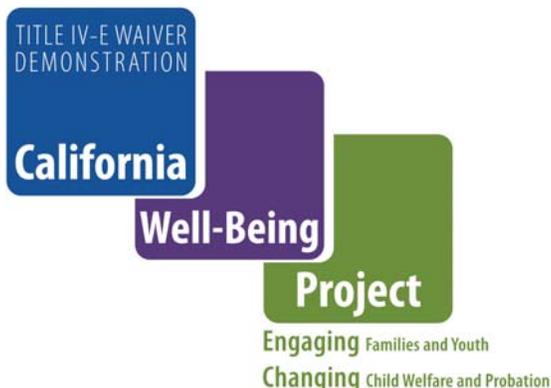
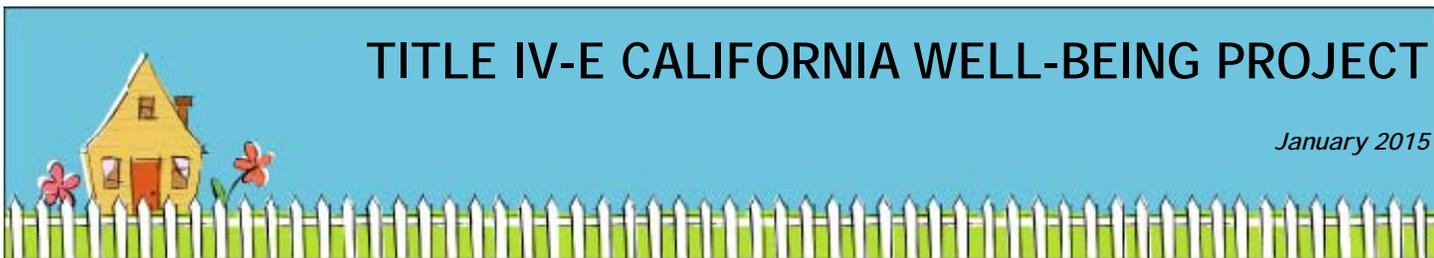


TITLE IV-E CALIFORNIA WELL-BEING PROJECT

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SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Our project is now in full swing! The California Well-Being Project enables the opportunity to improve the lives of children, youth and families through a collaboration that will support and promote:

- Safety;
- Stability;
- Education;
- Mental Health, and;
- The Over-All Well Being of Our Children and Families.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is providing pertinent Technical Assistance (TA), recent activities included:

- Hosting a webinar addressing claiming procedures, Wraparound activities, eligibility criteria, and the Quarterly Fiscal Supplemental Form requirement;
- Visiting participating counties, addressing individual questions regarding billing codes and claiming procedures.

COUNTY CORNER

Our county partners are hard at work in their quest to improve the lives of fellow Californians:

"On October 28, 2014, Sacramento County Child Protective Services (CPS) and Probation Department hosted a community meeting with representatives from agencies serving children, youth and families in the county. The meeting included a presentation on the goals of the waiver as well as the initiatives to be implemented locally by Probation and CPS. The presentation also touched upon fiscal issues, including how savings will be generated. Community representatives asked questions and provided suggestions on how to utilize savings to achieve better outcomes for children and families. Feedback from community representatives was overwhelmingly positive. The County is developing a communications plan to keep the community engaged in the planning process and apprised of issues related to the reinvestment of savings."

Alicia Blanco, Program Planner
Sacramento County Child Protective Services



COMMUNICATION, PLANNING, AND COORDINATION

The California Well-Being Project requires communication within all partnering agencies and organizations, determining goals, establishing a plan and coordinating efforts.

We have taken the following steps:

- Held a CDSS Employee convening, informing and introducing the project objective, goals, methodology and project team members to various interdepartmental bureaus;
- Provided County Plan guidelines and templates to all Demonstration counties;
- Received and reviewed county Project Plans including *Interventions* that will be implemented by Probation and Social Services departments;
- Scheduled and conducted on-going monthly individual TA calls to support our county partners;
- Supported our Chief Probation Officers of California partners with their telephone conferences;
- Held a convening with Demonstration counties and discussed the Evaluation component for our project;
- On-Going communication and collaboration with the University of California, Davis and Casey Family Programs organization on refining the Safety Organized Practice model;
- And much more to come!

DEMONSTRATION DICTIONARY

What is an Intervention?

An *Intervention* is a discrete program or practice focusing on the needs of children, youth, and families, that supports a set of short and long-term outcomes.



EVALUATION IS ESSENTIAL

Program evaluation is a key component of the California Well-Being Project. This process will gauge the relationship between the project, service delivery methods, and outcomes for our children and families. Our process involves:

- Posting a Request For Proposal;
- Selecting the evaluator;
- Developing the contract deliverables;
- Overseeing evaluation activities
- Developing an evaluation plan with the evaluator.

We will introduce our evaluator soon!

MEETING OUR FEDERAL PARTNER'S EXPECTATIONS

Our federal partner, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children, Youth and Families has received our Initial Design and Implementation Report (IDIR) a required document that will serve as a tool in implementing the Title IV-E California Well-Being Project. The IDIR promotes thoughtful and strategic planning for successful implementation.



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