 gangs with 6 or fewer)	3%
Unknown	0%		

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Table 39. Characteristics of Juvenile Probationers in Area 4 as of December 31, 2008

GENDER		AGE	
Female	18%	9	0%
Male	82%	10	0%
		11	0%
		12	0%
		13	1%
		14	5%
		15	7%
		16	16%
		17	22%
		18	23%
		19	15%
		20	10%
ETHNICITY		GANG AFFILIATION	
American Indian	0%	No Association	88%
Asian Indian	0%	Tocas	5%
Black	3%	Conejo Valley Locos	5%
Chinese	0%	Morfes Locos	2%
Filipino	1%	Other (2 gangs with 1 member)	1%
Guamanian	0%		
Hawaiian	0%		
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican	32%		
Japanese	0%		
Korean	0%		
Other Asian	1%		
Pacific Islander	1%		
Samoan	0%		
Vietnamese	1%		
White	61%		
Other	2%		
Unknown	0%		

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Table 40. Characteristics of Juvenile Probationers in Area 5 as of December 31, 2008

GENDER		AGE	
Female	20%	9	0%
Male	80%	10	0%
		11	0%
		12	0%
		13	1%
		14	6%
		15	10%
		16	16%
		17	22%
		18	24%
		19	14%
		20	8%
ETHNICITY		GANG AFFILIATION	
American Indian	0%	No Association	83%
Asian Indian	0%	Morfos Locos	8%
Black	2%	Simi Valley Westside Locos	4%
Chinese	0%	The High Crew	1%
Filipino	1%	Colonia Chiques	1%
Guamanian	0%	Southside Chiques	1%
Hawaiian	0%	Varrio Simi Valle	1%
Hispanic/Latin/Mexican	46%	Non Stop Krew	1%
Japanese	0%	Other (3 gangs with 1 member)	1%
Korean	0%		
Other Asian	1%		
Pacific Islander	0%		
Samoan	0%		
Vietnamese	0%		
White	47%		
Other	1%		
Unknown	1%		

Source: Ventura County Probation Agency.

Stigma and Discrimination

The language of mental health providers was chosen as the data indicator for stigma and discrimination. Those who may wish to access mental health services, but are not able to find a provider who speaks their language may feel both stigmatized and discriminated against. **Table 41** displays the number of managed care private providers contracted with Ventura County Behavioral Health and the number within that group who speak a language other than English. Out of a total of 124 providers, 26 (21%) speak a language other than English.

Table 41. Managed Care Private Providers Contracted with Ventura County Behavioral Health as of January 22, 2009

	Place	Managed Care Private Providers	# Who Speak Languages Other than English	Other Languages Spoken
Area 1	Ventura County	124	26	
1	Fillmore	0	0	
	Piru	0	0	
	Santa Paula	1	0	
	Area 1 Total	1	0	
2	Ojai	8	3	German, Spanish, Hindi
	Ventura	56	11	ASL, Armenian, Swedish, Spanish
	Area 2 Total	64	14	
3	Camarillo	14	3	Spanish
	Oxnard	14	7	Farsi, German, Hebrew, Persian, Spanish
	Port Hueneme	0	0	
	Area 3 Total	28	10	
	Newbury Park	2	0	
	Thousand Oaks	9	1	Spanish
	Westlake Village	6	0	
	Area 4 Total	17	1	
5	Moorpark	3	1	Farsi
	Simi Valley	11	0	
	Area 5 Total	14	1	

Source: Ventura County Behavioral Health.

Ventura County's Workforce Education and Training component of the MHSa Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan identified the estimated number of public mental health workforce members who are proficient in a language other than English, and how many more multi-lingual staff are needed to provide needed services to the county. That report looked at community-based organizations and individuals in solo or small group practices who provide publicly-funded mental health services to the degree they comprise the county's mental health system workforce. The findings from that Three-Year Program component are found in **Table 42**. It is readily apparent that additional mental health staff who are proficient in Spanish need to be added to the workforce.

Table 42. Mental Health Workforce in Ventura County, Language Needs Assessment

Language, Other than English	Number Who are Proficient	Additional Number Who Need to be Proficient	Total Needed
Spanish Direct Service Staff	141	74	215
Spanish Other	45	10	55
Vietnamese Direct Service Staff	0	1	1
Vietnamese Other	3	0	3
Mandarin Direct Service Staff	4	0	4
Mandarin Other	1	0	1
Tagalog Direct Service Staff	7	0	7
Tagalog Other	3	0	3
American Sign Language Direct Service Staff	3	3	6
American Sign Language Other	2	0	2

Source: Ventura County - Mental Health Services Act (MHSa) Workforce Education and Training Component Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan, October 7, 2008.

Suicide Risk

Suicide risk is the final category for which the Planning Committee was interested in finding data indicators. The indicators that were decided upon for this section include suicide attempts, number of suicides, and postpartum depression.

It is hard to get a handle on suicide attempts because these instances are not always documented. They are documented in controlled settings such as juvenile facilities. According to the Ventura County Probation Agency, during the calendar year 2008 there were 14 suicide attempts at juvenile facilities in the county. These juveniles ranged in age from 15-18. Two were female and 12 were male. Fortunately, none of the attempts were successful.

According to the Ventura County Medical Examiner's office, the number of suicides across the county do not fluctuate much on a yearly basis, and tend to be fairly stable. The average number of deaths by suicide in the county between calendar years 2005 and 2008 was 84 with a range between 80 and 88. **Table 43** displays the number of suicides within each city for calendar years 2007 and 2008. It is important to note that the number of suicides in an area is based on where the suicide took place, and not necessarily the city of residence of the victim. Area 2 has a much higher percentage of suicides than would be represented by the population. In particular, while Ojai has 1% of the county's population, in 2007 it had 5% of the county's suicides and in 2008 it had 13% of the county's suicides. Area 3 had a much lower percentage of suicides than represented by its population. This is a direct effect of the number in Oxnard with 23% of the county's population, and 12% of the suicides in 2007 and 7% of the suicides in 2008.

Table 43. Suicide Deaths in Ventura County: 2007 and 2008

	Place	% of total Population	# of Suicides in CY 2007	% of Suicides in CY 2007	# of Suicides in CY 2008	% of Suicides in CY 2008
Area	Ventura County	100%	85	100%	84	100%
1	Fillmore	2%	2	2%	1	1%
	Piru	0%	0	0%	0	0%
	Santa Paula	4%	4	5%	2	2%
	Area 1 Total	6%	6	7%	3	4%
2	Ojai	1%	4	5%	11	13%
	Ventura	13%	17	20%	12	14%
	Area 2 Total	14%	21	25%	23	27%
3	Camarillo	8%	6	7%	6	7%
	Oxnard	23%	10	12%	6	7%
	Port Hueneme	3%	2	2%	2	2%
	Area 3 Total	33%	18	21%	14	17%
4	Thousand Oaks	16%	15	18%	14	17%
	Westlake Village	1%	0	0%	0	0%
	Area 4 Total	17%	15	18%	14	17%
5	Moorpark	4%	6	7%	3	4%
	Simi Valley	15%	11	13%	14	17%
	Area 5 Total	19%	17	20%	17	20%

Source: Ventura County Medical Examiner.

Currently, there are a couple of postpartum depression studies going on in Ventura, but definitive numbers or percentages of the population have not yet been ascertained. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the rate of postpartum depression across the nation is between 12% and 20%. Those mothers who are most at risk include teenagers, those with less than a high school education, smokers, Medicaid patients, victims of physical abuse before or after pregnancy, and those under financial stress during pregnancy.