



**Collin County Commissioners
Court Presentation
July 13, 2009**

Children First! Collin County Coalition

Beyond ABC: Growing Up in Collin County

- Modeled after Dallas reports published 1996-2007
- Comprehensive report on quality of life of children
- 61 indicators of child well-being
 - Health
 - Education
 - Safety
 - Economic Security
- Data for 1995 to 2004-2007



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Beyond ABC (con't)

- Engaged Community Advisory Board March 2007
 - Jr. League of Plano
 - Collin County Health Care and Juvenile Probation Services
 - Police department staff, school districts and non-profit agencies
- Identified indicators, gathered and analyzed data
- Developed consensus on issues and recommendations



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Beyond ABC Symposium – May 21, 2008

- Target Audience
 - Child serving agencies, civic and faith groups
 - Health care organizations
- Attended by over 90 Collin County advocates
- Announced formation of Collin County coalition
 - 30 organizations initially signed up
 - Kick-off meeting held June 18, 2008



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First Year Highlights

- Background
 - Developed mission, vision and strategies
 - Established steering committee and five workgroups
 - Identified key focus areas
- Outcomes
 - 84 Member Organizations
 - 3,000 copies of *Beyond ABC* distributed
 - Sponsored two seminars focused on child safety and advocacy
 - Health seminar scheduled for September 2009
 - 2009 Legislative agenda established and approved by coalition
 - Public policy advocacy network in place



Children First! Collin County Coalition

- ***Collin County Does Write By Our Kids***
 - Partnership between Children First! and Collin County
 - Drive conducted July 13 to August 13, 2009
 - 10 sites located throughout Collin County
 - Supplies will be distributed to organizations within the coalition that serve children and families
 - Project will make a difference for many families in Collin County
- Visit www.childrenfirstcollincounty.com or contact Valerie at 469.303.4036 for more information

