



**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL**  
*Child Welfare Priority Access to Services and Supports (PASS)*

**PASS Project Update**  
**Presented to the California Child Welfare Council**

June 11, 2014

## Project Objectives

The Child Welfare Council set the following objectives for the PASS project:

- Confirm or update the extent to which services are already being prioritized, defined as these families receiving services on a “first call” basis.
- Detail barriers to full prioritization and what could be done to move beyond them.
- Identify and explore opportunities to leverage current initiatives and policy/funding opportunities including, but not limited to: 1115 waiver renewal; ACA; IV-E Waiver; 1915 I; Katie A.; CAPP; etc.
- Develop and implement a plan for moving towards full prioritization of reunification families.
- Implement the plan and report back to the Council on implementation.
- Identify data to be used for tracking and monitoring/reporting.
- Explore the feasibility of expanding prioritization to other child welfare populations, beyond families in reunification.

## Accomplishments to Date

*Task Force and Agency Teams.* A PASS Task Force identified key services to which reunification families need priority access (mental health, substance use disorders, housing, workforce, and corrections/probation. Teams were formed with representatives from the state agencies responsible for these services, as well as local partners and others. The teams identified current prioritization activities and began developing ideas to increase priority access for reunification families.

*Convening.* On January 30, 2014, the PASS Convening brought together agency leaders and team members, along with other key partners, to discuss the ideas already developed by the teams and continue developing Action Plans for each service area. The Convening also focused on coordination of activities across service delivery systems, and formally established the PASS Leadership Team to lead and oversee the Initiative.

## Next Steps

The Leadership Team will support each state agency, along with its local partners, to develop Action Plans for their service area. It will also look across systems to meet the needs of reunification families.

1. **Develop PASS Agency Action Plans.** Each of the agencies providing the key services listed above will finalize an Action Plan to provide priority access for child welfare families in reunification.
2. **Statewide Systems Integration.** The Leadership Team will address systemic barriers identified by Agency Teams (for example, enabling each service delivery system to identify child welfare reunification families upon screening and intake; expediting enrollment in programs that provide needed services; case management across service delivery systems; integrating state and local government as well as nonprofit agency services to meet the needs of reunification families).



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**PASS Structure**

**PASS INTER-AGENCY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Mecca Co-Chair, CWDA</li> <li>• Dana Blackwell Co-Chair, Casey Family Programs</li> <li>• Greg Rose, CDSS</li> <li>• Karen Baylor, DHCS</li> <li>• Don Will, AOC</li> <li>• Don Pickens, Parent Partner</li> <li>• Kathy Icenhower, SHIELDS</li> <li>• Sylvia Pizzini, CHHSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Rainey, Workforce</li> <li>• Millicent Tidwell, Corrections</li> <li>• Lisa Bates, Housing</li> <li>• Phil Kader, Probation</li> <li>• Rosalio Chavoya, Mentor Partner</li> <li>• Abbie Totten, Health Plans</li> <li>• Carroll Schroeder, Permanency Committee</li> </ul>
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**Role:**

1. Provide overall leadership of the PASS initiative and report out to the Child Welfare Council
2. Guidance for Departments and hold accountability to initial agreements and development of action plans
3. Align statewide policy and systems for priority access
4. Coordinate the development of the integrated PASS Action Plan

**AGENCY TEAMS**

<b><u>Behavioral Health Team</u></b> (Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders)	<b><u>Workforce Team</u></b>	<b><u>Corrections/Probation Team</u></b>	<b><u>Housing Team</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen Baylor, DHCS – Lead</li> <li>• Brenda Grealish</li> <li>• Rita McCabe</li> <li>• Dina Kokkos-Gonzales</li> <li>• Marjorie McKisson</li> <li>• Laura Colson</li> <li>• Sharon DeRego, CDSS</li> <li>• Alice Kleghorn</li> <li>• Frank Mecca, CWDA</li> <li>• Carroll Schroeder, CACFS</li> <li>• Abbie Totten, Health Plans</li> <li>• Ken Berrick, Seneca Family of Agencies</li> <li>• Lisa Guillean, CDE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tim Rainey, WIB – Lead</li> <li>• Amy Wallace, WIB</li> <li>• Karen Fies</li> <li>• Lynn Lorber</li> <li>• Robin Purdy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Millicent Tidwell, CDCR – Lead</li> <li>• Tracy Kenny, AOC</li> <li>• Rosie McCool, CPOC</li> <li>• Kevin Wortell, CDCR</li> <li>• Rosalio Chavoya, Parent Mentor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Bates, HCD – Lead</li> <li>• Cindy Cavanaugh</li> <li>• Christine Cleary, AOC</li> <li>• Randy Deems, HCD</li> <li>• Laura Whittall-Scherfee</li> </ul>

**Role:**

1. Develop priority access plan for respective Agency/department (initial agreements plus long-range planning)
2. Advise PASS Inter-Agency Leadership Team of opportunities to leverage existing initiatives and of system barriers to full, timely implementation
3. Coordinate with county representatives to prepare for implementation