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Dear County Child Welfare Directors & Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Directors:

We invite you to jointly apply for a historic opportunity to begin a planning process to significantly reduce child abuse and neglect in your county.

The Prevention Cabinet of the County Welfare Directors Association of California, the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), and Strategies 2.0 will be co-hosting a Prevention Summit on January 31st and February 1st in San Diego. This meeting will coincide with the 33rd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment 2019 being held January 28th through February 1st at the Town & Country in Mission Valley. We thank the Chadwick Center for Children and Families and Rady Children's Hospital for hosting this annual conference and for providing the Prevention Cabinet space at the conference for this historic Prevention Summit. We hope you will be able to attend both the conference and the summit.

The purpose of the summit is to spur a leap forward in our shared goals toward child abuse prevention and family well-being, by convening cross-sector teams from select counties, who are prepared to deepen their collaboration and commit to a shared strategy. By participating in the summit, counties will:

- develop or strengthen a public-private partnership for strengthening families,
- begin or strengthen a county-wide prevention plan, and
- commit to an ongoing collaborative process with clear action steps.

By participating, your county will see and hear inspiring examples of successful prevention strategies and collaborations in California, learn from state and federal policy leaders about their plans and priorities for prevention, and receive professional facilitation from Strategies 2.0 and OCAP team members in developing your action plans.

Space is limited, so we will be selecting approximately 20 counties, based on completion of an application process, to be submitted jointly by the county's Child Welfare Director and CAPC Director. **(Attached Application is due by the end of the day 12/14/18.)** The criteria for selection will include: cross-sector collaboration, leadership commitment, and geographic and size diversity.

To apply, you will need to commit to the following:

- Identify a team* of up to 10 collaborative partners who will attend the Summit; your team should include decision-makers from:
 - County CAPC
 - Child welfare
 - Family resource centers
 - Other partners who are involved in child abuse prevention (e.g., office of education, child care referral, community action organizations)
 - First 5
 - Behavioral health
 - Public health
- *Some counties may have local teams of more than 10 partners but due to space limitations we are asking that the team that attends the Summit be limited to 10 or less
- Convene your team at least once before the summit, with an agenda that should include, but is not limited to:
 - reviewing your county self-assessment (CSA).
 - reviewing your current county prevention goals within the system improvement plan (SIP) and/or other documents and collaborations.
 - reviewing county data on child and family well-being. Suggestions include:
 - Kidsdata KidsData.org
 - The Berkeley Child Welfare Indicator Project CSSR.Berkeley.edu/UCB_ChildWelfare
 - County Health Rankings CountyHealthRankings.org
(Participants may consider indicators used for mental health and community violence that are used to create the rankings)
 - identifying desired outcomes from the summit.
- Attend the summit with your identified team and create an Action Plan.
- Convene again with your team and other collaborative partners, within 3 months after the summit, to review progress toward action plans and confirm the structure for collaboration moving forward. A facilitator from the summit will be available to help plan the agenda and/or facilitate the discussion.

We hope you are inspired to apply for this opportunity. We look forward to joining in partnership to develop shared goals toward child abuse prevention and family well-being.

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