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Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

October 12, 2022

WELCOME!

County of Los Angeles Public Health

Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Feel free to share your name & organization in the chat

Meeting materials can be accessed at:
OAECE website
https://childcare.lacounty.gov/prccd/

Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

Family First Prevention Services Act

Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission Meeting

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FAMILY FIRST:

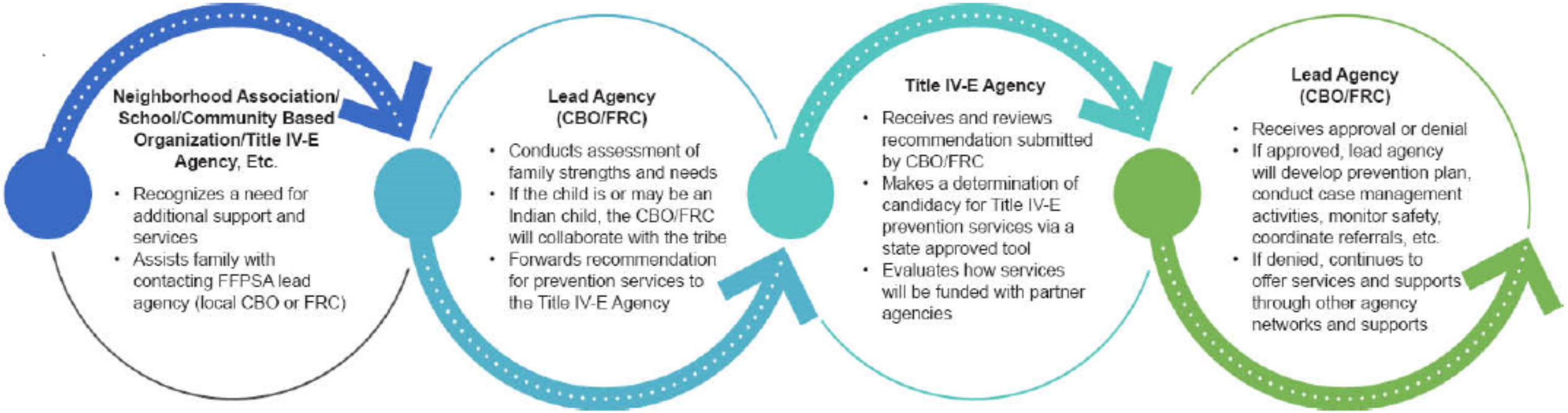
PART I

Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First)

Family First Part I allows federal dollars (Title IV-E funds) to be invested in children and families to prevent entry into the child welfare system, specifically focused on **Evidence-Based Practices** (EBPs) and trauma-informed preventative **mental health care** and treatment, preventative **substance use care** and treatment, and **in-home parent skill-based programs**.

What is the "Community Pathway"?

It is a way to allow community-based agencies to offer families FFPSA EBPs in the community context, without having been called to DCFS hotline for suspected abuse



California's Proposed Community Pathway Candidate Subgroups

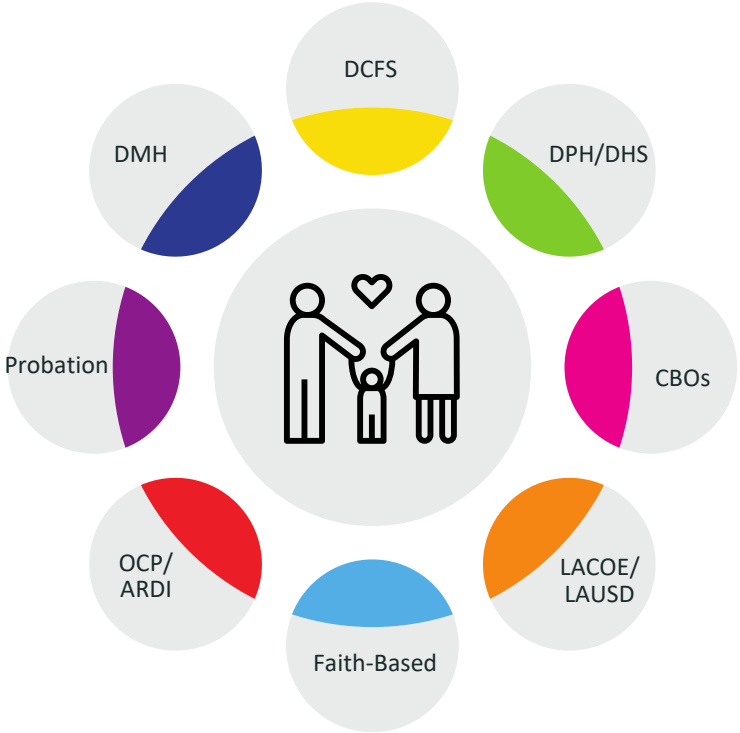
Children or youth experiencing other serious risk factors combined with family instability or safety threats

Indian children & their families are included in every candidate subgroup

Other Key Community Pathway Partners:

- HV Providers (have engaged)
- LACOE/LAUSD (have engaged)

Closed Adoptions & Guardianships at risk of disruption	Substantiated or Inconclusive Disposition but no case opened	Children who have Siblings in Foster Care
Caretaker Experiencing Substance Use Disorder)	Substance Exposed Infants	Children Exposed to Domestic Violence
Homeless or Runaway Youth	Trafficked Children and Youth (CSEC)	LGBTQ+ Youth



Thoughtful implementation of Family First's Community Pathway may present an opportunity to link families to resources without being in the child welfare system, address the need for enhanced prevention efforts to provide a recourse to children suffering from or at risk of neglect/abuse, and to integrate improvements to resource and service linkage.

COMMUNITY PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES

HOSPITALS/HEALTHCARE

- Plan of Safe Care referral of Substance Exposed Pregnant People and Infants
- Help me Grow from pediatricians

SCHOOLS

- LAUSD (Homeless Students, 0-5 At-Risk Children, TRiEE Teams)
- LACOE (Family Support Specialist, Early Childhood Education Programs)

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

- DCFS (Hotline Community Response, Unsubstantiated Investigation, Aftercare, & Post-Adoption referral)
- PROBATION YOUTH
- DMH, DPH, DPSS, County Resource Hub

LOCAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS (FRCs)

- FRCs including Candidate Specialists (SUD Treatment, DV, etc) and local networks

COMMUNITY

- Self Referrals, Faith-Based & Community Referrals, One Degree, 211

BLENDED/BRAIDED FUNDING

- **Each of these offers opportunities to partner with other departments and agencies to expand implementation**

Community Based Supports

Regardless of where they are engaged, all families will be referred to the right set of services to meet their goals and needs (including primary & secondary prevention resources, as may be appropriate)

Non-FFPSA Resources

COVERED UNDER OTHER FUNDING

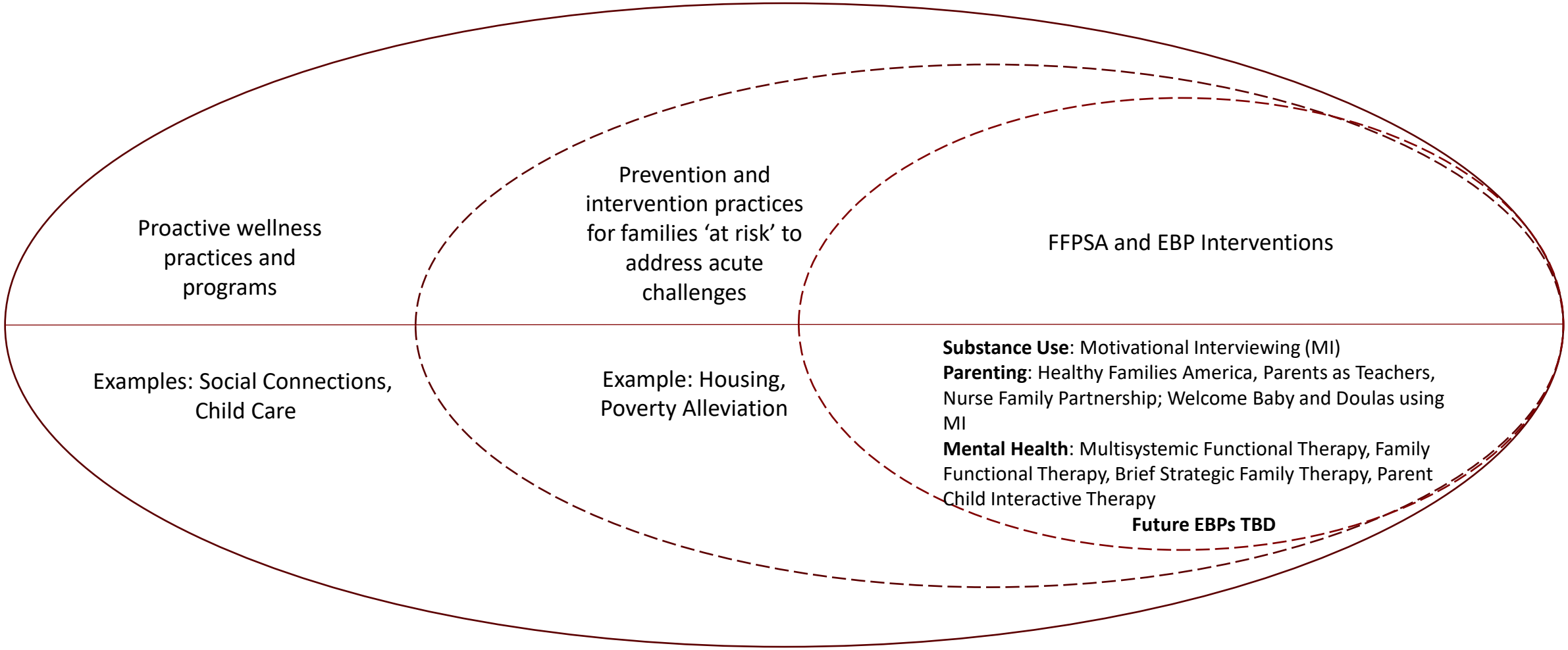
Administered by various community organizations and County Departments

FFPSA EBPs

HFA, PAT, NFP, MSFT, FFT, BSFT, PCIT, MI & TBD*

Community-based EBP providers will work with DCFS & Probation for eligibility approval, billing, data reporting

Community-Based Supports



In Focus: Intersections with ECE

- LAUSD: Health and Human Services
  - Home Visiting Referral Training for Trauma and Resilience Informed Early Enrichment (TRiEE) Program Psychiatric Social Workers
  - Home Visiting for Homeless Pregnant and Parenting Students

- LACOE: Head Start and Early Learning Division
  - Home visiting for expectant families and/or families with a new baby
  - Possible enhancements to DCFS Head Start referral/enrollment program

- City of Long Beach:
  - Explore potential for offering home visiting to homeless (other?) families served by ECE

Discussion

- What questions do you have for us?
- Do you have input on the potential pilot projects with LAUSD and/or LACOE?
- Are there additional ECE partners we should be engaging to develop additional pilot projects?

Thank you

BREAK

5 Minutes

General Business

Approval of Minutes

Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Supportive Programs for Young Children

CalWORKs

FAMILY SUPPORT HOME VISITING PROGRAM

MEDI-CAL Serving California Since 1966

Child Health & Disability Prevention CHDP

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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CHILD CARE

California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)

- CalWORKs provides temporary financial assistance and employment focused services to families with minor children who have income and property below State maximum limits for their family size.

- CalWORKs is a time limited program that helps to pay for housing, food, utilities, clothing and other necessary expenses.

- In August 2022, DPSS' CalWORKs caseload was 110,982 and served 64,508 children in LA County between the ages of 0-5.

CalWORKs Immediate Need (IN)

- Immediate Need provides an advance on a family's CalWORKs grant to be issued within 24 hours from the date of the request and allows families facing an eviction to receive the CalWORKs grant in an expedited manner within three working days.

- Emergent needs include lack of housing/food, pending eviction, utility shut-off, transportation/clothing needs, and other needs of importance to the family's immediate health and safety at the time of application.

- The IN payment is the CalWORKs grant amount prorated based on the date of application or $200 (whichever is less).

CalWORKs Home Visiting Program (HVP)

- HVP is a voluntary program under the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and is co-administered locally in LA County by DPSS and the Department of Public Health (DPH).

- HVP pairs participants with trained professionals who make regular visits to participants' homes to provide guidance, coaching, access to prenatal and postnatal care, early learning resources, and other health and social services.

HVP (Continued)

- HVP is available to the following:
  - Any member of a CalWORKs Assistant Unit (AU) who is pregnant;
  - A parent or caretaker of a child less than 24 months old;
  - A pregnant individual who has applied for CalWORKs aid within 60 calendar days prior to reaching the second trimester of pregnancy and would be eligible for CalWORKs aid other than not having reached the second trimester of pregnancy;
  - An individual who is apparently eligible for CalWORKs aid.

CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care (S1CC)

- S1CC is funded by CDSS and locally administered by DPSS through contracts with ten local Resource and Referral/Alternative Payment Program (R&R/APP) agencies.
- Participants apply for CalWORKs, and if deemed eligible and approved for cash assistance, are offered child care.
- If accepted, S1CC will be approved/authorized full-time (part-time if requested by participant) for 12 continuous months.
- Participants who are former CalWORKs recipients may continue to receive S1CC services for up to 24 months after their cash aid has terminated or until they are transferred into Stage 2 Child Care.

Medi-Cal (MC)

- Medi-Cal provides comprehensive health coverage for children and families.
- All children under the age of 19 are eligible to receive full scope MC benefits, regardless of their immigration status.
- Full scope MC includes medical, vision, dental, mental health, and alcohol and drug treatment services.
- In August 2022, DPSS' Medi-Cal caseload was 2,084,961 and served 272,104 children in LA County between the ages of 0-5.

Child Health & Disability Prevention Program (CHDP)

- CHDP provides preventive health and dental services to Medi-Cal eligible children (birth to 21 years of age).

- The goal is to identify and treat potential health problems, so they do not become serious or develop into disabilities.

CalFresh (formerly Food Stamps)

- CalFresh improves people's nutrition in low-income households by increasing their food-buying power so that they can purchase sufficient food to meet their household's needs.

- Expedited CalFresh is available within 1-3 days for households who have less than $150 in monthly gross income and less than $100 cash on hand or in a bank account or their monthly gross is less than their monthly rent or mortgage, plus utilities.

- In August 2022, DPSS' CalFresh caseload was 903,902 and served 156,286 children in LA County between the ages of 0-5.

Child Support Enforcement Program

- Unless exempt, CalWORKs applicants and participants are required to cooperate with Child Support Services Division (CSSD) in identifying and locating the absent parent, establishing paternity, securing a support order, and identifying any third parties who may be responsible for support.

- There are Good Cause exemptions from cooperation such as:

  - Cooperation may result in physical or emotional hardship to a parent or child;
  - The child for whom aid is sought was conceived through rape or incest;
  - Legal proceeding for the adoption of the child are pending;
  - A public or private agency is counseling the applicant regarding keeping the child or relinquishing the child for adoption.

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