



## California Family Resource Association

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### **CFRA and CAPC Home Visiting Webinar Q&A**

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1. Can the home visiting program that the organization implements be an Evidence Informed Home Visiting Program? Such as a modification to Cal-Learn?
  - CAPC: CDSS is moving in the direction that if the home visiting program is not on the website of pre-approved HV programs, then an evaluation of the current HV program will need to be submitted along with the RFCP.
2. Will the state have any requirements to counties regarding support or engagement of participants to support family centered care practices?
  - CAPC: As long as it meets the requirements in the language. The links and resources provided by CFRA have that information.
3. Has DSS issued an RFA (request for application) for this yet?
  - CAPC: CDSS will be issuing the RFCP in July.
4. How do we determine who our county representative is? How can we assist them with the application?
  - CAPC: Check with your county and check what department administers CALWORKS now. Even though it may be transferred elsewhere, within that county. Every county is organized very differently. Check with whichever agency may be administering CalWORKS.
5. Does the funded home visiting program have to accept all applicants interested in the services, or can they be limited to an already existing group of families (such as families whose children qualify for early intervention services)?
  - CAPC: This new money can expand your program, but if you're already funded and serving a family, you have to make sure you are not replacing funds.
  - CDSS: They are allowing counties to limit based on a program, but supplantation of funds is not allowable.
6. First time moms/caregivers only for the participants?
  - CAPC: This program is only for first time moms/caregivers. You do not have to stop providing services to other moms and caregivers with your other funding, but this program is only for first time mom/caregivers.
7. Does that update change the requirement to apply or lose ability to apply within 3 years?
  - CDSS: There is not any limitation anymore due to the change. CDSS is still discussing the budget and what the allocation will look like.
8. What programs are considered certified home visitor programs?
  - CAPC: The 6 approved models are: Early head start, Nurse Family Partnership, Healthy Families America and Parents as Teachers, Healthy Beginnings and Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters.
9. If we have very few CW participants per county who would be eligible, can we combine our numbers with other counties in order to be eligible as a region for the funding? Yet each county will have their own Home Visiting program.

- CDSS: Yes, counties can work together and work collaboratively. It can be a program across two or three counties, depending on the caseload and county size. CDSS is encouraging smaller counties to work together.
10. Is there a caseload minimum per county or per county size?
    - CDSS: There is no caseload minimum per county.
  11. Will there be scripted expectations, such as a certain number of clients served, etc?
    - CDSS: There are no scripted expectations.
  12. Is it expected that all counties will be applying for this?
    - CDSS: They are expecting and hoping all counties apply. That's a county local decision based on capacity and client's needs.
  13. Does the county plan to the state in September include the specific strategies the county wants to implement?
    - CDSS: Yes.
  14. When you say the County has the option to keep or contract out, who do you define as the County agency? The County DSS or? Just trying to figure out who in the County is leading this?
    - CAPC: Start with the department that administers CalWORKS now or who administers public health. It varies from county to county. Process of approval, that is a decision based upon the policies and procedures of the county.
  15. Will each county be required to subcontract with local organizations or can they keep the funds in-house?
    - CAPC: Counties do have the option to keep it in-house if they have the capacity to run a home visiting program.
  16. What are the requirements for participants? do they have to be documented, citizens or?
    - CDSS: they need to be on CalWORKS when they apply. Or they need to be a parent or caretaker/relative of a child-only case.
  17. What if a FRC does not currently have a HV program? Can they possibly still receive sub-contract funds?
    - CAPC: This still needs to be clarified, but what they expect to be critical is experience and need an evaluation of outcomes. If someone is interested in using a program that isn't an approved HV model, they will need an evaluation displaying that the program does work for CW families.
  18. If counties are not ready to apply in September, can we do so later? Will you give us a new deadline for those who will apply later?
    - CAPC: What they plan to do is have an 18-month cycle, so that counties don't have to reapply when the new fiscal year comes around. It would be valid until June 2020, but after that, they will have an opportunity to apply again. They are not anticipating additional funds before the 18-month period is over.
  19. Is the subcontracting process the responsibility of each county to develop?
    - CAPC: the state will provide sample MOUs, but is a local process.
  20. What programs are considered to be certified home visiting programs?
    - CAPC: Any HV, just needs to meet the criteria through the HV program found on [homvee.act.hhs.gov](http://homvee.act.hhs.gov). The outcome domains are Maternal Health, Child Health, Family Economic Self-Sufficiency, Positive Parenting Practices, Child Development and School Readiness, and Linkages and Referrals. The four most common types are Early Head Start, Nurse Family Partnership, Health Families Americas, and Parents as Teachers. If

not one of those four, model must have capacity for expansion, staff training and development, outreach and recruitment strategies, demonstrated ability to serve linguistic and cultural needs of target population, developmental screening, and collaboration and community partnerships.

21. How would a county pay for age 2 to age 3 of the Healthy Families program, since this will only cover up to age 2?
  - CDSS: It will only fund HV programs for up to 24 months or until the child's second birthday.
22. Will funding be awarded to the counties based on the number of families eligible for services?
  - CDSS: The counties will be awarded the reward. It is up to the county how and who they distribute the funds do. How any additional funds get allocated is still being discussed.
23. Will services stop if a CW family loses eligibility to CW?
  - CDSS: No, services will not stop.
24. Any recommendations on how a Local Education Agency can get involved?
  - CAPC: Contact your CalWORKS office to see how to get involved.
25. Will supportive services be available to CW/WTW mothers while they participate in the home visiting program? Is it paid out of this program funds or the County WTW program?
  - CDSS: Employment Supportive Services is an option for mothers.
26. Will CalWORKS only pay for 24 months of service if Healthy Families prescribes 3-5 years of service?
  - CDSS: Services are for 24 months or until the child's second birthday, whichever is later.
27. Define and describe what "priority" means in terms of the target population.
  - CDSS: A county must serve the priority population first and can apply to expand the priority population while still funding the priority population. For full text, see [AB1811](#).
28. Given the addition of possible co-location with the county agency administering CalWORKS, what does that actually mean and how is it envisioned for large counties with multiple sites?
  - CDSS: HV within CW is a new concept so the intent for co-location is to have a home visitor on hand to give more information. The home visitor can be there a few times a week, but just needs to be there to answer any questions.
29. When would we expect to see the allocation per county?
  - CDSS: When the Allocation Letter is released.
30. Subplant definition.
  - CDSS: Subplant is to build upon something, supplant is to replace. Counties cannot supplant. If a county had a program, but doesn't have those same resources, it is not supplantation.