

# Child Abuse Prevention Month Webinar Series

Community Supporting:  
*The Paradigm Shift for County Child  
Welfare*

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
11:00am-12:30pm

# Agenda



- Welcome & Opening Remarks
- Presentation by Humboldt, Tulare, & Ventura
- Questions & Answer
- Closing



# Community Supporting: *The Paradigm Shift for County Child Welfare*

County name: **Humboldt County**

Presenter: **Ivy Breen**



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE (CPRG) ORIGINS

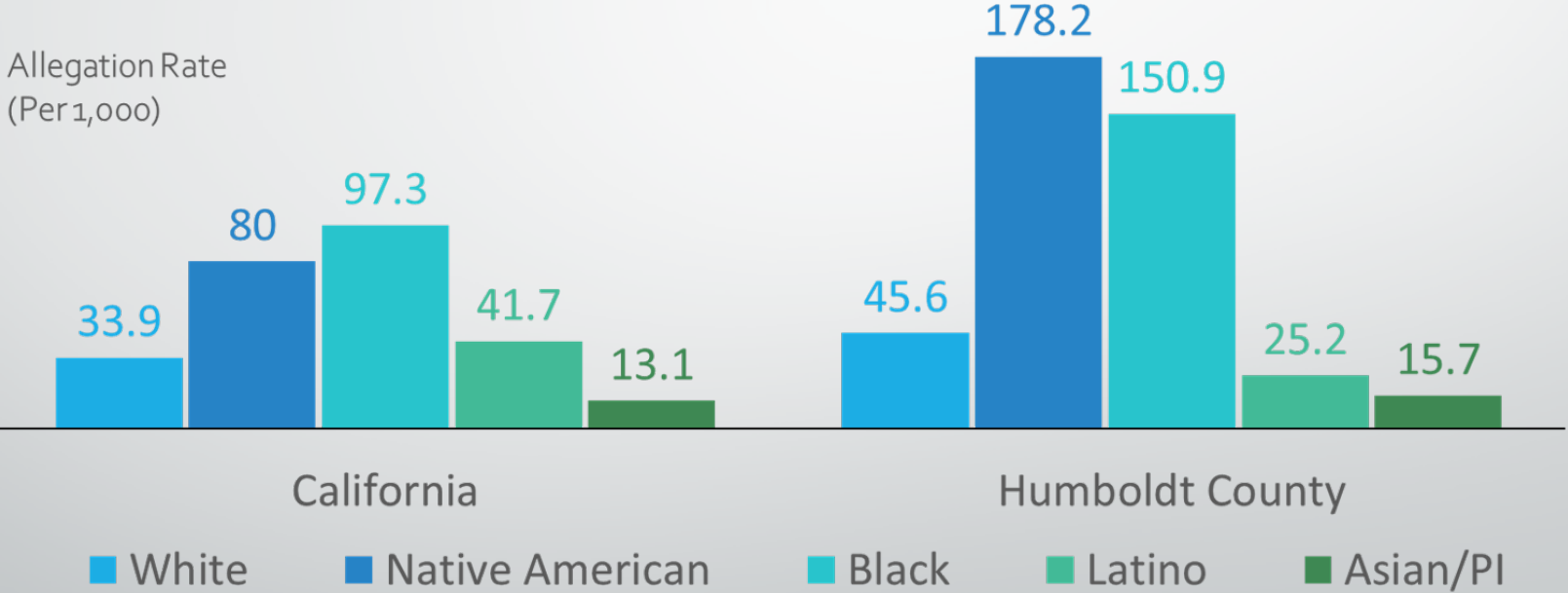
- Data analysis of reporting trends in Humboldt County conducted by Evident Change (EC)
- Data analysis resulted in recommendation for an Online Mandated Reporter Guide
- Development of an Online Mandated Reporter Guide was included in the County's Stipulated Judgment (California Attorney General) filed February 2018
  - One of over 30 requirements included in the Stipulated Judgment
- Contracted with Evident Change to develop the CPRG

# LOCAL TRENDS IN COMMUNITY REPORTING

California 2020		Humboldt County 2020	
<b>Allegation Rates</b> (per 1,000 children)	<b>43.4</b>	<b>Allegation Rates</b> (per 1,000 children)	<b>76.5</b>
<b>Evaluate-Out Rates</b> Proportion of reports that do not meet the threshold for child protection response.	<b>42%</b>	<b>Evaluate-Out Rates</b> Proportion of reports that do not meet the threshold for child protection response.	<b>64%</b>
<b>Investigation Rates</b> (per 1,000 children)	<b>31.2</b>	<b>Investigation Rates</b> (per 1,000 children)	<b>40.4</b>

# CONSIDERING EQUITY

## ALLEGATION RATE BY RACE/ETHNICITY 2020





# CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE (CPRG)

## PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

- Expands the structured decision making process to include:
  - Should this family be reported to CWS?
- Encourages slow, methodical thinking, rather than “Fast Thinking”.
  - Fast thinking often relies on intuition and can be influenced by emotion and bias.
- Encourages consistent, accurate and equitable decision making at the reporting level.
- Directs user to focus on the most critical pieces of information for the decision at hand.
- Intended to complement rather than replace critical thinking and does not prohibit a reporter from any course of action the reporter believes is appropriate.



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE (CPRG) ELEMENTS

- Supports multiple, multi-layered and complex concerns with multiple decision tree categories
- Includes definitions for all questions
- Provides contact information based on recommendation:
  - When recommended to “Report” – contact info for CWS provided, along with link to SCAR
  - When “Report not recommended” – Provides links to online resource guides to community services
- Includes information on CANRA and Mandated Reporting Laws as well as contact information for all Law Enforcement agencies in County
- Self-guided tutorials and training tools included in the CPRG

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE (CPRG) DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



# HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE (CPRG) LANDING PAGE



## HUMBOLDT CPRG

### WELCOME TO THE CHILD PROTECTION REPORTING GUIDE

#### PURPOSE

This CPRG is intended to assist reporters who are concerned about possible abuse or neglect of a child and who must decide whether to report their concerns to a child protection agency (CPA), which includes Child Welfare Services (CWS), Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), or any other law enforcement agency. When a report is recommended, this CPRG directs users to CWS.

The reporting decision is not an easy one, and the consequences of the decision are considerable. Humboldt County has undertaken the effort to develop a multidisciplinary reporting guidance tool in order to achieve the following goals.

- Assist reporters as they gain familiarity with the reporting threshold.
- Help ensure that children and families requiring a child protection response are promptly reported.
- Provide alternative options for reporters to assist children and families who would be better served outside of the statutory child protection system.
- Help child protection agencies increase direct family contact for reports requiring response by eliminating time spent on reports that could be diverted for more appropriate service(s).

This guide is intended to complement rather than replace critical thinking and does not prohibit a reporter from any course of action the reporter believes is appropriate. The guide incorporates design principles that help focus on the most critical pieces of information for the decision at hand. The guide reflects the consensus of multiple child protection agencies and community partners concerning situations that are best served through a formal child welfare response and those that are best served through alternative interventions.

Finally, this guide is a dynamic document. Continuing feedback and evaluation will be used to refine this site over time. If you have feedback on the CPRG, please email [cws-cprg@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:cws-cprg@co.humboldt.ca.us).

Need training on how to use the Child Protection Reporting Guide? Visit <https://docs.evidentchange.org/humboldtcprg/>

Get Started

# CPRG QUESTION EXAMPLE

← Start Over

**NEGLECT: PHYSICAL SHELTER/ENVIRONMENT**

MANUAL  
TUTORIAL  
PROCEDURES  
REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES  
CONTACT INFO  
WORKING ACROSS DIFFERENCES  
GLOSSARY  
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

**Does the current environment present imminent danger of serious harm to child?**

Yes  No

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**ANSWER "YES" IF**

- Child's current physical environment poses hazards that have affected or are likely to affect their health or safety—e.g., rotting food, pet feces, household member has hoarding behavior that has resulted or is likely to result in child's ongoing poor health or is a fire hazard.

OR

- Child's current physical environment exposes child to dangerous criminal activities—e.g., drug taking/selling, illegal sexual activities, gambling den in the home.

OR

- Child who is residing on the streets/beach/parks/etc. is in imminent danger of serious harm (see below. Click to view).

# HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mechanism to connect families to prevention/entitlement/support services/programs as the driver
- CPRG that structurally supports warm handoff and connection to prevention services/referrals
- Lead agency not CWS
- Strong support from prevention partners
- Commitment from mandated reporter community to participate in workgroup
- Readiness/buy-in from mandated reporter community
- Tribal consultation
- Agency identified early on for implementation/sustainability
- Evaluation and Continuous Quality Improvement



*Hindsight is  
20/20*



# THANK YOU!

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Link to Humboldt County Child Protection Guide (CPRG):

<https://cprg.app.evidentchange.net/humboldt/>



# Community Supporting: *The Paradigm Shift for County Child Welfare*

County name: **Tulare County**

Presenter: **Amanda Guajardo,  
Child Abuse Prevention Council**

every child



Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council



Tulare County  
Health & Human  
Services Agency



# 2022-23 CAPC MEMBERS



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Visalia Family Resource Center  
PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES



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## Breakfast Meeting with Amanda

Tuesday, March 7 - 9:00 - 10:00am

Component Coffee Lab (513 E Center Ave, Visalia, C...

2 guests

1 yes in a meeting room

1 awaiting



Amanda Guajardo 

Office - [Edit](#)



Courtney Sallam

Hi ladies,

I'm sending out a block for this breakfast meeting.  
The meeting will take place at the Component Coffee  
Lab 513 E Center Ave, Visalia. I've attached the menu.

Thank you,

How We Are  
Is Just As Important  
As What We Do



# DATA AND INFORMATION SHARING:

**CAPC ROLES:**



CATALYST

Inspires and promotes civic and community engagement in protecting children



CONVENER

Brings traditional and nontraditional partners together to impact the child maltreatment prevention agenda



COORDINATOR

Aligns the larger prevention effort with coordinated public awareness and education

**Tulare County CAPC Meeting Agenda**

Thursday, March 23rd, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

*\*Meeting will be held via Zoom*

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85194226159?pwd=hmNxa2o3aW5oWlkydUphNGVYeDVnZz09>  
 Meeting ID: 851 9422 6159 Passcode: 807420

Welcome/Introductions	Amanda Guajardo, Director
Review of Agenda	All Attendees
Presentation	The Relationship Foundation, Michael Jasz, Executive Director
Program Report:	
- Training/Outreach	Amanda Guajardo, Executive Director
- Strategic Planning Committee	Ernie Flores, Board President
- The Lisa Project Committee	Sara De Boef, TLP Coord.
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month	Amanda Guajardo, Executive Director
County CWS Statistics	HHSA/ CWS
Round Table/Announcements	All
Adjourn	

**NEXT CAPC MEETING WILL BE:**

Thursday, April 27th @ 3:00 pm



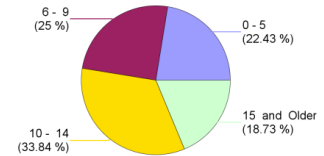
## Child Welfare Services - Tulare County Monthly Countywide Fact Sheet

Reporting Period: 2/1/2023 12:00:00 AM to 2/28/2023 12:00:00 AM

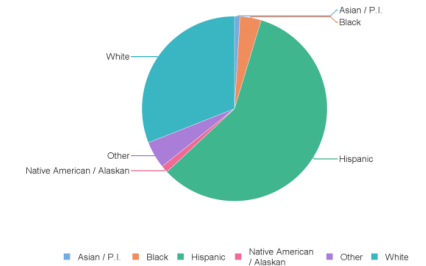
<b>Number of Children in Referrals (Duplicated):</b>	<b>1204</b>	
<b>Number of Children in Referrals (Unduplicated):</b>	<b>1052</b>	
Referral Response Type	Referral Count	%
10 Day	231	28.88 %
Evaluate Out	436	54.50 %
Immediate	125	15.63 %
Not Determined	8	1.00 %
<b>Total Referrals Received:</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>100%</b>

Disposition Type	# of Children	%
Inconclusive	28	25.93 %
Substantiated	19	17.59 %
Unfounded	61	56.48 %
<b>Total:</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Age of Children

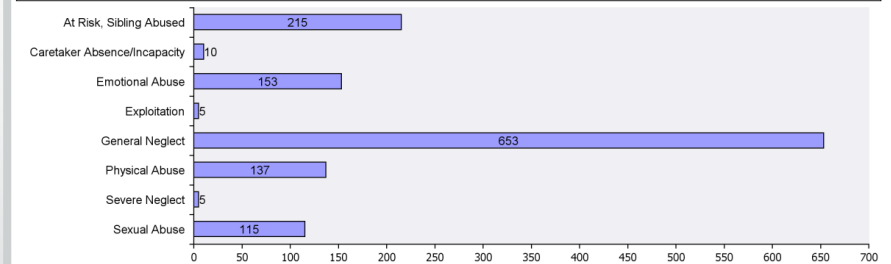


### Ethnicity of Children



0 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 14	15 and Older	Asian / P.I.	Black	Hispanic	Native American / Alaskan	Other	White
236 (22.43%)	263 (25.00%)	356 (33.84%)	197 (18.73%)	10 (0.95%)	39 (3.71%)	614 (68.37%)	13 (1.24%)	50 (4.75%)	326 (30.99%)

### Allegation



A photograph of a young child with dark hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, being held and comforted by an adult. The adult's hands are visible, one resting on the child's shoulder and the other on their back. The child has a somber expression. The background is a textured yellow fabric. In the top left corner, there are two orange squares. Overlaid on the image is the text: "Child abuse is everyone's business. If you see something, say something. Report it! You may save a child from harm." In the bottom right corner of the image, there is a blue watermark that reads "#StopChildAbuse #ChildrenMatter".

Child abuse is everyone's business.  
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**Over 1000 people have received training as Mandated Reporters, The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Protecting Children Online or any of our other 10 trainings we have developed.**



# *The Lisa Project*<sup>10</sup>

*Some secrets should be told...*

A **10 MINUTE** INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE ABOUT CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

**10**

**MINUTES OF YOUR TIME**

**10**

**MINUTES OF UNDERSTANDING**

**10**

**MINUTES THAT COULD CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE**



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County name: **Ventura County**

Presenters: **Laura Carmona, Ventura County Human Services Agency**

**Seleta Dobrosky, Ventura County Public Health**

**Kathleen Van Antwerp, Ventura County Partnership for Safe Families and Communities**



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR COUNTY'S DATA TRENDS



# VENTURA COUNTY DATA

- 38% of new child welfare cases are generated from 3 zip codes (93030, 93033, 93036) despite these zip codes only constituting 29% of the child population in Ventura County
- 87% of the children originating from these zip codes with an open CFS case are Latinx, whereas Latinx children are only 57% of the child population in Ventura County
- 20% of reports assigned for investigation were reported by mandated reporters in the area of Education
  - Of those reports – 94% were closed as unsubstantiated (Casey Family Programs)
- 35% of all children in placement were ages 0-5 (FY 22/23 county wide)

# NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

## Neighbors Together primary objectives:

- Decrease child welfare entry and re-entry in high entry neighborhoods
- Reduce child welfare disproportionality in high entry neighborhoods
- Increase partnerships with community based organizations
- Increase use of data-informed methods to implement best practice shifts in a culturally relevant, trauma-informed and family centered approach

## Outcomes over past 5 years:

- NT Zip Codes had a 49.7% decrease in foster care entry (39% for all other county zip codes)
- 35.4% of open cases in NT zip codes over the past 5 years have been Family Preservation cases (25.6% all other county zip codes)
- Best Practice Strategies include:
  - Cultivating Solutions mapping
  - Teaming units
  - Resource Navigator

# HEALTHY START

Healthy Start primary objectives:

- Prevention; Early Intervention
- Engage with families through Community Connections to build protective factors, heal from trauma, build network of support
- Support positive educational outcomes and family well being through collaboration and integration of school and home
- 2 School Districts; 6 school sites within NT zip codes

# VENTURA COUNTY HOME VISITING PROGRAMS



# NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- Launched in April 2020.
- Supports first time, low-income mothers (28 weeks gestation or earlier).
- Total of 9 PHNs and 2 Senior PHNs.
- Have served about 190 families to date.



# PARENTS AS TEACHERS

- Launched in April 2019.
- Parent education and family engagement.
- Total of 9 of Parent Educators.

# WELCOME EVERY BABY

- First 5 Ventura County launched this program in February 2023.
- Currently has 6 families enrolled.
- Provides 6-8 home visits with pregnant and new parents.
  - Support parents in bonding and playing with their infant.
  - Connect families to additional resources.
  - Provide tools to improve family well-being.
  - Incorporates screenings for SDOH, maternal depression, child development and ACEs.






VENTURA COUNTY  
CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION COUNCIL  
(CAPC)

# VENTURA COUNTY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL (CAPC)

## Partnership for Safe Families & Communities - CAPC

- Strengthening Families Collaborative-Monthly meeting hosted by the CAPC focused on uniting family service agencies. The primary objective is to lift, link, and leverage community resources to build the capacity of our child, youth, and family wellness system.
- Parent's Voice-Diverse group of parents with lived experience bringing their voice/insight to inform and strengthen our county-wide family service system. The Parent's Voice meetings are a safe & brave space to share ideas to improve and enhance existing resources.
- Mandated Reporter to Community Supporting Training-Transforming the role of a mandated reporter to community supporter. Learn how to offer alternative approaches to ensure child welfare and focus on strengthening the family by providing community resources and support.



**Q&A**

# Thank you!

Be sure not to miss the upcoming webinars throughout April by registering in advance.

Next Webinar:

***"A Collective Perspective to Community Supporting: A Call to Action"***

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**11:00am-12:00pm PST**

Link to register and webinar series flyer is in the chat!

Please contact us at [KidsDay@dss.ca.gov](mailto:KidsDay@dss.ca.gov) with any questions.