

Families First Prevention Services

Comprehensive Prevention Plan



County of Fresno

COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PLAN OF FRESNO COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

The Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was passed by Congress and signed into law in 2018. FFPSA, for the first time, allowed federal Title IV-E funds to be used for child abuse prevention rather than exclusively supporting the foster care system. The focus of the federal program is to provide prevention services that prevent children “at imminent risk” from entering the foster care system.

In 2021, California established its own Families First Prevention Services (FFPS) program by amending the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC 16585 through 16589) and adding its own block grant to fund a more comprehensive child maltreatment prevention program in California counties. California’s FFPS program includes child maltreatment prevention services to the general population, prevention services to those at-risk of abuse or neglect, as well as those at imminent risk of entering the foster care system.

GENERAL COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Fresno County is the tenth most populous county in California, with over one million residents. It is the sixth largest with an area of over 6,000 square miles. Fresno County is unique in that there are both significant urban and rural areas.

Fresno County has fifteen incorporated cities comprise of: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, and Selma¹.

Census-Designated locations include: Auberry, Big Creek, Biola, Bowles, Calwa, Cantua Creek, Caruthers, Centerville, Del Rey, Easton, Fort Washington, Friant, Lanare, Laton, Malaga, Mayfair, Minkler, Monmouth, Old Fig Garden, Raisin City, Shaver Lake, Yokuts Valley, Sunnyside, Tarpey Village, Three Rocks, Tranquility, and West Park.

Unincorporated Communities include: Avocado, Burrel, Dunlap, Highway City, Mercey Hot Springs, Prather, Rolinda, and Tollhouse.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Cities_in_Fresno_County,_California

POPULATION

Fresno County's population estimated as of July 2022 is 1,015,190 according to the United States Census Bureau. This is a 9.1% increase from the last census report in 2010. Children under the age of five make up 6.9% of the population. The "over 65" population is 12.9%.²

Ethnicity estimates for 2022 show the White, not Hispanic, or Latino population makes up 26.7%. The Black population makes up 5.9% of the County's population. The Hispanic or Latino populations are at 55.0%, and the Asian, Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander populations are at 12.2%. American Indian and Alaska Native populations are 3.2% of the population. Persons identifying as Two or More Races make up 3.4% of the population.

When comparing Fresno County to the State of California, Fresno County is almost fifteen percentage points more Hispanic or Latino and one and a half percent more American Indian and Alaskan Native. When further comparing Fresno County to the State of California, Fresno County is eight percentage points less white, about a half a percent less Black, and four and a half percentage points less Asian or Pacific Islander.

CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION, PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

The County of Fresno coordinated in a collaborative effort to create a Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) that will promote child and family safety and well-being by strengthening the capacity within communities. The CPP planning team is comprised of government agency representatives, community non-profits, Tribal governments, educators, and individuals with lived experience who serves as a review committee to provide input and recommendations on the prevention plan and activities.

The CPP content was developed through a series of stakeholder's, Tribal government and focus group meetings conducted over many months. The stakeholder's meeting included representatives and caseworkers from County agencies and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) that serve families and children as well as individuals and families with lived experience. In addition, focus groups with targeted engagement were held with the following groups to gather information and feedback that has been included in the CPP:

- Parents with lived experience
- LGBTQ Youth
- Resource Parents
- Foster Youth

Lastly there were a series of meetings with Tribal members, service providers and Tribal councils to identify culturally appropriate services in the prevention plan that meet the unique needs of their community.

² <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/ca,fresnocountycalifornia/PST045218>

The following attended these Tribal Collaborative meetings:

- Big Sandy Rancheria
- Cold Springs Rancheria
- North Fork Rancheria
- Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

(See TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION below)

The purpose of Fresno County's Prevention Services Governance Structure is:

- To oversee the development of the CPP and review the plan prior to CDSS Submission:
- To ensure that all required cross-sector collaborative partners will provide meaningful policy guidance and decision making, for: training, implementation, selection of Evidence Based Practices (EBP), fidelity monitoring, and continuous quality improvement for the CPP; and
- To ensure that information is shared between the cross-sector collaborative stakeholders.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Fresno County FFPS Governance Structure will include:

- Interagency Leadership Team (ILT)(AB 2083) to receive the development and status reporting of the CPP in accordance with WIC §16585(b)(4) and WIC §16587. The following partners participate in ILT:
 - Department of Behavioral Health
 - Probation Department
 - County Office of Education
 - Central Valley Regional Center
 - Department of Social Services
 - Department of Public Health
- Stakeholders Committee to:
 - Identify and integrate agencies that have not historically worked together to resolve economic, food and housing insecurity issues for families at risk of foster care, including public health, education with community safety.
 - Ensure that those with lived experience and those who are disproportionately at risk are included in the process in a trauma-informed manner.
 - The following partners participated in the Stakeholder's meeting:
 - Tribal Directors
 - Parents and youth with lived experience
 - Westside Family Preservation Services Network
 - Marjaree Mason Center
 - Fresno Council on Child Abuse Prevention
 - Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
 - Reading and Beyond
 - Central Valley Regional Center

- City of San Joaquin
 - Exceptional Parents Unlimited
 - First 5 of Fresno County
 - United Way Fresno and Madera Counties
 - Fresno County Children and Family Services
 - Fresno County Probation
 - Fresno County Behavioral Health
- Implementation Committee to:
 - Provide input and review both the design and implementation of the local child welfare prevention services program as well as for its ongoing performance.
 - Ensure there are clear feedback loops established with community partners, CBOs, experts with lived experience and similar stakeholders.
 - Fresno County Department of Social Services and Probation Executive Team to:
 - Provide recommendations for best practices to achieve success with prevention strategies across agencies.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION

Fresno County occupies the original homeland of the Mono and Yokuts people. Fresno County is the home of three federally recognized Tribal governments: Big Sandy Rancheria Western Band of Mono Indians located in Auberry, CA, Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians located in Tollhouse, CA, and Table Mountain Rancheria of Friant, CA. Fresno also serves and collaborates closely with three local Tribes within the tri-county area: North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, located in North Fork, CA, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians located in Coarsegold, CA and Tachi Yokuts Tribe located in Lemoore, CA.

The State of California recognizes the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Fresno County is making concerted efforts to foster and enhance their relationship with local Tribal governments, Tribal leaders and Tribal families. Fresno County acknowledges the historical injustices and the impact they continue to have on Indian families and the Indian communities. Fresno is partnering with CDSS Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA), local OTA liaisons, neighboring counties and attending all available trainings to improve prevention efforts and active efforts for reunification. Fresno County DSS ICWA leads are currently meeting monthly with Tribal directors, and Tribal community to jointly update Fresno County's ICWA Handbook. Fresno County DSS has designated employees assigned to serve Tribal families and Tribal communities and those that fall under the "reason to know" ICWA compliance law. Fresno DSS has 11 dedicated staff who case manage Indian children, youth and families with open investigations and cases: three Program Managers, four supervisors, and four social workers.

Fresno County engaged in a Tribal Government consultation and collaboration meeting on May 23, 2023. Four Tribal governments were represented at the collaborative: Big Sandy Rancheria, Cold Springs Rancheria, North Fork Rancheria and Picayune Rancheria, leadership and Tribal representatives. It was discussed that each Tribe faces its own unique set of needs, the Tribal

leaders and their Tribal representatives uplifted the need for resources to support services delivered by the Tribes to their members. Overall, there are not many resources working for Tribal families; the services that are available are not well supported.

Tribal leaders and Tribal representatives identified the need for:

- Mental health services for the many Tribal members that are turned away due to income barriers; grief therapy as many Tribal members have suffered loss and trauma and Substance Use Disorder treatment,
- Tribal Cultural brokers to work with Tribal families in need of services and to work in schools to provide resources to students,
- American Indian homes or Tribal-approved foster homes; often children are safer in homes of relatives who are familiar with the culture and family values.
- Training to Tribal members and/or elders to provide culturally appropriated services in their own community,
- Internship and mentorship programs for individuals who pursue education and are looking for employment on Tribal land,
- Transportation resources to assist families in accessing services outside of the Indian community; for the purpose of having these services and classes on and off Tribal lands.
- Access to childcare and affordable childcare

The group also felt that a more traditional in-home visiting service, such as Family Spirit or My two Aunties, should be led by the Tribes due to the existing positive relationships. Tribal leader and Tribal representatives shared it would be more beneficial to have financial assistance to support and develop resources and for internal Tribal educators and/or elders to facilitate training resources rather than outside providers.

INTEGRATED CORE PRACTICE MODEL (ICPM)

The Integrated Core Practice Model is a set of the shared values, core components, and standards of practice expected from those serving Fresno County's children, youth, and families. Fresno County utilizes ICPM, which combines various practices and disciplines to provide comprehensive support to individuals and families in need. The ICPM focuses on collaboration and coordination among different agencies; in Fresno County, these included child welfare, behavioral health, probation, education, Tribal government, community stakeholders, and those with lived experiences. By integrating these services, Fresno County utilizes ICPM model to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations, who touch multiple systems such as foster care, probation, or behavioral health. ICPM emphasizes a strengths-based approach, recognizing and building upon the strengths and resources of individuals and communities. It also promotes the use of evidence-based practices and continuous learning to enhance services delivery. By implementing ICPM, Fresno County strives to create a more holistic and efficient system of care, ensuring that those in need receive the coordinated support they required to thrive.

Fresno County strives to offer preventative and ongoing efforts to eliminate the need for out of home removal and it is through leadership committees that cross-system goals are aligned. Fresno County recognizes that ICPM is the fundamental cornerstone to staff serving young people and families in our community. ICPM guides the values, principles, and practices shared by all who seek to support children, youth, and families including Tribal governments, Tribal partners, education, other health and human services agencies, or community partners. Fresno’s foundational behaviors are integrated throughout the systems. By using language that demonstrates acceptance and understanding, Fresno County individualizes and elicits information to assist with developing a plan that helps youth remain in their home and/or prioritizes reunification and permanency through a family teaming process that focuses on the voice of the families. Fresno County strives to find options and choices for the plan for each youth that allows for a safe space to share their thoughts and provide the safest environment and plan for youth. Approaching with cultural humility, we recognize that professional staff most often cannot meet all elements of cultural competence, but cultural humility and openness to learning foster successful empowerment and better outcomes.

Cross training of ICPM will be developed and provided to community-based organizations that will provide Title IV-E Prevention Program, as well as primary and secondary prevention services to support the effectiveness of practice and impacts on outcomes.

IDENTIFYING CANDIDACY POPULATIONS

Fresno County took several steps in evaluating data at the stakeholder, Tribal Government Consultation and Collaborative, and focus group feedback to determine the priority population for its Family First Prevention Services CPP.

- In March 2023, Fresno County conducted a series of analyses to inform its selection of the target population for the Family First Prevention Services (FFPS). Fresno County reviewed data from Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS), the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP) and Safe Measures to identify the priority population of those children and youth who are at “imminent risk” of entering foster care for FFPS.
- Between April and May 2023, the County held a day-long in-person stakeholder meeting, Tribal Government Consultation and Collaborative meeting and five focus group meetings, both virtual and in-person, to examine the data (Tables 1-9) related to those children most vulnerable to entering the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.
- The following data was retrieved from Safe Measures and the California Child Welfare Indicators Project (CCWIP)

Table 1: Fresno County Children with Entries – 2019 to 2021 by Age

Age Group	Children with Entries	Entries per 1K Children	Children with Entries	Entries per 1K Children	Children with Entries	Entries per 1K Children
	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Under 1	233	16.0	219	14.9	242	16.3
1-2	156	5.3	136	4.7	166	5.8

3-5	239	5.0	198	4.2	188	4.2
0-5 combined	628	6.8	553	6.1	596	6.7
6-10	311	3.9	277	3.4	290	3.6
11-15	293	3.7	243	3.1	263	3.3
16-17	76	2.5	69	2.2	74	2.4
Total	1,308	4.6	1,142	4.0	1,223	4.4

Analysis:

The 0-5 age group has the highest rate of entry of the combined age groups with the children under 1 years of age being at highest risk of all ages.

Table 2: Fresno County Children with Entries – 2019 to 2021 by Ethnicity

Ethnic Group	Child Entries	Entries per 1K Children	Child Entries	Entries per 1K Children	Child Entries	Entries per 1K Children
	2019	2019	2020	2020	2021	2021
Black	158	11.5	121	8.8	200	14.5
White	217	3.6	192	3.1	216	3.5
Latino	861	5.0	732	4.3	715	4.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	53	2.0	59	2.3	51	2.0
American Indian	M*	M*	12	7.4	22	13.4
Total	1,308	4.6	1,142	4.0	1,223	4.4

M* - Not currently available

Analysis:

Black and American Indian children entered foster care at a rate of 2-3+ times any other ethnicity. Latino children entered foster care at the highest number.

Table 3: Fresno County Children with Re-Entry into Foster Care 2020-2021 by Age

Age Group	Reentry	No Reentry	Percentage of Re-Entry	Reentry	No Reentry	Percentage of Re-Entry
	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021
Under 1	0	19	0%	3	15	16.7%
1-2	4	88	4.3%	4	95	4.0%
3-5	9	119	7.0%	7	116	5.7%
0-5 combined	13	226	5.4%	14	226	5.8%
6-10	11	161	6.4%	6	160	3.6%
11-15	5	134	3.6%	5	169	2.9%
16-17	1	39	2.5%	1	29	3.3%
Total	30	560	5.1%	26	584	4.3%

Analysis:

Children 0–5 years old have the highest numbers of re-entries into Foster Care.

Table 4: Fresno County Children with Re-Entry into Foster Care 2020-2021 by Ethnicity

Age Group	Reentry	No Reentry	Percentage of Re-Entry	Reentry	No Reentry	Percentage of Re-Entry
	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021
Black	5	70	6.7%	3	58	4.9%
White	4	90	4.3%	6	99	5.7%
Latino	16	337	4.5%	16	378	4.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	5	34	12.8%	1	27	3.6%
American Indian	0	4	0%	0	5	0%
Not Reported	0	25	0%	0	17	0%
Total	30	560	5.1%	26	584	4.3%

Analysis:

Re-entry rates vary from year to year based on race.

Table 5: Fresno County Children Currently in Family Reunification by Age and Ethnicity – February 2023

	0 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	11 to 15 Years	16-17 Years	Totals
Black	94	46	32	8	180
White	78	43	35	12	168
Latino	289	171	161	54	675
Asian/Pacific Islander	25	16	11	0	52
American Indian	3	5	1	0	9
Totals	776	464	400	129	1090

Analysis:

Latino children and 0-5 years are the highest populations in Family Reunification.

Table 6: Fresno County Children Currently in Permanent Placement by Age and Ethnicity – February 2023

	0 to 5 Years	6 to 10 Years	11 to 15 Years	16-17 Years	Totals
Black	53	64	80	24	221
White	61	39	60	35	195
Latino	181	160	282	159	782
Asian/Pacific Islander	13	12	19	11	55
American Indian	8	4	7	4	23
Totals	319	279	448	233	1279

Analysis:

Highest number of children in Permanent Placement are 11- to 15-year-old children.

Table 7: Allegations that bring Fresno County Children into Care

Removal Allegations		
Neglect	1097	78%
Caretaker Absence	67	5%
Physical Abuse	118	8%
Emotional Abuse	74	5%
Sexual Abuse	50	4%

Analysis:

Children come into foster care for neglect. Caretaker neglect may also be associated with alcohol, drug, or mental health issues.

Table 8: Fresno County Child Welfare Removals and Probation Referrals by Zip Code - 2023

Removal City	Removal Zip Code	Number of Child Welfare Removals	Number of Probation Referrals
Fresno	93722	142	48
Fresno	93703	127	26
Fresno	93726	107	0
Fresno	93706	102	23
Fresno	93702	99	38
Fresno	93705	97	36
Fresno	93727	89	0

Analysis:

These seven Fresno zip codes account for 57% of removals and 78% of referrals countywide.

Table 9: Fresno County Youth Probation Entry Rates by Ethnicity and Age (2022)

Age	Ethnicity					Total
	Black	White	Latino	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian	
11-15 years	36	23	126	9	1	195
16-17 years	30	22	169	9	3	233
18-20 years	2	3	11	0	0	16
Total	68	48	306	18	4	444

Analysis:

Table 9 provides data on youth who entered the Probation system in Fresno County in 2022.

Based on Table 9 above, the ethnic breakdown of youth who entered the Fresno County Probation system are as follows (by percentage): Asian/Pacific Islander (4%); Black (15%); Latino (69%); American Indian (1%); and White (11%).

Based on data shown in table 9 above, compared to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the entry is highest in number for Latino youth, and Black and Latino youth enter the Probation system at a disproportionately high rate.

Table 9.1: Fresno County Youth in Probation Placement by Ethnicity

Ethnicity (By Percentage)					
Black	White	Latino	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other	Total
27%	15%	46%	4%	8%	100%

Analysis:

In Fresno County, Probation Placement is comprised of youth who are both on Probation and have out-of-home placement orders. Based on the data shown in Table 9.1 compared to the data from the U.S. Census Bureau, entry into Probation Placement is highest in percentage for Latino youth, and Black youth enter at a disproportionately high rate.

The resulting determinations of children who are at the highest risk of entering foster care or Probation Placement, or remaining in foster care in Fresno County are outlined in the table below:

Table 10: Fresno County Children at Highest Risk of Entering, Re-entering, and Remaining in Foster Care or Probation Placement

CATEGORY	SIGNIFICANT POPULATION	RATE
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 1 year of age 0-5 years of age 11-15 years of age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 1 enter care at the highest rate. 0-5 enter care in the highest numbers. 11-15 are the highest number in Permanent Placement.
Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black children Native American Indian children Latino children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black and American Indian children enter care at a disproportionately high rate. Latino children enter CWS in the largest numbers. Latino children remain in CWS care at the highest numbers. Latino children enter Probation at the highest numbers
Geographical	City of Fresno	Accounts for the largest number of removals and referrals

SELECTED CANDIDACY POPULATIONS

Fresno County believes that the families that would most benefit from the additional support of the Families First Prevention Services program (FFPS) are those with children aged 0-5 years and 11-15 years, specifically Black, American Indian families, and Latino.

0 to 5 years

The 0-5 age group has the highest rate of entry of the combined age groups with the children under 1 years of age being at highest risk of all ages. For the families of children 0-5 years, it was determined that 78% of the allegations were due to neglect often attributed to substance-exposed newborn, parental substance use disorders and domestic violence situations and unsafe living conditions.

11 to 15 years

Highest number of children in Permanent Placement are 11- to 15-year-old children. For the families of children 11-15 years, it was determined that children in this age range are overrepresented in Probation referrals and the Permanent Placement caseload for child welfare.

Disproportionally

Black and American Indian children enter care at a disproportionately high rate. Black children came into care at a rate of 14.5 per 1000 children and American Indian children came into care at a rate of 13.4 per 1000 children, both at a rate more than 3x other ethnicities. In 2022, the largest number of children who entered CWS is Latino.

Pregnant and Parenting Foster Youth

Lastly as defined by FFPSA, pre- or post-natal infants and/or children of an otherwise eligible pregnant/parenting foster youth in foster care will also be a focus of FFPS.

Given the requirements for FFPS, Fresno County has decided to begin with these priority populations for the initial phase of FFPS implementation. However, after some time transitioning the County's current system to the changes required within FFPS and evaluating how the system is functioning, Fresno County intends to explore widening the priority population definition. This will allow the County to provide additional infrastructure and sustainability to our already strong community prevention efforts and focus on supporting additional families prior to their involvement with our system.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

At the Stakeholder and focus group event in April 2023, the participants identified forty-four unique needs. At the May 2023, Tribal Government Consultation and Collaborative meeting, as mentioned above, identified six unique needs. Participants at the April 2023 event were asked to identify a "need" as a gap between what "is" and what "should be." Many of the needs identified by the stakeholders were economic in nature. Stakeholders also identified needs around access to services and lack of understanding (e.g., language, trauma-informed, cultural practices).

Here is a further summary of those identified needs:

Child Welfare System

- Poor understanding of what constitutes child maltreatment because it has become “normalized.”
- Support to parents in addressing their own trauma.
- Parent Partners support during initial investigation.
- Need training for Social Workers on LGBTQ issues.
- Need advocacy organization similar to Parent Partners for LGBTQ youth.

Education

- Lack of consistent education system.
- Lack of parent education.
- Life skills education for students.
- Need Social Worker on site at schools to support families with children who are struggling.
- Tutoring

Health care, mental health

- Access to mental Health for both adults and children
- Maternal health resources
- Health insurance is not available to all.
- More geographically spread-out resource centers for LGBTQ youth

Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment

- Inpatient SUD services for youth.
- Early assessment and treatment of SUD

Safety

- Gang violence
- Fear of reaching out for services for undocumented residents.

Resources

- Language gaps.
- Lack of data sharing.
- Helping residents develop their own support system.
- Lack of cultural awareness and sensitivity to improve the quality of communication.
- Home visiting programs should be available to everybody.
- Lack of access to healthy and safe food.
- Need more information on available resources.

Housing

- Affordable housing for low-income families.
- Housing options for transition age youth.
- Housing options for families with criminal backgrounds.

Transportation

- Added routes and times for public transportation, particularly in the rural areas to support access to services, employment, and visitation.

SERVICE/ASSET MAPPING

Community Stakeholder meeting

Fresno County conducted an in-person large group stakeholder and focus groups event to conduct asset mapping, needs assessment and capacity assessment on April 18, 2023. The event drew sixty (60) attendees from public and private sector organizations, transition age youth and interested residents. The facilitated process asked participants to consider what resources are available, and what is needed, to prevent child maltreatment generally and to reduce the imminent risk of children entering foster care where sufficient safety can be identified and strengthened through additional family services.

At the Stakeholder event in April 2023, the participants identified fifty-six unique individual, institutional, and community-based assets that support child wellbeing and family functioning. Fourteen of the assets were identified as addressing five or six of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH). The strongest correlation of assets was made to the Education, Social, Mental Health, and Economic Stability dimensions of the SDOH.

Assets Capable of Comprehensive Prevention Services

Participants identified multiple individuals, groups of individuals and organizations capable of broadly contributing to family well-being and preventing child maltreatment. Participants also categorized the services provided by each asset within the framework provided by the Social Determinants of Health: Economic Security, Education, Health, Mental Health, Neighborhood, and the Built Environment, and Social and Community Context. The process also asked where the locations were available within Fresno County.

Stakeholder participants identified the following organizations as being capable of multiple prevention-oriented services countywide that would have a direct benefit to improve family well-being with the general population, those families at-risk of child maltreatment and those at imminent risk of entering the foster care system through child welfare or juvenile justice systems:

- County Office of Education –Head Start and school-based mental health services.
- Focus Forward Fresno – Service for young people involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice systems.
- Neighborhood Resource Centers (NRC) – Prevention and intervention services as well as referrals to other community organizations
- First 5 – NRCs, parenting and school-readiness programs, health education; and
- Comprehensive Youth Services – Mental health services for youth and families.

Assets Capable of Partial Prevention Services

Participants identified many other individuals or organizations that can provide one or two service elements of a comprehensive prevention plan. These organizations play a critical role because they may focus on specific portion of the population or deliver fewer number of services, but at greater depth. Among those entities capable of partially supporting family wellbeing:

- Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission– Access to emergency housing vouchers.
- Boys and Girls Clubs – Access to recreation, education, and developmental supports for young people.
- Central Valley Regional Center – Early Start program, parent support for those with special needs children.
- Valley Teen Ranch (VTR) Foster Family Agency (FFA), Adoption Agency, Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) at the Ranch, and the Transitional Living Home, each provide HOPE to children, youth, and families through life-changing relationships and experiences.
- Marjaree Mason Center – Safe housing and services for victims of domestic violence.
- Centro La Familia – Access to family strengthening, immigration, health, and wellness services.
- Food banks – access to food for needy families
- Fresno Mission – Faith-based social services
- Court Appointed Special Advocates CASA – works one-on-one with a foster youth, advocating for their best interest.
- Central Valley Indian Health – Access to physical and mental health resources for Tribal members.
- Head Start
- Neighborhood Resource Centers – provide support and access to a variety of services and resources to strengthen families.
- Parent University – provides family learning courses and connects families to community resources that improve student achievement.

Assets Requiring Additional Evaluation of Prevention Capacity

Participants identified over thirty additional assets that are limited prevention-oriented services to residents of Fresno County. There will be additional time later in the CPP development process to consider the prevention opportunities for these identified assets.

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

The Capacity Assessment survey was conducted with participants at the Fresno County FFPS Stakeholder Meeting on April 18, 2023. The results of the survey were tabulated and analyzed as follows:

- Fresno County seems capable of successfully engaging in comprehensive prevention planning due to identified capacity in:
 - Organizational equity
 - Shared values
 - Adaptability
 - Organizational stability
 - Feedback loop
 - Transparent communication with cross-sector partners

- Fresno County may be able to rely on additional capacity in the following areas but may require additional resources to do so successfully:
 - Implementation support for continuous quality improvement (CQI)
 - Community engagement strategy
 - Data collection
 - Communication strategy
 - Cross-sector partner investment
 - Community involvement
 - Information sharing and exchange.
- Due to ambiguous survey results, Fresno County may want to further investigate their capacity in the following areas:
 - Established meeting frequency.
- Fresno County will be most challenged by insufficient capacity and additional resources will be required in the following areas:
 - Adequate staffing
 - Infrastructure
 - Needs assessment.
 - Expertise in data analytics and accessibility.

CURRENT CONDITIONS IMPACTING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The April and May 2023 Stakeholder Meeting and Focus Group gatherings as well as the Tribal Government Consultation Collaboration Meeting identified a variety of conditions which negatively impact child well-being and increase the likelihood of child maltreatment. Participants identified the needs for:

- Supporting efforts to engage the extended families to increase family and child well-being, provide additional parenting support services and recreational activities for children.
- In the absence of extended families, pairing families with other families of similar backgrounds. These pairings of families could be helped by creating social events or potlucks to build supportive networks among families.
- More information about available services through someone like a Parent Partner that can provide a more personal approach to children and parents.

CURRENT SERVICE ARRAY

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is the largest Department within the County of Fresno with an annual budget exceeding \$850 million and employs over 2,600 staff. The DSS' programs include Federal, and State mandated public assistance and social services. DSS provides protective services for children, older adults, and those with disabilities. Safety net services enable families within Fresno County to receive employment assistance through Welfare to Work; temporary cash aid through CalWORKs; address the family's medical needs through

Medi-Cal; food assistance through CalFresh; and aid for eligible adults through General Relief, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA).

Other programs and services include Adoptions, Child Care, Child Welfare Linkages, Employer Services, Family Reunification, Family Maintenance, Foster Care, Foster Care Licensing/Home Approval, Homeless Assistance, In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, Planned Permanent Living Arrangements, Teen Parent Services, and Voluntary Family Maintenance.

The Department's services expand to every corner of the county and half of the county's residents. DSS maintains physical locations in cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Fresno, Kerman, Reedley and Selma, and service outreach to communities in partnership with local CBOs in each area of the county.

Two Child Welfare Branch Deputy Directors manage Child Welfare Services. One Deputy oversees intake and placement services, and the other Deputy oversees court and ongoing child welfare services. There are eight Program Managers.

The Emergency Response Unit is responsible for the telephone intake hotline for all reports of suspected child abuse and neglect and investigating suspected child abuse referrals during day and afterhours shifts. The Department of Social Services (DSS) Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM) program provides interventions to families at imminent risk of Juvenile Court involvement. Families with an identified child, age 0 years through 17 years, who is at "high" or "very high" risk of being abused, neglected, or exploited, will be assessed for VFM services. The VFM program provides up to 12 months of case management services to protect and strengthen families. VFM provides intensive voluntary services to strengthen families and ensure the child(ren)'s safety, well-being, and stability. VFM engages families through the provision of strength based, family focused, community-oriented and best practice services.

The Court unit files petitions, jurisdiction/disposition reports while the case management is handled by an assigned social worker from the Family Maintenance/Family Reunification program. This assigned worker will case manage the case until a hearing to select and implement a permanent plan is scheduled or the case is closed given that reunification was successful. The Department of Social Services also has additional ongoing case management units for Permanency Planning and Adoptions. Social Work Aide are also utilized and assigned when support tasks are needed. The Social Work Aide help deliver and support services across all programs. There are two Public Health Nurses doing health and Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) data entry.

Child Welfare in Fresno County has experienced staff turnover. New Social Work positions are being filled to reduce the cases per caseload. The addition of new Social Work staff has required movement of staff to balance the ratio of experienced and inexperienced staff in the units. The foster youth have commented on the changes in their assigned Social Workers. It is confusing for the foster youth.

THEORY OF CHANGE/LOGIC MODEL

Fresno County has identified and linked the following components of their Comprehensive Prevention Services Logic Model. The Logic Model will be a valuable tool for:

- Engaging cross-sectors partners in the delivery of prevention services,
- Setting and maintaining service effectiveness over the three-year plan period and
- Provide the CPP Governance Body with the County’s Prevention Framework needed to provide policy guidance and support.

Table 12: Outline of County of Fresno County CPP Logic Model

FFPS objectives	Improve access to support services	Improve coordination in the delivery of local services	Support alignment of local services to meet local need	Provide culturally appropriate and effective referral pathways
FFPS Goal	Children, young people, and their families have access to appropriate local services that support their health, wellbeing, and development			
Vision	Keep Them Safe: a shared approach to child health and wellbeing			
Inputs	State and Federal funding aligned with service demand, FFPS infrastructure, established systems (policies, procedures, and guidelines), human capital (staff with appropriate qualifications and training), networks and partnerships.			
Long term outcomes	Child safety, welfare and wellbeing concerns are addressed before they escalate to child welfare or probation involvement. Vulnerable and at-risk families receive appropriate support services by an integrated service system			
Short term outcomes	Target population is engaged in the services they require	Client needs are met collaborative service system	Better informed service planning and resource decision by government and non-government organizations	Disproportionately represented clients are engaged with the culturally appropriate services they require
Outputs	Families are referred to the services they need	Processes are in place between DSS and Probation Department and community providers, to assist families be engaged with local services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocols for providing formal feedback are in place. • Key issues identified and responses developed. • DSS and Probation Department and CBOs understand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clients receive culturally competent services. • DSS and Probation Department and CBO Staff attend training Policies are in place

			client needs and service requirements	
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote awareness and understanding of FFPS. Engage clients and assess needs. Refer families to appropriate services. Follow-up to ensure families engage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and maintain links with local service system. Promote collaboration within local service networks. Assist clients to navigate service system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and feedback gaps and duplication in local services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop knowledge of culturally competent mainstream services. Provide culturally competent services and refer clients to culturally competent services. Feedback on availability of culturally safe services to local network

SPENDING & SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Families First Transition Act (FFTA) Grant will be used to engage in prevention and early intervention planning. The FFTA Grant will also support expanding capacity for evidence-based practices and evaluation activities related to the implementation of FFPSA Part I. The State FFPS Program Block Grant (State Block Grant) will be utilized to support primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention and will maximize Title IV-E funding for administrative and training activities. Once CWS-CARES becomes operational, Title IV-E will be leveraged for tertiary prevention services. Fresno County will collaborate with community organizations and other county departments to build partnerships, increasing capacity and maximizing funding sources with other programs. The required Local Spending Plan (attached) provides complete details of the financial sources and uses.

FRESNO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION PLAN

Fresno County has identified the following (Table 11) FFPS Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) elements. Based on the available resources, the County has determined that rolling out the CPP over a three-year period will establish favorable financial and programmatic conditions for success of the various prevention services. This “*walk before you run*” strategy will provide additional time to reduce the existing fragmentation of prevention efforts.

Table 11: Outline of CPP Services Roll out by Fiscal Year

	FY2023-24	FY2024-25	FY2025-26
Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Awareness Campaigns • Public Community outreach • Community driven media development • Community Resource Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Awareness Campaigns • Public Community outreach • Community driven media development • Community Resource Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Awareness Campaigns • Public Community outreach • Community driven media development • Community Resource Fair
Secondary		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing (not to fidelity) • Expansion of Parent Partners and Tribal parent partners • Expansion of Differential Response to Tribal Communities • Mentorship programs • Parents as Teachers (not to fidelity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing (not to fidelity) • Expansion of Parent Partners • Expansion of Differential Response to Tribal Communities • Mentorship programs • Parents as Teachers (not to fidelity)
Tertiary			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing at Voluntary Family Maintenance • Parents as Teachers • Family Functional Therapy

DESCRIPTIONS OF CPP SERVICE ELEMENTS

Primary Prevention Services

Fresno County will organize and implement a multi-staged campaign to improve community knowledge of services that will enhance family well-being. The four planned stages are:

- Public awareness campaign
- Public outreach campaign
- Ongoing community-focused resources media development, and
- Community resource fairs.

The awareness, outreach, media-driven and events will take place in areas served by the 13 Neighborhood Resource Centers as a primary prevention intervention with an emphasis on zip codes with the highest removal as well as disproportionate number of removals. Information from the asset mapping and needs assessment indicated that there is a gap in knowledge for both families, as well as the agencies that serve them, about the existing services in the community.

The awareness and outreach efforts will aid in increasing the knowledge about the wide variety of available resources already in communities, including educational, social, physical health, mental health, child development and recreational programs and services. Community-oriented and culturally appropriate media campaigns will be used on an ongoing basis to keep families in these communities up to date with the newest services or family support opportunities. Resource guides will also be developed with an emphasis on services for families with children 0-5 years. These resource guides will list services available by geographic region, to improve local community knowledge and access to resources as well as for disproportionately impacted populations.

The public outreach campaigns will be utilized to provide community members, agencies, and institutions such as schools and hospitals with the shared knowledge of supports families can utilize to promote child well-being. The public outreach campaigns will be held at community sites that are accessible, welcoming, and for community members, such as libraries, schools, parks, etc. These resource fairs will also be utilized to develop a network of providers, in a variety of settings, who can also provide this brochure to the families they work with for maximum impact on the community and for sustainability of the service. Lastly the Fairs will be utilized to build trust across the diverse communities and the community-based service organizations and the County agencies that respond to families in need.

Secondary Prevention Services

Fresno County will be focusing prevention services to those at-risk of child maltreatment beginning in Year Two (FY 2024-25) of the Comprehensive Prevention Plan. The County has identified the following secondary prevention services:

- Motivational Interviewing (not to fidelity),
- Expansion of existing Parent Partner program,
- Youth Mentorship programs,
- Expanding Differential Response for Tribal communities,
- Parents As Teachers (not to fidelity) for families in Differential Response,
- Partnering with neighboring counties to collaborate on providing resources to local Tribal communities, and
- Functional Family Therapy.

Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Motivational Interviewing is a style of communication that is designed to empower individuals to change by drawing out their own meaning, importance, and capacity for change. MI is based on the development of a respectful relationship that facilitates the natural process of change

and honors a client's autonomy. Utilizing this approach with families who are experiencing risk factors for child abuse and neglect, services providers will engage with families as equal partners. MI will be particularly helpful with those families who are uncertain about how to make the changes that would benefit and support the well-being of their children.

Fresno County will provide Motivational Interview training to all child welfare and Probation staff. Motivational Interviewing helps guide clients through behavior change and improves physiological, psychological, and lifestyle outcomes. MI aims to identify ambivalence for change and increase motivation by helping clients progress through five stages of change. MI will be provided as both a secondary and tertiary service. Further information about Motivational Interviewing is contained in the Tertiary Services description below.

Expansion Of Parent Partners (Creation Of Tribal Partners)

Parent Partner Programs has been cited by families with lived experience as a valuable resource in understanding the families experience, cultural values and provide support in efforts to create safe and stable homes for their children. Fresno County's current Parent Partner Program only serves families already involved in the child welfare and probation systems. FFPS will expand the existing Parent Partners program and create a Tribal Parent Partner Program to include families at the primary and secondary prevention level; similar services provided by Focus Forward, Promotoras and cultural brokers programs around the County. Specifically, the expansion Parent Partner Program to the Tribal community.

Youth Mentorship Programs

Fresno County will develop a youth mentorship program to connect people with specific skills and knowledge with young people interested in developing those same skills or knowledge base. Youth mentorships are key to increasing self-esteem, developing positive relationships with individuals from diverse backgrounds, develop positive relationships with other adults and increased decision-making skills.

Expanding Differential Response to Tribal Communities

Differential Response (DR) is a strategy that allows the child welfare agency to respond in a more flexible manner to referrals of child abuse or neglect to assess the needs, resources, and circumstances of the family. Tribal leaders expressed their concerns that often service providers are not familiar with the unfamiliar cultural norms and community needs of each individual Tribe. To address this Fresno County will work with Tribal communities to recruit, train, and support Tribal members to provide their own Differential Response program.

Parents As Teachers

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a home-visiting parent education program that teaches new and expectant parents skills intended to promote positive child development and prevent child maltreatment. PAT aims to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, promote early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse, and neglect, and increase school readiness and success. PAT was developed to provide services to families in possible high-risk environments such as teen

parents, parents with low educational attainment, history of substance abuse in the family, and chronic health conditions.

As Fresno County has identified families with children 0-5 years of age and pregnant and parenting foster youth as priority populations. PAT will address the needs of those families as both a secondary and tertiary prevention service. PAT providers will do this by promoting the optimal early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. Research has demonstrated that home visiting programs such as PAT can reduce childhood trauma by facilitating parenting education with families at risk for child abuse and neglect.

PAT services will be provided to families both by child welfare social workers as well as Differential Response providers. Additional information about Parent as Teachers is contained in the Tertiary Services description below.

Partnering With Neighboring Counties To Support Tribal Communities

Fresno County will work with the counties in the Tri-County area to enhance and coordinate services provided to Tribal communities. Coordination will occur with Tribal leadership as well as Tribe-serving agencies including Fresno American Indian Health Project, Central Valley Indian Health as well as other clinics that serve Tribal communities. Additionally, Fresno County will support the development of Tribal resources to deliver secondary prevention services to their own communities through training and other resources.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

Functional Family Therapy is a family intervention that focuses on children and teens, age 10 years to 18 years. This program would address the 11–15-year-old population that was identified by both child welfare and probation as priority for FFPS services.

The County administers an existing contract through Behavioral Health for FFT with a capacity of 450 Probation Department clients annually. Typically, the existing contract serves 300-350 clients each year though there is a waiting list due to staffing shortages. This secondary and tertiary prevention program will utilize more of the existing capacity and potentially open an opportunity for a second vendor to provide those services. Further information about Functional Family Therapy is in contained in the Tertiary Services description below.

Tertiary Prevention Services

Fresno County has identified three tertiary prevention services for implementation in Year Three (FY 2025-26) of the Comprehensive Prevention Plan. Each of the following evidence-based practices will be implemented to fidelity:

- Motivational Interviewing for all client services in Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM),
- Parents as Teachers for families with children 0-5 years of age and pregnant and parenting foster youth, and
- Functional Family Therapy for Child Welfare and Probation-involved youth and their families.

Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a method of counseling clients designed to promote behavior change and improve physiological, psychological, and lifestyle outcomes. MI aims to identify ambivalence for change and increase motivation by helping clients progress through five stages of change: pre-contemplation, contemplation, preparation, action, and maintenance. It aims to do this by encouraging clients to consider their personal goals and how their current behaviors may compete with attainment of those goals.

MI Target Audience

Caregivers of children, any age, referred to the child welfare system.

MI Program Components

MI uses clinical strategies to help clients identify reasons to change their behavior and reinforce that behavior change is possible. These clinical strategies include the use of open-ended questions and reflective listening. MI can be used to promote behavior change with a range of target populations and for a variety of problem areas.

MI Service Impacts

- Child/youth substance use
- Parent/caregiver substance use
- Family functioning
- Parent/caregiver criminal behavior
- Parent/caregiver mental or emotional health
- Parent/caregiver physical health
- Economic and housing stability

MI Responsiveness of Services for Families Disproportionally Represented in Child Welfare

MI was found to be effective with Black and Latino children/youth for substance use disorder.

Parents As Teachers (PAT)

A home-visiting parent education program that teaches new and expectant parents skills intended to promote positive child development and prevent child maltreatment. PAT aims to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, promote early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse, and neglect, and increase school readiness and success.

PAT Target Audience

New and expectant parents, starting prenatally and continuing until their child reaches kindergarten, especially families in possible high-risk environments such as teen parents, parents with low educational attainment, history of substance abuse in the family, and chronic health conditions.

PAT Program Components

The *PAT* model includes four core components: personal home visits, supportive group connection events, child health and developmental screenings, and community resource networks. *PAT* is designed so that it can be delivered to all families although *PAT* sites typically target families with specific risk factors based on funder requirements or community needs.

At least twelve home visits annually to families with one or no high-needs characteristics. At least twenty-four home visits annually to families with two or more high-needs characteristics. In some cases, visit frequency may be gradually decreased as the family transitions out and into other services. Home visits last approximately sixty minutes. At least twelve group connections (or meetings) annually, Annual screening of children for developmental, health, hearing, and vision problems each year. Families will be eligible to receive 2 years of services pursuant to Parents as Teachers requirements and curriculum.

PAT Service Impacts

- Child social functioning
- Child/youth cognitive functions and abilities

PAT Responsiveness of Services for Families Disproportionally Represented in Child Welfare Parents as Teachers has been found to be effective with a wide variety of disproportionately represented families in the child welfare system.

Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is a family intervention that focuses on children and teens who are at risk or are already involved with juvenile justice. FFT aims to address risk and protective factors that impact the adaptive development of youth who have been referred for behavioral or emotional problems.

FFT Target Audience

The program is designed both for youth ages 10–18 whose problems range from acting out to conduct disorder to alcohol and other substance abuse, and for their families. Participating families tend to have limited resources, a history of failure, a range of diagnoses, and exposure to multiple systems. FFT can be provided in a variety of contexts, including schools, child welfare, probation, parole, and mental health, and as an alternative to incarceration or out of home placement.

FFT Program Components

FFT is a short-term intervention—on average, participants require 8 to 12 sessions for mild cases and up to 30 hours of direct service (e.g., clinical sessions, telephone calls, and meetings involving community resources) for more difficult cases. Sessions are spread over a three-month period. FFT has five specific intervention phases:

- engagement
- motivation
- relational assessment
- behavior change

- generalization.

Each phase has distinct goals and assessment objectives, addresses different risk and protective factors, and calls for skills from the interventionist or therapist providing treatment.

FFT Service Impacts

- Delinquent behavior
- Child behavioral and emotional functioning
- Child/youth Substance use
- Family Functioning

FFT Responsiveness of Services for Families Disproportionally Represented in Probation

FFT was found to be effective with Black and Latino families around delinquent behavior.



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ASSURANCES TEMPLATE

Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program Assurances

County of _____

Instructions: These assurances must be submitted by local child welfare services (CWS) and probation agencies that opt into the FFPS Program and are a required component of the local comprehensive prevention plan (CPP). These assurances will remain in effect unless changed by the submission of updated assurances and an updated CPP. Any changes to the local CPP must include resubmission of these assurances.

Title IV-E Prevention Program Reporting

In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(B)(x) of the federal Social Security Act and California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 16587(d)(9), _____, (Name(s) of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) is providing this assurance, consistent with the local CPP and the California Title IV-E Prevention Services State Plan, to collect and report to the CDSS information and data required for the FFPS Program, including all information and data necessary for federal financial participation, federal reporting, to determine program outcomes, and to evaluate the services provided. This includes, but is not limited to, child-specific information and expenditure data.

Child Safety Monitoring

In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(B)(ii) of the federal Social Security Act and California WIC sections 16587(d)(7)-(8), the _____ (Name(s) of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures it will provide oversight and monitoring of the safety of children who receive services under the FFPS Program, including oversight and monitoring of periodic risk assessments throughout the period of service delivery. The agency further assures it will monitor and oversee the safety of children and periodic risk assessments for children who receive FFPS program services through its contracted community-based organizations. If the local child welfare and/or probation agency determines the child's risk of entering foster care remains high despite the provision of the services, the agency assures that it will reexamine the child's prevention plan during the 12-month period. In the case of an Indian child, the agency assures the assessments, and any reexamination of the prevention plan will be conducted in partnership with the Indian child's tribe.

Workforce Development and Training

In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(B)(viii) of the federal Social Security Act, the _____ (Name(s) of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures it will adhere to the FFPS training plan as outlined in the California Title IV-E Prevention Services State Plan, and ensure caseworkers within both the community and Title IV-E agency pathways under the FFPS program are supported and trained in assessing what children and their families need, connecting to the families they serve, accessing and delivering the needed trauma-informed and evidence-based services, overseeing and evaluating the continuing appropriateness of the services, and all other foundational requirements, including but not limited to, understanding how the requirements of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and implementing state laws intersect with prevention services provided through the community based and Title IV-E agency pathways.

Trauma-Informed Service Delivery

The _____ (Name of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures that in accordance with section 471(e)(4)(B) of the federal Social Security Act and California WIC section 16587(d)(6), each service in the CPP provided to or on behalf of a child will be provided under an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of all types of trauma, including historical and multigenerational trauma, and in accordance with recognized principles of a trauma-informed approach and trauma-specific interventions to address trauma's consequences and facilitate healing.

Model Fidelity for Evidence-Based Programs and Continuous Quality Improvement

In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(II) of the federal Social Security Act and California WIC sections 16587(d)(10) and 16587(d)(11)(A), the _____ (Name of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures that services provided in the CPP will be continuously monitored to ensure fidelity to the practice model, to determine the outcomes achieved, and to refine and improve practices based upon information learned, using a continuous quality improvement framework, developed in accordance with instructions issued by the CDSS. The agency agrees to participate in state level fidelity oversight, data collection, evaluation, and coordination to determine the effectiveness of a service provided under the FFPS program.

Equitable and Culturally Responsive Services and Supports

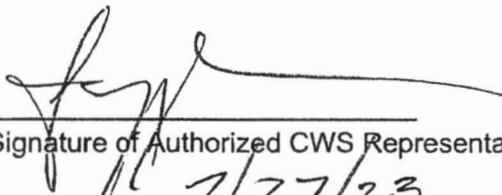
In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-16-22, and consistent with California Five Year Prevention Services State Plan, the _____ (Name of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures that the implementation of interventions, services and supports should be equitable, culturally responsive and targeted to address disproportionality and disparities experienced by black, indigenous, and people of color, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and plus (LGBTQ+) children and youth.

Coordination with Local Mental Health

In accordance with section 471(e)(10)(C) of the federal Social Security Act and California WIC section 16588(f)(3), the Department of Social Services and Probation Department (Name of participating child welfare services and/or probation agency) assures the agency will establish a joint written protocol, based on the model developed by the CDSS and Department of Health Care Services for use among the child welfare agency, probation department, behavioral health agency, and other appropriate entities to determine which program is responsible for payment, in part or whole, for a prevention service provided on behalf of an eligible child.

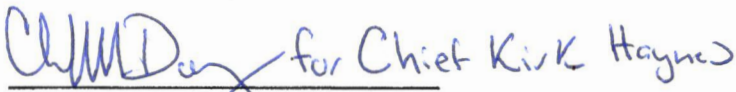
Signatures

Signature: These assurances must be signed by the official with authority to sign the CPP and submitted to the CDSS for approval.



Signature of Authorized CWS Representative

7/27/23
Date



Signature of Authorized Probation Representative

07-28-2023
Date

