



# **Learning Forum Questions and Answers:**

**Putting it All Together**

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This document is a compilation of questions and answers from the Comprehensive Prevention Plan Learning Forums and Q&A Sessions. These questions were submitted in writing or asked live by the participants and were answered by the presenters.

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Thank you to our community of esteemed presenters for sharing their expertise and insight. We appreciate your time and commitment to this important work in support of California's children, families, and communities.



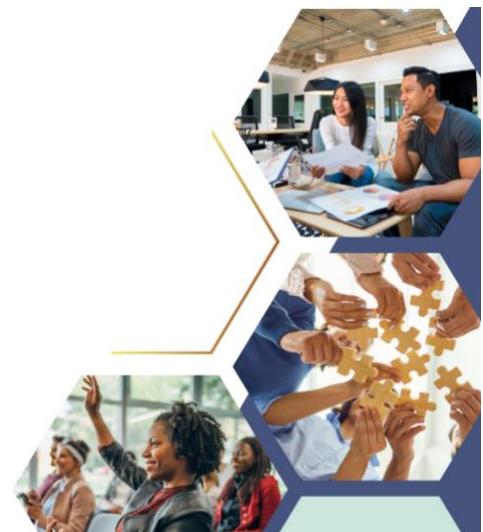
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## General Questions

- **Should counties wait to start the official Request for Proposal process until after the CPP is approved by CDSS?**
  - Counties should not wait, especially if they are clear on which community-based organizations or service providers, for example, they are working with.
  - Many jurisdictions have lengthy RFP Processes. When contracting for EBPs it may make sense to be transparent in the RFP that you are soliciting responses but may choose to delay decisions/awards until the CPP is approved. For the 10 EBPs included in the CA Prevention Plan, many other jurisdictions have received approval for these same EBPs. There is very low risk that these won't be approved in the CA plan.
- **How do we collaborate with county providers as we develop the CPP and avoid a conflict of interest in the RFP process?**
  - If you know you will launch an RFP at some point to implement aspects of the CPP, there is a delicate balance with potential applicants to consider. Providers are important in the CPP development process, their data can help you determine which candidate groups are most at risk, existing service provision capacity, and the location of the interventions of interest. If there are existing provider venues where information is shared and questions are answered, you may want to ask for time on each agenda to discuss the CPP and gather data. Seek guidance from contracts staff to help you determine if your planned agenda items avoid potential insider knowledge.
  - The service provider community and other community partners have a lot of data and information about the populations that the CPP is intended to serve. So, as that service provider or community partner, providing that sort of data and experience is helpful, especially if the services you are already providing are geared towards the target population that the county has identified. Provider and collaborative agencies have access to community members in ways that agencies do not. They are trusted people in the community, and they can serve as a conduit or a liaison to bring those community members to the table. If you are a community partner in this prevention conversation, we recommend thinking about your role as differently than a “service provider”, but as one that can provide data, information, and access to communities in ways that county government would not have.
  - It will be more effective for either the county or tribe to come to the table with a clearly articulated target population then be able to ask questions of service providers like, “Do we have the population articulated correctly based on what you see day-to-day”, “What have these folks told you they need when they access your services,” or “What is the most respectful way to approach the members of the target population.” Without knowing and agreeing upon a target population, it will be difficult to make any progress.



- **Should the CPP have recommended interventions for each tier of prevention? Does it have to be a primary EBP?**
  - No, we're not requiring that you have an EBP in each tier. We just ask that you have an EBP in your county prevention plan. You just need to have something that is working and that you know you can provide to your community.
- **Can counties amend and resubmit their CPP at any point throughout the next 3 years?**
  - There's flexibility to amend and we will issue instructions about that, as well as adjust our guidance based on the plans we receive. We are allowed to make changes to our plan following each submission and even after it is approved by the Federal Government. It's an iterative process and we intend to replicate that for the county CPPs.

