



Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting

*Communities Keeping Children Safe
and Families Together*

Welcome!

Mandated Reporting Advisory
Committee Members
and
Public Participants

February 19, 2026

We Believe That ...

All children deserve the right to grow up free from harm in their own family and thrive in their own strong communities that are well resourced

Parents want to do what is best for their children and sometimes need help because they may lack the networks, supports, and services needed to bring about what they want for their children and their families

Families and communities are the best agents of their own change and must be respected and trusted

Communities must be well-resourced to be able to provide quality services to help families stay together and keep children well and safe

The child welfare system must be free from racial and cultural bias. The structure of the current system results in a disproportionately negative impact on African American, Native American/Indigenous People, and Latino families. This must be fixed by better understanding how mandated reporting contributes to racism, and by recommending—and implementing—actions for change

The current child welfare mandated reporting system steals hope and personal power from families, minimizing their natural ability and strength to keep their children well and safe. This is especially true for African American, Native American/Indigenous People, and Latino families who disproportionately experience the trauma of intrusive investigations and sometimes harmful separation

Agenda

- Welcome and Connections
- Policy Update – AB 1566
- Workgroup Updates
- Breakouts: AB 2085 Planning
- MRAC on CalPrevents
- Public Comment
- Next Steps & Closing Remarks

Housekeeping

- MRAC Members: Name and MEMBER in zoom box, cameras on if possible
- Public Participants: Name in zoom box, cameras off, and mute on
- **Chat is open – We ask that Public Participants only use the chat during the Public Comment period at the end of the meeting**
- Host will put materials in the chat

Invitation to Create Necessary Space

Micky ScottBey Jones

Adapted from her work titled "Invitation to Create Brave Space"

What part of this invitation is resonating with you right now?



Together we will bravely create “necessary” space,
Because there is no such thing as a “safe space.”

We exist in the real world,
We all carry scars, and we have all caused wounds.

We seek to turn down the volume of the outside
world;
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere.
We call each other to more truth and love.
We have the right to start somewhere and continue
to grow;
We have the responsibility to examine what we think
we know.

We will not be perfect.
This space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be,
But it will be our necessary space together.
We will work on it side by side.

The Art of Conversation Behaviors



- We acknowledge one another as equals
- We stay curious about each other
- We recognize that we need each other's help to become better listeners
- We slow down so we have time to think and reflect
- We remember that conversation is a natural way humans think together
- We expect it to be messy at times
- We use “I feel”, “I believe”, or “In my experience” statements



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Land, Labor, and Trauma Acknowledgement





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Policy Update: AB 1566

Recasting the Definition of Severe Neglect

Workgroup Updates

4 minutes each

Community Pathways

Data & Accountability

Narrative Shift

Policy

Training

QUESTION 1: What are 1 - 2 activities your Workgroup is focused on right now?

QUESTION 2: How are you advancing those activities?

QUESTION 3: What questions or needs do you have for the MRAC?

Breakouts: AB 2085 Planning

- Goal (2 min)
- Overview of the AB 2085 Planning Tracker (3 min)
- Breakouts (25 min)
- Report outs and full group discussion (20 min)

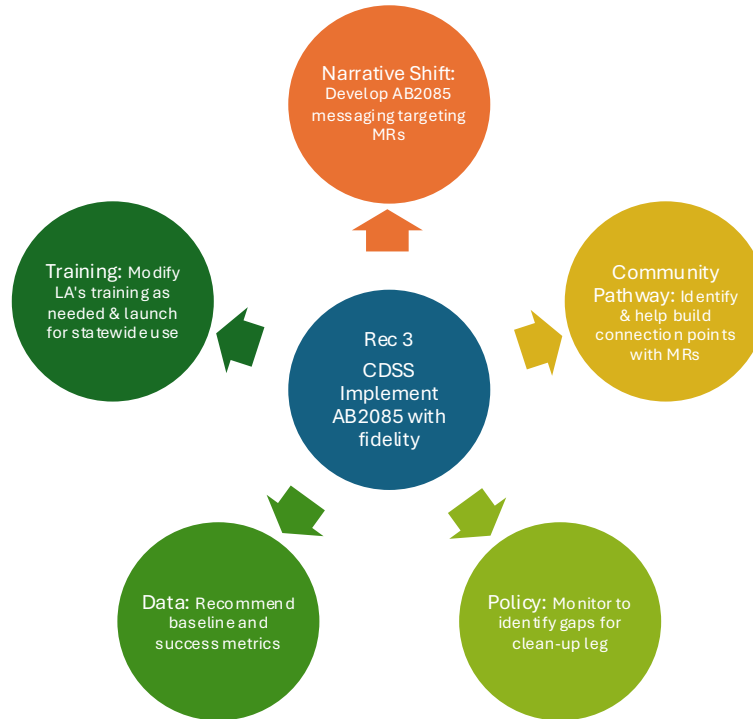
Integrated Focus: Implement AB 2085

Narrative Shift: messaging to start the new way of thinking, mindset shift, and public awareness

Community Pathways: MRs know the community pathways and build connection points to address families' needs with community supports

Data: what to track to know the law is being implemented, impact on the system

Policy: what is missing from the law, possible regs, what other policy is needed to support MRs





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Report Outs & Full Group Discussion

- How is your Workgroup planning to support the implementation of AB 2085?
- What do you need from the Training Workgroup and/or MRAC to be successful?



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CalPrevents Overview



Public Comment



- Raise your virtual hand
- Come off mute. Turn on your camera if you like
- Maximum of 2 minutes for comment which will go on public record
- You can put comments in the chat that will go on the record
- No response will be provided

Updates & Next Steps



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- **UPDATE:** Narrative Shift Key Messaging & Communications Work
- **March 19th meeting changed to March 26th**
- Join your LOCAL California Prevention Convening event—Details on MRAC CalPrevents
- Workgroup Co-Chairs Meetings is February 26th, 3:30 – 5:00pm
- Meetings are set through June 2026—See chat for dates and registration links
- Workgroups meet between MRAC meetings – your PM will follow-up
- **April music selection... Narrative Shift** 🎵🎵🎵



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Thanks, MRAC!

