



Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Group

Redesigning Child Welfare Services

Partnership for Practice: Prevention and Intervention

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Be informed ...

... of the recommendations in California's CWS Redesign
... of the critical importance of community partnerships in implementing prevention and early intervention strategies of the Redesign

Provide feedback ...

... on prevention and early intervention strategies
... on implementation opportunities and challenges

Strengthen ...

... existing community partnerships
... prevention and early intervention work already underway

Create new opportunities...

... to further commit energy and resources to advance this effort

April 22, 2003

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Marina Village
1936 Quivera Way
San Diego, CA 92109
Info: Paul Watson -
858-672-7205

April 28, 2003

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Children's Hospital of
Central California
Education and
Conference Center
9300 Valley Children's Place
Madera, CA 93638
Info: Lilia Chavez -
559-488-1710

May 1, 2003

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Los Angeles Times Building
202 W. First Street
(at Spring Street)
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Info: Susan Kim -
213-893-0421

May 12, 2003

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
The Waterfront Plaza Hotel
Jack London Square
10 Washington Street
Oakland, CA 94607
Info: Janette Borman -
510-780-8989

May 16, 2003

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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What is the CWS Stakeholders Group?

- ◇ There is a new vision for the Child Welfare Services (CWS) program in California. A vision of every child living in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities.
- ◇ California's current CWS program has evolved over the years, benefiting most of the abused and neglected children and their families who are served. However, this current system has not kept up with the changing needs of our children, families and communities.
- ◇ For this reason, Governor Gray Davis initiated the Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Group in July 2000 and charged them with creating a flexible child welfare system, comprised of public and private partnerships, that provides a comprehensive system of support for families and communities to ensure the well-being of every child.
- ◇ The Stakeholders Group consists of sixty individuals and represents all aspects of the child welfare community. This group was given a three year timeline in which to complete their recommendations for the Redesign of California's Child Welfare Services.

How is the CWS Redesign different from the old system?

- ◇ Key lessons the Stakeholders have discovered that underpin the philosophy of the Redesign are:
 - ◆ Interventions based simply on parental blame and punishment do not necessarily make children safer. It takes a well-timed, supporting relationship, fortified by sufficient safety and change-oriented services matched to the assessed strengths and needs of the family to secure lasting protection.
 - ◆ In general, creating opportunities to improve families' parenting capacity results in better outcomes than encouraging removal of children from their families.
 - ◆ The threat of losing one's children is not a sufficient motivator for change; building on family strengths, engaging the family's natural support systems, providing needed services and supports and promoting genuine involvement of the family in decisions affecting their child's safety, permanence and wellbeing are more effective.
 - ◆ Children do better when natural connections to their birth family can be preserved, regardless of the permanent living arrangement ultimately decided.
- ◇ Reaching out to and involving communities and forming partnerships with individuals and organizations that can help deliver effective services and support families long-term is the key to sustained results.

What is the opportunity for me and my community?

- ◇ The Stakeholders Group is hosting community forums in five locations throughout California to share their work and get input from community stakeholders on key aspects of the redesign related to prevention and early intervention strategies. See attached flyer for the location nearest you.

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Regional Community Forum Registration Form

Please register early as seating is limited

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