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Children & Family Services Division Office of Child Abuse Prevention

STRATEGIES

Provides training and technical assistance to family support agencies

In 1997, the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) partnered with family resource centers to fund Strategies—a nationally recognized affiliation that provides quality training, coaching, facilitation, and technical assistance to agencies and community organizations committed to family strengthening practices throughout California. The current grant cycle began in July of 2015 and will conclude in June of 2016.

Through a tri-agency collaborative with regional offices located in Butte, Ventura, and Orange counties, Strategies serves as a capacity builder by helping family support agencies, networks, and organizations to:

- Provide quality child abuse prevention services
- Develop effective leadership for child abuse prevention in their respective counties
- Improve organizational management
- Engage in strategic planning
- Design and implement sustainability plans
- Implement promising practices that promote child safety, permanence and well-being
- Develop family resource centers/family support organizations, networks, and public/private partnerships
- Address emerging initiatives and issues impacting the family support field

Ultimately, families and communities are strengthened through the Strategies approach, which offers support in such areas as cultural competence, father engagement, special needs children, family engagement, systems improvement, and more. The practical application of research and best practices has led Strategies to train and assist programs throughout the State.

In addition to delivering training and technical assistance through capacity building efforts, this year Strategies will also complete a Prevention Survey and Report. The purpose of this project is to identify both current prevention efforts and barriers, gaps, and resources needed to engage parents and implementation prevention practices. These will be reported by key prevention leaders in California's counties in order to gather information about the types of prevention supports needed to create a robust prevention network to support California families.

For more information on Strategies, please visit the Strategies Web site at: www.familyresourcecenters.net