



On the Verge

Exploring new approaches to increase the Five Protective Factors across communities.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) funded On The Move to support the On The Verge Family Resource Center (FRC) pilot in order to explore new approaches to increase the Five Protective Factors across communities and develop a model to replicate across the state. The S.H. Cowell Foundation has collaborated with OCAP in this effort.

Across California, leaders working to strengthen families are faced with daunting challenges to creating real change in their communities. Over the last year, On The Move, with the support of the S.H. Cowell Foundation, has brought together four place-based teams in a life- and community-changing leadership development experience that has resulted in a plan to boost leadership in the field and to develop innovative, community-led solutions.

On the Verge is a year-long leadership program that develops emerging leaders in the non-profit and public sector in the areas of personal, interpersonal, and professional skills while tackling tough community issues. Over the last eight years, On The Move has demonstrated that FRCs are an effective vehicle for drastically improving children's academic and health outcomes. On The Move has been recognized as a leader in parent engagement strategies and has provided technical assistance in three California communities to increase the capacity of FRCs to engage low-income, underserved parents in their children's education and health.

This opportunity will allow On The Move to expand the On The Verge experience to six counties in California in the first year: Contra Costa, Fresno, Humboldt, Napa, Nevada/Placer, and Santa Clara. Six additional communities will be identified in the second year.

This grant was executed March 2016 and is scheduled to end June 30, 2018. The On The Verge project is funded by [CAPTA](#).

On The Verge will:

- » Provide leadership development for new and emerging leaders
- » Improve retention of brightest leaders
- » Build the FRC leadership pipeline by creating more opportunities for professional advancement
- » Cultivate interdependent teams across intervening systems, including education, child welfare, public health and mental health
- » Create innovative community solutions to long-entrenched problems

