



Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting

Communities Keeping Children Safe and Families Together

MANDATED REPORTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY: January 15, 2026

REFERENCE MATERIALS

- [Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Meeting Slide Deck](#)
- [The Art of Conversation Behaviors](#)
- [AB 2085 Focus Group Summary](#)
- [Mandated Reporter Focus Group Summary](#)
- [Meeting Participants](#)
- [Members](#) (updated December 2025)

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Update on Statewide Mandated Reporter Trainings – Timing & Process (30 minutes)**

Committee members received an update from CDSS and training partners on the status, timing, and development process for both the AB 2085 training and the statewide Gold Standard Mandated Reporter Training. Presenters outlined two coordinated but distinct efforts:

- A supplemental training focused specifically on AB 2085, and
- A comprehensive mandated reporter training as stated in Recommendation 9 of the Task Force recommendations, and also stated under SB 119 that it be developed by July 1, 2027.

Updates included a review of the training development timeline and phased approach, including (**see details in the slide deck linked in REFERENCE MATERIALS, slides 6 - 19**):

- Focus groups conducted with mandated reporters and system partners,
- Transcript review currently underway, and
- Anticipated validation and testing stages.

CDSS clarified respective roles, noting that:

- CDSS is responsible for training development, guidance, and implementation statewide rollout of AB 2085, and

- The MRAC Training Workgroup provides oversight, input, and advisory support throughout the process. This group holds the recommendation for implementing AB 2085

Focus group findings were shared to highlight challenges mandated reporters experience in practice, including:

- Liability concerns,
- Uncertainty about distinguishing poverty from neglect,
- Fear of asking clarifying questions, and
- Lack of clarity around appropriate non-report responses

Support with consistent, equitable implementation of AB 2085:

1. Distinguishing poverty from neglect.
2. Mandated reporting as professional judgment, not automatic compliance.
3. Equity and disproportionality awareness.
4. Consistency across mandated reporter systems.

Presenters emphasized that these findings point to the need for implementation supports beyond training alone.

Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding:

- The relationship between the supplemental AB 2085 training and the future comprehensive training,
- Review opportunities for MRAC and workgroups (NOTE: the following members requested to review the training transcripts: Arati, Tina, Danielle, and the Training Workgroup members), and
- How consistency across professions and systems will be addressed during implementation.

• **Moving From Implementation Planning to Action (60 minutes)**

The committee engaged in a facilitated discussion focused on translating MRAC implementation plans into coordinated action to support AB 2085. The Integrated Focus Approach was revisited, emphasizing alignment across:

- Narrative shift
- Community pathways
- Data
- Policy, and
- Training - The lead

Members discussed how workgroups can more explicitly connect their current implementation plans to AB 2085, including:

- Identifying activities that already support implementation, and
- Surfacing areas where additional clarity, coordination, or alignment is needed.

Discussion reinforced that successful implementation requires:

- Shared timelines and milestones,
- Cross-workgroup communication, and
- Consistency in messaging, guidance, and tools provided to mandated reporters.
- Continuous learning through intentional tracking and feedback, and
- Coordinated updates to policies especially at the local level

The Community Pathway Workgroup members discussed Recommendation 12 (Review and ensure that all County CPPs incorporate information and education specific to MRs, as well as access and linkage to community resources and Community Pathway services) as it relates to SB 119, noting that it has now been enacted into law. As stated in SB 119, when counties update their Comprehensive Prevention Plans (CPPs), counties are required to include information, education, and resources specifically for mandated reporters. Under SB 119, counties are required to have a plan for providing resources to mandated reporters.

CDSS is currently assessing when to enforce this requirement, with enforcement anticipated in 2027. At this time, CDSS is not requiring counties to update their CPPs, though counties may choose to submit updates if they wish.

Polling and discussion addressed MRAC meeting structure, with participants expressing support for a hybrid approach that balances:

- Full-committee alignment, and
- Dedicated Workgroup time for focused planning and coordination.

Members noted the importance of using MRAC meetings to:

- Surface implementation barriers,
- Coordinate efforts across Workgroups, and
- Have strategic discussion to advance the recommendations.

The discussion reaffirmed the committee's statutory role in advancing California's shift from mandated reporting to community supporting, with an emphasis on:

- Equity,
- Consistency across systems, and
- Reducing unnecessary system involvement.

DECISIONS

- No formal decisions were made during this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- All Workgroups will review existing implementation plans and identify specific activities that directly support AB 2085 implementation.
- Training Workgroup and the individuals who made the request during the MRAC meeting (as noted above) will review training transcripts and provide structured feedback to inform training development and validation within a tight deadline. Hillary and the Training Core Steering Committee will set the timing for this review.
- Narrative Shift Workgroup will continue refining concise AB 2085 messaging informed by focus group findings and committee discussion.
- The PM Team will proceed with development of a members-only MRAC space on CalPrevents to support shared resources and coordination.
- All Committee Members are encouraged to register in advance for upcoming MRAC meetings (**links below**) and accept calendar invitations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- All meetings are the third Thursday of the month, 3 - 5pm, on ZOOM, and are open to the public:
 - February 19 [REGISTER](#)
 - March 19 [REGISTER](#)
 - April 16 [REGISTER](#)
 - May 21 [REGISTER](#)
 - June 18 [REGISTER](#)