

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER



WHY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

- ▶ THE 500 FRCS ARE THE LARGEST, MOST COHESIVE, MOST FLEXIBLE NETWORK OF PREVENTION SERVICES AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING.
- ▶ SPECIFICALLY, TWO PRIORITIES FOR THE PEI COMMITTEE ARE RELIANT ON A STRONG BASE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:
 - California's Family First Prevention Services Plan includes a Community Pathway.
 - California seeks to increase community supports in lieu of mandated reporting and unnecessary entry into child welfare.

DEFINITION

Senate Bill 436

“Family Resource Center” means an entity providing family-centered and family-strengthening services that are embedded in communities, culturally sensitive, and include cross-system collaboration to assist in transforming families and communities through reciprocity and asset development based on impact-driven and evidence-informed approaches with the goal of preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening children and families.

CA WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 18951(g)

HOW ARE FRCs DIFFERENT FROM OTHER AGENCIES

1. FRCs ARE DEEPLY EMBEDDED AND TRUSTED IN THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.
2. FRCs PROVIDE A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES.
3. FRCs ARE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE.
4. FRCs EMPLOY MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY ARE GUIDED BY THE COMMUNITY.
5. FRCs ARE FLEXIBLE AND CAN PIVOT TO HELP THEIR COMMUNITY SUCH AS WITH DISASTERS, DISTANCE LEARNING, TRAGEDIES, INTERNET, REFUGEES, ETC.
6. FRCs ARE TRUSTED BY THE COMMUNITY: ACA, DACA, EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS, VACCINATIONS, ETC.

WHAT DO OTHERS SAY



ACCORDING TO CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS, “FRCS ARE DISTINCT IN THAT THEY ARE UNIQUELY COMMUNITY-FOCUSED, ARE DRIVEN BY FAMILY NEEDS, AND OFFER A MULTITUDE OF PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES...FRCS ALSO ARE DESIGNED TO HELP STABILIZE FAMILIES BEFORE A CRISIS REACHES A LEVEL REQUIRING CPS INTERVENTION, OR A CHILD’S PLACEMENT IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE.”

REPORT FROM CDSS OCAP: “FRCS GO BEYOND TRADITIONAL SOCIAL SERVICE ENTITIES BY TAKING ON BROAD COMMUNITY CHANGE EFFORTS. IN AN ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT, FRCS EMBRACE AN ASSET DEVELOPMENT APPROACH TO COMMUNITY CHANGE, HONORING COMMUNITY STRENGTHS WHILE ADDRESSING VERY REAL NEEDS AND/OR SOCIAL INJUSTICES THROUGH RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT.”