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**Chino** is receiving the *100 Best* honor because of the many innovative policies and programs available for children, youth and families. Examples of these programs include: the *Training Young Kids for Early Success (TYKES) Program*, a partnership with the School District, the Chino YMCA, and the County that provides case management for parenting needs, health screenings, parent/child educational workshops, and behavioral assistance to promote positive social and emotional health of families with infants and toddlers; the *Students on a Rise (SOAR) after-school program for elementary age students*, conducted at five elementary school sites selected by need as demonstrated by low test scores, the program provides part-time city employees to assist students in improving tests scores and help with after school enrichment.

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**Irvine** is receiving the *100 Best* honor because of many innovative programs in place for children and youth. The Irvine Prevention Coalition (IPC) provides citywide leadership in support of youth drug and violence prevention and is comprised of parents, youth, nonprofit agencies, city, school district, law enforcement, religious, business, health care, and governmental representatives. The IPC provides opportunities for coordination and community oversight for prevention programs within Irvine, and maintains an ongoing needs assessment and evaluation component.

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**Long Beach** is receiving the *100 Best* honor, in part, because of the forward-thinking policies in place and innovative practices in place for children, youth and families. The city is home to over 150 public programs such as the Police Athletic League and mentoring program at local fire stations, as well as those sponsored by nonprofit organizations that serve youth, including Boys Scouts of America, Girls Scouts Council, Camp Fire USA, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and YMCA. Community leaders have created innovative policies that reflect that children are a high priority including: *The City of Long Beach Child Care Policy*, which includes an appointed child care coordinator and the development of the Community Plan for Shaping the Early Care and Education System; and *The Long Beach Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force* lead by faith-based, educational, youth, local government, law enforcement, business, media, neighborhood and nonprofit leaders.

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**Sacramento County** is receiving the *100 Best* honor, in part, because of many forward-looking groups and programs in place to benefit children and young people, including the Sacramento County Child and Family Policy Board, Children's Advocacy Roundtable and the Children's Coalition. Young people are also encouraged to take part in effecting change of their peers through programs such as The Sacramento City Youth Commission, established by the city council. This group consists of 15 youth appointed by the board of supervisors to be a voice for youth in local government.

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**San Jose** is receiving the *100 Best* honor because of the many innovative policies and programs available for children and youth. Some of San Jose's major accomplishments include: the creation of 28 Smart Start childcare Centers adding nearly 2,000 new childcare spaces; establishing the comprehensive San Jose After-School program that provides over \$7 million in local, state and federal funds; and the development of the Teacher Housing loan program that has invested over \$4 million over the past 3 years to provide housing loans to 500 teachers. Youth in San Jose take part in the creation of new programs through The San Jose Youth Commission.

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**San Mateo County** is receiving the *100 Best* honor for their many initiatives that focus on children and youth. Some examples include: the Shared Vision 2010 initiative, adopted by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; The *San Mateo County Children's Health Initiative*, ensuring that all San Mateo County children ages 0 through 18 have access to comprehensive health insurance coverage; *First 5 San Mateo County*, supporting early childhood programs providing education, healthcare, child care, and other programs for children ages 0-5; and the *Child Care Action Campaign*, endorsed by citizens, businesses, foundations, nonprofits, education, and public agencies, raises awareness about the need for quality early care and education.

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**Solano County**, California is receiving the 100 Best honor, in part, because Solano residents support the value of collaboration. The Children's Network, a private nonprofit organization that is designated by the County Board of Supervisors to advise on children's issues, and produce the Solano Children's Report Card and the Solano Children's Budget to aide in decision making for programs for young people. Additionally, The Solano Coalition for Better Health has achieved steadily rising rates of children with health coverage in an increasingly turbulent and volatile health care environment.

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