



## California Child Welfare Council

### California Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Citizen Review Panel

#### **June 2016 Report**

The Power of Community



- The PEI-CRP operates under two overarching goals: quality and uniformity of prevention practice statewide, and the resourcing/financing of prevention.
- Whereas last year we expanded thinking on the benefit of a uniform statewide Prevention Framework, this year we continued to build on that foundation through the identification of core elements of prevention broadly, and captured the work in a cross walk document. The identified core elements are being further refined and will be presented to the Council in draft form as part of this year's recommendations.
- Last year we focused on the development and dissemination of a toolkit on federal child welfare financing to better inform partners of issues and opportunities related to reform. The *Toolkit on Federal Reform of Child Welfare Financing* is particularly timely and relevant now with the introduction of a child welfare legislative proposal known as the "Family First Act," by Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR) of the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance. We look forward to updating the Toolkit to include specific information on California's needs and perspectives.
- This year we continued to look at the resourcing of prevention and considered the benefits of a cost benefit analysis for California. As a next step we have requested a review of California's significant investment in prevention programs.
- Once per year the PEI-CRP produces a report containing perspectives and considerations to improve child welfare at the state level. As with all Committee products, the report is presented to the full Council for review and comment, then forwarded to the Department of Social Services as required under the CRP federal requirements.
- The PEI-CRP's progress and considerations were presented to the Council in March, and last Friday the annual report (refer to packet) was delivered to CDSS Director Will Lightbourne. Within six months Director Lightbourne will provide us with a written response describing whether and how the PEI-CRP's recommendations will be incorporated.