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Children & Family Services Division Office of Child Abuse Prevention

STATE PARENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Promoting the preparation and contribution of parent leaders to state level partnerships

Under a prior grant, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) funded Parents Anonymous, Inc. to create and maintain the California State Parent Leadership Team. Parents from various communities were trained and provided support to serve as parent leaders to contribute to the shaping of policies, procedures, and practices that affect families. Parent leaders participated in activities (task forces, committees, convenings, etc.) on both the local and state levels. Funding for the California State Parent Leadership Team ended June 30, 2013.

Recognizing the need for increased parent leadership participation on the state level, the OCAP issued a Request for Applications in 2013 for the creation of the State Parent Leadership Team (SPLT). Parents Anonymous, Inc. was awarded this competitive grant for a two-year funding cycle—State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2013-2014 and SFY 2014-2015. OCAP extended the funding Parents Anonymous, Inc. for SFY 2015-2016 to support the continuation of the SPLT. The current grant concludes June 30, 2016.

This grant funds the development of parents who have had previous involvement across multiple systems, such as child welfare, mental health, and community-based organizations. Parents throughout the state, representing many of the state's diverse demographics (male, female, underrepresented groups, urban areas, tribal members, rural areas, ethnic minorities, etc.) are eligible to apply for team membership. Eligible parents include biological parents, relative caregivers, or adoptive parents.

In 2015-16, Parents Anonymous will continue to maintain a SPLT to engage in shared leadership to empower other parents and provide a statewide voice to inform statewide policies, programs, procedures, and practices that affect families across multiple systems to prevent child abuse and neglect by fostering the five Protective Factors of the Strengthening Families Initiative.

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