

HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
RESOLUTION NO. 9-96

**SUPPORTING COMPREHENSIVE ADOLESCENT
HEALTH PLANNING AND COORDINATION**

WHEREAS, adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 and 24 years comprise a youth population of 114,634 people in San Francisco and this youth population is 12% African-American, 19% Latino, 34% Asian/Pacific Islander, 34% White, and 1% other; and,

WHEREAS, these youth are passing through normal developmental phases that involve risk-taking and experimentation which place them at high risk and which require significant support and guidance to ensure positive problem-solving skills development; and,

WHEREAS, both the Adolescent Health Survey and the SB 697 Needs Assessment conclude that in San Francisco this is an age group at high risk for health problems which are well suited for prevention and intervention, including sexually transmitted diseases, HIV infection, homicide, suicide, substance abuse, unintended pregnancies, late prenatal care and infants born low birthweight; and,

WHEREAS, these health problems have costly and/or long-term consequences for the individuals affected and their families, as well as the community as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, pending State and Federal legislative proposals for health care reform do not address the comprehensive health care needs of adolescents, now, therefore; be it

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health recognizes youth as an underserved population in San Francisco which requires dedicated services; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public health will define and seek to assure a minimum of standard of care for comprehensive health services for the youth population of San Francisco, and seek to assure that these standards be adopted by public and private providers, including Health Maintenance Organizations plans; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health will incorporate the findings from both SB 697 and the Adolescent Health Survey in all local, State and Federal forums where objectives for performance partnership agreements are developed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Health continue to seek general funds, grants and revenues for wraparound services, including medical, mental health and substance abuse services, which are essential to the effective provision of comprehensive health care services for this population; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department's reorganization and strategic planning efforts take into account the opportunity to intervene with effective prevention programs and wraparound services targeting San Francisco adolescents.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission at its meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 1996.



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Executive Secretary to
the Health Commission