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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** November 10, 2015

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Presentation by the Community Support Network of Nevada County and Resolution of Support for the Children's Bill of Rights (CBoR) for Nevada County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** The Community Support Network of Nevada County (CSN) is an inclusive, voluntary association of agencies and individuals from the Nevada County community who share a common mission: *That all families in Nevada County have ready access to a well-integrated and coordinated support network that is easily available and well funded.*

The CSN grew organically when a small number of agencies working to support families decided to come together with the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) to ensure that services provided were meeting needs and to identify and fill gaps in these services. The successful nature of these gatherings with support and funding from First 5 Nevada County and CAPC nurtured a real sense of collaboration and the seed began to grow.

There are now over 60 member organizations that include government agencies, education agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, parents, faith-based groups and others interested in improving the quality of life for children and families in our community.

The CSN meets monthly to share ideas, learn about area programs and collaborations, and discuss matters affecting Nevada County families. They work together to build skills and abilities that will sustain and improve our individual and collaborative efforts to serve the community. By holding regular, focused meetings, the CSN improves and fosters communication, coordination and collaboration of both public and private agency services for families. They advocate for families by identifying, raising awareness, building recognition and enhancing visibility around existing and emerging issues that strengthen families and improve the health and quality of life for people in our community – especially those facing challenges and whom are often underserved.

The Community Support Network of Nevada County would like to take this opportunity to present and ask for the Board’s support of the “Children’s Bill of Rights for Nevada County”. Other communities such as: Solano, Santa Clara, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Napa, Contra Costa County, Merced, and Central California (Fresno and surrounding San Joaquin Valley) have endorsed similar bills of rights. The attached Resolution proclaims our aspirations that all young people in our community regardless of language, culture, gender or gender identity, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, religion or abilities have the right to:

- feel safe in homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities,
- basic essentials including nutritious food, housing, clothing, and transportation,
- accessible, coordinated, and timely physical, dental, and mental health care,
- supportive, nurturing relationships with adults in their lives,
- a healthy environment, including clean air and water,
- be respected and valued as individuals,
- high quality child care and educational settings from birth through independence,
- a voice in matters that may affect them, and
- DREAM BIG, to be challenged, and to live their lives with hope and inspiration.

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors approves the attached Resolution as supporting healthy environments for children to develop can help advance a child’s prospect for a healthy future which in turn can help create healthy, thriving communities.

**Item Initiated by:** Mike Dent  
**Approved by:** Mike Dent