

SAVE OUR KIDS

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- WHEREAS,** The California State PTA believes that children and youth are this country's best natural resource; and
- WHEREAS,** Cases of unwanted teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, child abuse and venereal disease are increasing in California and across the country; and
- WHEREAS,** Parents need support groups and access to information and assistance in nurturing children and youth; and
- WHEREAS,** Parents have years of experience that can be utilized to guide and enrich young people's lives; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA renew its commitment to parent education by forming study groups and task forces, and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA cooperate with community agencies serving children and youth to combat unwanted teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, child abuse and venereal disease; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA urge its units, councils and districts to establish support groups for creating and keeping open the lines of communication between parents and their children and to assist parents in assuming and maintaining the responsibility for the guidance of their children.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The National PTA and the California State PTA have many prior resolutions which speak to this resolution. This resolution is reaffirming PTA's dedication to this belief.

In light of today's increasing societal problems and severe cutbacks in services to children and youth in the schools and communities, all PTAs should encourage adults to help provide guidance for all children and youth, who are this country's best natural resource.

Parent education study groups can be support groups for helping parents keep the line of communication open between themselves and their children.

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PTAs can be instrumental in forming community networks of agencies and organizations that provide services for children and youth. Forming these networks reveals what services are available and eliminates duplication of efforts.

Adults can use their years of experience to enrich young people's lives by spending more time with them, listening to them and sharing and caring for their feelings.