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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/16/08

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SHORT TITLE Dona Ana CYFD Parent Child Education SB 70

ANALYST Lucero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$605.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 70 appropriates six hundred five thousand dollars (\$605,000) from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to implement the AVANCE parent-child education program to provide services to two hundred twenty-five families in Chaparral, Dona Ana, Organ, Vado and the Rincon-Placitas area in Dona Ana county.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of six hundred five thousand (\$605,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation is not part of the Executive recommendation for Children Youth and Families Department.

CYFD states that it is unknown at this time if the funds would be sufficient to provide educational services to 225 clients.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

AVANCE is a Spanish word meaning "to advance" or "to progress." The AVANCE Parent-Child Education Program focuses on parent education, early childhood development, brain development, literacy, and school readiness. The program serves predominantly poor Latino families in underserved communities. AVANCE's mission is "Unlocking America's Potential" and the program accomplishes this one child, one family, one community at a time by teaching parents to be advocates and role models for their children. Parents are taught that they are the first and most important teachers for their children. The nine-month core program caters to parents with children from 0-3 years of age, operating in housing projects, community centers and schools. AVANCE instructors guide parents through the stages of emotional, physical, social and cognitive development of their children with special topics that range from the importance of reading and effective discipline to nutrition. Parents also attend classes in literacy, learning English and attaining a GED.

The average AVANCE child is born and brought up in a low income family in which neither the father nor mother, if present, has completed high school or speaks English. The AVANCE program builds on resources that are well established in the community. One hour of each encounter with the families is dedicated to connecting families to community resources. In addition, the program model offers English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) classes for parents

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD is currently contracting for services using this model in Dona Ana County

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD's Office of Child Development currently manages the Dona Ana County AVANCE parent-child education program that is contracted to serve 40 families with children from birth to age four. If enacted, CYFD is able to absorb the increased monitoring of this program

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo.

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