

**HEALTH COMMISSION**

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 045-85

RESOLUTION DECLARING A POLICY TO INCREASE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 125,000 children under the age of 18 residing in San Francisco, and that number represents approximately 18% of the total population; and

WHEREAS, the existing mental health system does not provide the full range of mental health services needed to serve the population of mentally ill children in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Health Commission is dedicated to increasing mental health services to children until a full range of mental health services is funded through Community Mental Health Services division of the Department of Public Health; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commission declares a policy that funding for children's services not be reduced from the 1985-86 budgeted amount, and that any reduction from this base would require formal approval from the Commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission declares a policy that children's services be increased each year starting July, 1986 until a complete continuum of mental health services for children and adolescents is available; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission requests the department to implement this policy by increasing the funding for children's services by at least 5% of the 1985-86 budget for children's mental health services and that this increase be funded by reallocating funds from existing programs within Community Mental Health Services budget.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission  
at its meeting of September 17, 1985*

  
Secretary