Learning Conversation Notes		
Name of Partner: Placer Women's	<b>Date:</b> 02-28-2005	
Center-PEACE for Families		
Number of Children Served:	Ages: 1 yr	(2), 2 yr (3), 4 yr (2), 5 yr (5)
12		
When Served:	Gender:	Ethnicity:
07-01-2004 to Present	6 M	3 Caucasian
	6 F	7 Hispanic
		2 African Amer.

### **Conversation Participants:**

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#### Outcomes:

- Mothers use positive communication and parenting to keep their children safe, healthy, at home, learning, and supported.
- A financial sustainability plan will exist.
- Performance Measures:
- Demographics (age, gender, and when service was provided)
- Placer Early Childhood Outcome Screens
- The financial sustainability plan

### What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes?

Age groups of children are fairly evenly spread out, but ethnically heavily weighted to Hispanic

First screen indicates on entry to the shelter, the children are really in crisis. While there is some positive development, emotionally the children are in bad shape. While the children are all fed and clothed, they are lacking in the nurturing needs that promote positive developmental growth

For Indicator 3, (Not at risk of injury or illness) most are rated at 3, they will need continuing support, probably long term.

Just by entering the shelter, most of the children have been removed from the hazardous environment, and immediate therapy is provided. Improvement of the children's emotional development is often demonstrated by oppositional behavior and being withdrawn

11 of the twelve who entered the shelter have shown improvement and moved on to another safe housing facility. Most are still getting support/services.

## What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes? (Con't)

Structure in the shelter helps educate the children and parents in acceptable behavior, and the parenting classes help the mothers to cope and relate to their children in more positive ways. Modeling good behavior is emphasized and is effective in educating both the moms and their children

Many of these moms have exhausted all outside support, so they are very isolated. Also most mothers from a violent domestic environment do not have strong bonds with their children.

Anecdotal stories indicate that being in a safe environment has a major impact in the emotional development of the child

There is a capital campaign to build a new shelter which includes the sustainability for this program

The agency is in the process of reorganization, and there are plans to find a new Fund Developer. So far PEACE has been able to secure 140 new donors.

# In what ways will we apply what we have learned from our data?

PEACE needs assistance in finding jobs for the moms so that they can become self-sustaining (including job training and transportation)

### Other points that were made during the conversation:

Investigate with the Vital Statistics or County Recorders Office to help these families to get the documentation needed in order to register for other necessary services.

Get these families hooked up with other services like PCOE Child Development Services so they have somewhere to go for childcare when they leave the shelter

### **Next Steps:**

Write down anecdotal stories, and try to capture more stories to tie to the outcome screens.

Follow up with other partners to help provide assistance for the exiting families. For example PCOE- State preschools and Early Head Start

Requesting more support for data technical assistance and analysis

Provide more support for staff development and training

Increase number of socialization options including finding other resources

Meet again for next learning conversation August 05