



Human Services Children and Family Services

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES (PSSF) and** **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION INTERVENTION AND TREATMENT (CAPIT)** **ANNUAL REPORT, 2014/15**

The State of California Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), under the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), requires an annual report on the status and performance of the Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) and Child Abuse, Prevention, Intervention and Treatment (CAPIT) Programs. The Children's Policy Council, as the County's local Child Abuse Prevention Council, is responsible for reviewing and approving the report.

PSSF and CAPIT, within the specific mandates of the funding, provide services designed to:

- Prevent the recurrence of child maltreatment,
- Preserve and support families,
- Assist with efforts to reunify families, and
- Promote and stabilize adoptions.

The County Children's Trust Fund (CCTF), Child Welfare Services (CWS), and Wraparound Reinvestment funds are used to support these programs, and CAPIT funds are also used to support the Kinship Centers (KSSP).

Services provided under these programs include:

- Individual, Family and Group Therapeutic services, including Sexual Abuse Treatment and Domestic Violence Counseling,
- Parenting Education Classes,
- Anger Management,
- Home Visits,
- Life Skills classes, and
- Support Groups.

Funds are also used to support the Annual Adoption event. In 2014/15, over 3,700 children and 3,700 parents (more than 7,400 total individuals) received PSSF and CAPIT services. Service is provided to CFS clients and those at-risk of child abuse or neglect in all regions of the County.

The Annual Report accounts for the clients served by demographic group, service received and funding source. It also summarizes the quality assurance, data collection and accountability processes the County employs. Since the PSSF and CAPIT planning processes have been integrated into the larger County Self-Assessment (CSA) and System Improvement Plans (SIP), any changes or modifications to the PSSF/CAPIT plan sections are reported here, if they had not previously been reported during one of

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the quarterly SIP updates. There were no plan adjustments to report in this cycle (2014/2015). PSSF and CAPIT services address needs identified in the CSA and SIP.

PSSF services are required to be distributed in four Service Categories: Family Support, Family Preservation, Time Limited Reunification, and Adoption Promotion and Support. Each of these Service Categories has an allocation target of 20%, with the additional 20% distributed at the County's discretion in the four service categories. The Service Category Targets were met for the 2014/2015 report.

In January 2014 a new service delivery model was implemented to improve the client engagement time frame and increase the number of providers and services available to clients. The model includes:

- Five (5) in-house Service Coordinators regionally based in CFS offices to assist with the referral process including: scheduling appointments with the vendor, calling the client to remind them of their appointment, and tracking referrals and client attendance,
- Outreach to families at-risk of child abuse through the use of Preventive referrals to services,
- Expansion of the number and variety of service providers funded by OCAP Program
- Upgrades to the Efforts-to-Outcomes Database to enhance initial participant engagement, tracking services, and participants' demographics.

The new model was discussed and approved at the October 17, 2013, Children's Policy Council meeting. This model has allowed CFS to maintain quality assurance and positive collaboration between the County and service providers while providing opportunities to improve service.

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