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County of Orange Social Services Agency Publishes Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Annual Report

Agency Report Spotlights Positive Impacts Made to the Community

Orange County, Calif. (February 21, 2019) – Today the County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA) released its annual report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, covering the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The report highlights the agency's accomplishments and initiatives, and shares positive impacts SSA has made to the community as a whole, serving over one in four county residents.

The annual report features SSA's efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable children, adults and families, including:

- **Increased homeless outreach services** to the Riverbed, Plaza of the Flags and at the Courtyard and Bridges shelters to ensure those most in need were connected to crucial benefits and services.

- **Expanded food access** with the pilot phase of Restaurant Meals Program (RMP). RMP allows eligible homeless, elderly and disabled CalFresh recipients more options to access hot meals at participating restaurants. With the success of the pilot phase, the program is being expanded countywide, enabling greater food access to more residents.

- **Stronger families, stronger communities:** SSA provided essential family strengthening services through our Families and Communities Together (FaCT) Family Resource Centers to more than 6,000 families.

According to SSA Director Debra J. Baetz, "SSA is charged with protecting and providing for our residents in need. This is a great responsibility we take seriously and work diligently to achieve." Director Baetz continues, "We are proud of all we accomplished as an agency in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and we look forward to continuing to serve our community, offering enhanced services. "

To read the full report, please visit https://cms.ocgov.com/gov/ssa/about/plan.asp

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