



CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL



The next **Child Welfare Council Annual Report** covering the period of **July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022**, to be released in **November 2023**, will feature highlights on each committee and task force of the Council. Please complete the following as a draft to review with your group for their input and confirmation at the **December 2022** meeting and return your completed template to Sarah.Saria@jud.ca.gov no later than **November 30, 2022**.

July 2021 through June 2022 Activities and Accomplishments: Please briefly list major activities and accomplishments for FY 21-22.

Concerns or Challenges: Describe any issues that you feel need the Council's attention in order to maximize opportunities and address barriers to the work of the Council.

2022 – 2023 Goals & Objectives: Indicate your committee or task force's goals and objectives for the coming year.

Committee/ Task Force Name	Prevention and Early Intervention Committee
Purpose	The primary objective of the statewide PEI Committee is to advocate for needed resources, policies and practices to achieve the promotion of child, parent and family well-being and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. To accomplish this objective the Committee will use the following strategies: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Actively identify and advocate for the most robust data points to evaluate what is/isn't working in the Child and Family Well-Being System.2. Analyze trends from data available and pending in state and county agencies and provide feedback on what is and what is not working within the Child and Family Well-Being System.3. Make data-driven advisory recommendations for policy and practice changes as needed.4. Increase community understanding, ownership and investment in prevention and early intervention as a critical component of the child, parent and family well-being continuum of services.5. Promote cooperation and collaboration across systems in order to promote and leverage resources and supports for prevention and early intervention services to prevent child welfare system entry or reentry, and reduce underlying causes and effects of child maltreatment. (From the PEI Committee Charter, approved August 2020)

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<p>July 2021 through June 2022 Activities and Accomplishments</p>	<p>The PEI Committee has continued to be very active and vibrant this past year. It has focused on ensuring robust and comprehensive development and implementation at the local and state level of the Family First Prevention Services framework and local Comprehensive Prevention Plans, an unprecedented opportunity in our state. Committee activities have included formal recommendations to the state, partnership with the state in prevention planning and education of the Child Welfare Council and the Committee.</p> <p>This past Fiscal Year, the Committee has continued its focus on expansion of committee membership to ensure representation across systems and populations, in alignment with the CWC goals. The committee is now comprised of 45 members, across a wide variety of sectors, experience and expertise. New members have joined the committee including representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and youth with lived expertise • Child advocacy • Juvenile Justice • Early childhood • Associations for providers, as well as county child welfare, probation and behavioral health • Education • Community Engagement • Academia • Data and evaluation <p>In February 2022, the Child Welfare Council approved the PEI Committee’s “Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Recommendations for California’s Implementation,” which included “top line” recommendations in the following domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Definitions • Financing Guidelines • Integrating and Blending Funding • Measurable Outcomes of Well-Being and Evaluation • State and County Planning and Oversight to Center the Voice of Lived Experience • Evidenced Based Practices • Technical Assistance <p>The Committee met multiple times between formal Committee meetings to develop the recommendations, with subgroups of committee members addressing each domain. The Committee also submitted those recommendations to CDSS, along with detailed specifics under each top line recommendation.</p> <p>Since March, the committee has been focused on education about community pathways, with the goal of developing formal</p>

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	<p>recommendations for CWC approval. At the June PEI meeting, Joshonda Guerrier, Administrator of Clinical and Consultation Supports from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families provided an overview to the Committee and state representatives of that state’s federally approved community pathway model.</p> <p>Additionally, because of our work with CDSS on FFPSA, the PEI co-chairs were asked to co-chair California’s FFPSA Part 1 Advisory Committee, which was also comprised of a number of PEI Committee members, as well as other stakeholders from various sectors across the state. In late 2021, the Advisory Committee met multiple times to review feedback provided by the federal Children’s Bureau to the state’s FFPSA plan and make recommendations for changes for the state’s resubmission of the plan. The advisory committee has also been asked to provide feedback to the state’s comprehensive prevention planning technical assistance framework and continues to work closely with CDSS on FFPSA implementation.</p>
Concerns or Challenges	None
2022 - 2023 Goals/Objectives	<p>The PEI committee is actively developing formal recommendations for Community Pathways, with the expectation that these will be presented to the Child Welfare Council at its March 2023 meeting. The recommendations will be organized using the domains in the previous PEI recommendations to the CWC.</p> <p>Included will be recommendations for the “Community Supporting,” to move beyond the current structure and approach to mandated reporting. The PEI Committee is partnering with several entities, including Safe and Sound and the Prevention Citizens Review Panel, to strategically align recommendations for both structural and legislative changes.</p> <p>The Committee will also be exploring strategies to integrate family finding and engagement strategies into community pathways and other prevention oriented recommendations.</p>