



Child Abuse Prevention Month Webinar Series - April 2025

The Office of Child Abuse Prevention, The Child Abuse Prevention Center, California Training Institute and Safe & Sound present the 2025 Child Abuse Prevention Month annual webinar series.

Join us every Wednesday throughout April to learn how to incorporate this year's theme, "It Takes a Village" into Statewide prevention initiatives. Register and mark your calendar today.

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Hope Lives Here: Building The Village Together

This panel webinar will explore the power of authentic engagement, shared accountability, and systems change in Sacramento County. From informal supervision to the development of a Prevention Cabinet, our collective work has been shaped by humility, transparency, and a commitment to listening—both to data and to the lived experiences of families and community partners. Our approach acknowledges practice gaps, embraces scrutiny, and prioritizes well-being. By leading with heart and rigor, busting myths, and pushing for real change, we affirm that "hope lives here." Join us as we reflect on how we collaborate to create a system that centers dignity, safety, and holistic support.

Speakers: Sacramento County and other Cross-Collaborative Partners

- Kim Pearson, Child Welfare Services Division Manager, Program Implementation Team
- Karen Parker, Child Welfare Services Division Manager, Emergency Response/Information

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Prevention in a Tribal Context: Two Feathers Family Services

This webinar will highlight the importance of culturally rooted prevention efforts in Tribal communities. Two Feathers Family Services will share insights on community-driven strategies that support Indigenous youth and families. Youth presenters will lead the discussion by sharing their experiences and perspectives on mentorship, cultural humility, trust-building, and systems change. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how to foster meaningful collaboration with Tribal communities and take action to support Indigenous-led prevention efforts.

Speakers:

- Amy Mathieson LCSW, Program Manager, Leadership Development and Advocacy, Two Feathers Family Services
- Two Feathers Family Services Youth Ambassadors: Jasper Wilson, Charlene Colegrove, Ki-Shan Daniels, Trinity Mace

Lunch & Learn: Building a Village from Trust Up

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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Presented by Safe & Sound who has been at the forefront of recent initiatives to shift systems toward child and family well-being—where families are strengthened in, and with, the communities they know and trust. Expanding on the theme of “It Takes a Village,” our panel of national and local experts will discuss proven practices for building trust from within a community—to strengthen the community and help families thrive.

Speakers:

- Frederick Riley, Executive Director of [Weave: The Social Fabric Project](#) at the Aspen Institute
- Mario Paz, Executive Director of the [Good Samaritan Family Resource Center](#)
- Lydia Vincent-White, Senior Program Manager of Community Resource & Engagement, [Safe & Sound](#)
- Facilitated by: Dr. Pegah Faed, Chief Executive Officer, [Safe & Sound](#)

Transforming the System from Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting

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Listen to former Task Force members share the story of how California is shifting the paradigm from mandated reporting to community supporting. Presenters will speak to how and why this work was started, the recommendations that are moving this work forward, and next steps to ensure the state reforms the mandated reporting system.

Speakers:

- Jason Sharpe - Community Member / Parent Partner / Advocate / Father with Lived Experience
- Jenny Pearlman - Chief Policy Officer, [Safe & Sound](#)
- Luciana Svidler - Director of Policy and Training, [Children’s Law Center of California](#)

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The Power of Lived Expertise in Building the Village of Support for Children and Families: A Panel Conversation

A diverse panel of prevention and child welfare professionals, from California and around the country, who come to their work with lived experience of the child welfare system will wrap up our month's reflection on the meaning and possibilities of our theme, "It takes a village." Panelists will share how their life experiences have informed their work, their perspectives on what we need to build/rebuild the "village" that families need, and ideas for action for all of us.

Speakers:

- Sabrina Forte: Assistant Director, Equity and Inclusion, [California Department of Social Services](#)
- Tecoria Jones: parent advocate with the Casey Thriving Families Safer Children initiative and a board member at [Be Strong Families](#)
- Dr. Kimberly Offutt - Executive Branch Director for [Atlanta at Bethany Christian Services](#)
- Juan Solis - Father Engagement Coordinator from [San Bernardino County Children’s Network](#) and Chair of the Inland Empire Father Involvement Coalition.

The live webinars will be translated in Spanish.