

Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention

To prevent child abuse and neglect, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) funds and coordinates services that help strengthen and preserve families. The OCAP also administers state and federal grants, and develops and distributes information to individuals and organizations.

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG91.htm>

California's Child and Family Services Review

This year California's child welfare system was reviewed by the federal government. Our self assessment can be found on our web page. We have not yet received our report from the review, but expect it very soon. The report will also be posted on our web site once it's received.

<http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1520.htm>



The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Is A Shared Responsibility

Prevention and Early Intervention is not the sole responsibility of one group or agency.

To be effective, it requires multiple actions on multiple levels.

Need to use data to guide service delivery.

Need to use research to guide practice.

**Some of the Projects Funded by the
California's Department of Social Services'
Office of Child Abuse Prevention**

Strategies

Strategies works with community based organizations and public agencies by offering training, coaching, and facilitation. There are three regional offices in Northern California, Central California and Southern California.

<http://www.familyresourcecenters.net/>

Supporting Father Involvement

Supporting Father Involvement is a preventative intervention program and evaluation that seeks to increase positive father involvement. It is in five sites in Contra Costa, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Tulare and Yuba counties.

http://www.familyresourcecenters.net/assets/library/8_summer05.pdf

Parents Anonymous

Since 1999, Parents Anonymous[®] Inc. has been partnering with CDSS to provide parent leadership training and technical assistance to child abuse prevention agencies across the State to encourage and support shared leadership. The goal is to foster a collaborative relationship in local communities where parents and professionals can work together to ensure quality services for children and families.

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The California State Parent Team

The California State Parent Team has been developed to ensure that the “parent voice” is utilized in shaping the direction of family support programs, services and policies throughout California. For more information about having a parent from the Team participate in your organization, please contact:

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The Pathway To The Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Pathways framework offers guidance to communities by providing a structure for planning and acting strategically.

<http://www.pathwaystooutcomes.org/>

The California Evidence Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare

The California Evidence Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare provides easy access to information about selected child welfare related programs. Each program is reviewed and rated to determine the level of evidence for the program. The website helps the user to conduct literature searches, review extensive literature, and understand and critique research methodology.

<http://www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/>

The Family Development Matrix

The Family Development Matrix is a tool to help the caseworker or family support or advocate worker with case management and their ability to measure the progress of the families they serve.

<http://hhspp.csUMB.edu/community/matrix/familymatrix.htm>

The Linkages Project

The Linkages Project was begun to develop a coordinated services approach to better serve families and improve outcomes. The concept behind the Linkages Project is that through improved coordination, child welfare services also can serve as an anti-poverty program; and CalWORKs can help to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Project is currently operating in 34 California counties.

http://www.cfpic.org/linkages/linkages_001.htm