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CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative

Potential Funding Opportunity for FRCs

Hosted by

*The California Family Resource Association &
The Child Abuse Prevention Center*

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

10AM-11AM

Slides & Recording

- ▶ **We are recording the webinar!**
 - ▶ We will be sending this out after today's call
 - ▶ Slides and recording will be available for distribution



Agenda

- ▶ Welcome & Housekeeping
- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Overview of CalWORKs Proposal
- ▶ Partner with CAP Center
- ▶ Question & Answer



Child Abuse Prevention Center

The Child Abuse Prevention Center is a state and national training, education, research and resource center dedicated to strengthening children, families, and communities.

The CAP Center has a 40 year history of preventing child abuse, neglect, and abandonment through four core strategies:

- Education
- Advocacy
- Health
- Safety

We are home to 5 unique agencies:

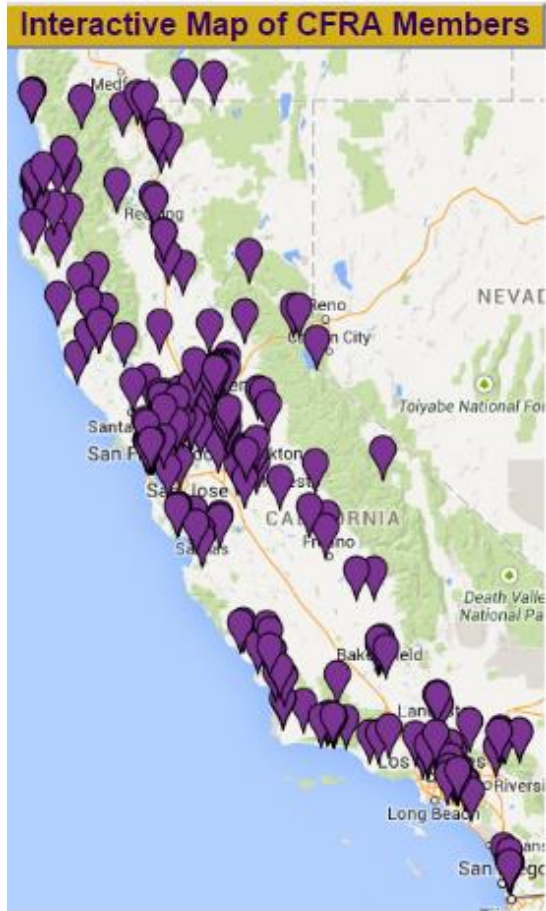
The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, California Family Resource Association, Prevent Child Abuse California, Lift the Children, and the Child Abuse Prevention Center Political Action Committee.



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Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative

- ▶ 2018-2019 state budget included a 3 year Home Visitation (HV) pilot initiative within CalWORKs
- ▶ Starting in January 2019, program would provide up to 24 months of HV for first time parents under age 25, who are either pregnant or parenting a child under 2
- ▶ Voluntary program
- ▶ Goal is to help young families reach self-sufficiency by improving family engagement practices, supporting healthy development of young children in poverty, and preparing parents for employment
- ▶ Access budget and updates [here](#).



Purpose of CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative

- ▶ Support healthy outcomes for pregnant and parenting women and infants;
- ▶ Expand future educational, economic, and financial capability opportunities for families; and
- ▶ Improve the likelihood that families served will no longer be in poverty.



Funding for Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative

- ▶ \$26.7 million in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 to establish a three year voluntary Home Visiting Initiative in the CalWORKS program
- ▶ The total budget is \$158.5 million over three years with an implementation date of January 2019



Parent Eligibility- Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative

- ▶ Member of a CalWORKS assistance unit, the parent/caretaker relative for a child only case;
- ▶ Pregnant/first time parent/caretaker relative of a child less than twenty-four months of age;
and
- ▶ Under twenty-five years of age.

(As of June 14, 2018)



Parent Participation is VOLUNTARY

Participation in this program is voluntary and shall not:

- ▶ Be considered a condition of CalWORKS eligibility;
- ▶ Affect a family's application for aid or eligibility for any other CalWORKS benefits, supports, or services including:
 - ▶ Welfare to work exemptions;
 - ▶ Good cause;
 - ▶ Participating in housing support services; and
 - ▶ Participating in family stabilization.



Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative-Application for Counties

- ▶ Every county eligible to apply
- ▶ CDSS working on a funding allocation per county (not yet released)
- ▶ If a county does not apply during this process, they may NOT apply during the 3 year funding period (unless something changes in subsequent budgets)
- ▶ Important to begin outreach NOW with counties and networks



Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative- Resources & Supports

Home visiting shall be offered for a period of up to 24 months and shall include, but will not be limited to, resources and referrals relating to all of the following:

- ▶ Prenatal, infant & toddler care;
- ▶ Infant & child nutrition;
- ▶ Developmental screening and assessments;
- ▶ Parent education, parents and child interaction, child development, and child care; and
- ▶ Job readiness and barrier removal.



State & Local Funding Process

STATE: CalWORKs Funding

State to pass budget.

Funding for HV programs available to counties who apply.



COUNTY: Awarded Funding from CalWORKs

Counties will apply for funds available from the state.

CalWORKs will release Request for County Plan (RFCP)



FRC/OTHER AGENCY: Contract w/County

Organizations who have HV programs can be sub-contracted by the county.

Talk to your county representatives NOW to begin the conversation.



Proposed Timeline for Request for County Plan (Application)

Activity	Date
Request For County Plan Release Date	July 2018
Request For County Plan Review Session	July 2018
Request For County Plan Due Date	September 2018
Tentative Award Notification	October 2018
Implementation	January 1, 2019
Participant Outreach & Enrollment	January 1, 2019- December 31, 2019

State Standards for County Funding

- ▶ Minimum allocations included in RFCP
- ▶ Allowance for regional approaches
- ▶ Funds shall not supplant any existing funding sources
 - ▶ *Funding can't replace any existing funding sources for current HV programs*



Home Visitation Funding- Opportunities on a Local Level



Explore & provide evidence-based programs already being used

Engage with County CalWORKs & Child Welfare

Leverage funds to expand services to non-traditional families

Home Visiting Model Criteria for Request For County Plan

- ▶ Must be approved by CDSS which will be evaluated utilizing the HomVEE criteria for evidence-based home visiting
- ▶ homvee.acf.hhs.gov
- ▶ Each county or group of counties may select the home visitation model of their choice so long as the model meets the criteria of the federal Home Visiting Model
- ▶ It does not have to be one of the models currently accepted for funding for federal dollars
- ▶ There may be more than one model per county if appropriate

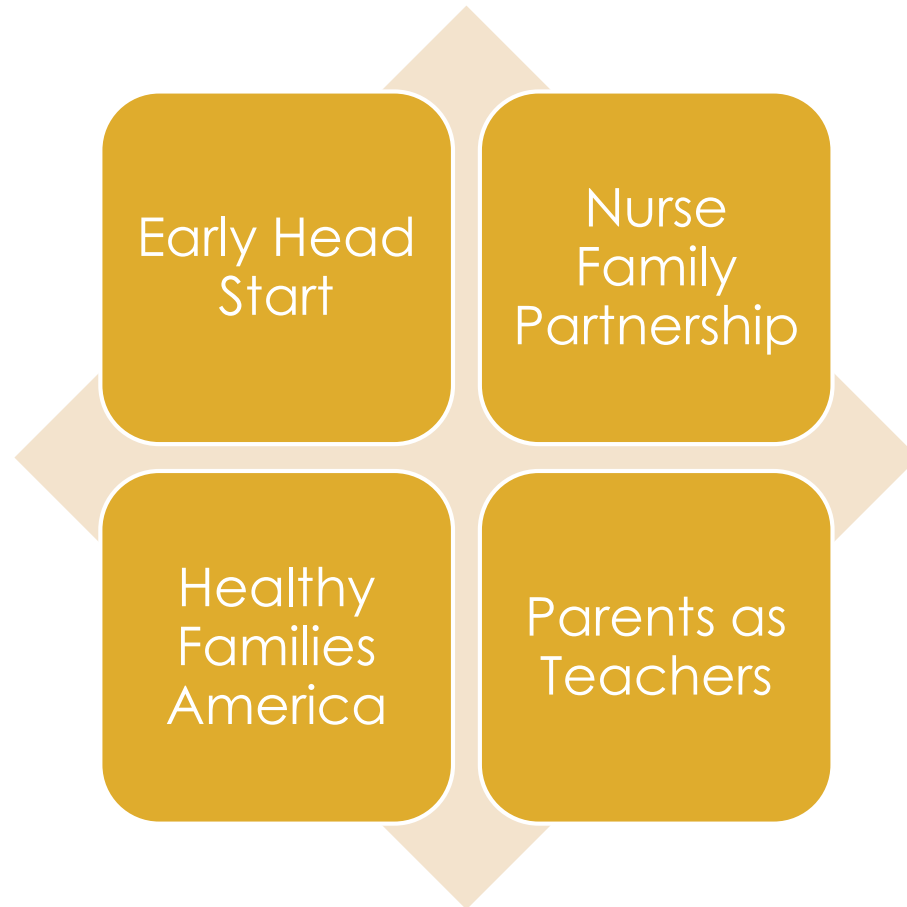


Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative Outcome Domains

- ▶ Maternal Health
- ▶ Child Health
- ▶ Family Economic Self-Sufficiency
- ▶ Positive Parenting Practices
- ▶ Child Development and School Readiness
- ▶ Linkages and Referrals



Governor's CalWORKs Home Visitation Initiative Approved Models



Early Head Start

- ▶ Administered by Office of Head Start (Dept. of Health and Human Services)
- ▶ Comprehensive federal initiative aimed at enhancing the development of infants and toddlers while strengthening families
- ▶ Targets low-income pregnant women and families with children birth to age 3 years. Eligibility requires families to be at or below the federal poverty level
- ▶ Early Head Start–Home Visiting programs provide one home visit per week per family (with a minimum of 48 home visits per year) lasting for a minimum of 90 minutes each. They also provide a minimum of 2 group socialization activities per month for each family (with a minimum of 22 group socialization activities each year).



Nurse Family Partnership

- ▶ Designed for first-time, low income mothers and their children
- ▶ Includes one-on-one home visits by a trained public health registered nurse to participating clients
- ▶ The visits begin early in the woman's pregnancy (with program enrollment no later than the 28th week of gestation) and conclude when the woman's child turns 2 years old.
- ▶ NFP is designed to improve (1) prenatal health and outcomes, (2) child health and development, and (3) families' economic self-sufficiency and/or maternal life course development



Healthy Families America

- ▶ Healthy Families America (HFA) goals include reducing child maltreatment, improving parent-child interactions and children's social-emotional well-being, and promoting children's school readiness.
- ▶ Local HFA sites select the target population they plan to serve and offer hour-long home visits at least weekly until children are 6 months old, with the possibility for less frequent visits thereafter.
- ▶ Visits begin prenatally or within the first three months after a child's birth and continue until children are between 3 and 5 years old. In addition, many HFA sites offer parent support groups and father involvement programs.
- ▶ Sites can also develop activities to meet the needs of their specific communities and target populations.



Parents as Teachers

- ▶ The Parents as Teachers Evidence-Based Model is the comprehensive home-visiting, parent education model used by Parents as Teachers Affiliates.
- ▶ The model provides services to families with children from prenatal through kindergarten. Affiliates follow the essential requirements of the model, which provide minimum expectations for program design, infrastructure, and service delivery.
- ▶ Parents as Teachers provides support for affiliates to meet those requirements as well as further quality standards that represent best practices in the field.



Home Visitation Models & Criteria

<https://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/>

Alternative CalWORKs Criteria (If Not One of Four Models Discussed)

Model must have:

- ▶ Capacity for expansion
- ▶ Staff training and development
- ▶ Outreach & recruitment strategies
- ▶ Demonstrated ability to serve linguistic and cultural needs of target population
- ▶ Developmental screening
- ▶ Collaboration & community partnerships



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Next Steps

- Budget Deadline: June 15
- Talk to your county representatives
- RFCP released in July for counties

Next Steps

- Learn more about home visitation opportunities through CFRA & CAPC with AmeriCorps
- Begin conversation with county representatives
- Counties to submit RFCPs in September

Partnering with Us

- ▶ CAPC/CFRA Webinar
 - ▶ Tuesday, July 24 10AM
- ▶ AmeriCorps Webinars
 - ▶ Ongoing June-July



AmeriCorps Home Visitation Webinars

- ▶ **Informative Webinars regarding AmeriCorps Prevent Abuse Through Home Visitation (PATH)**
 - ▶ **Friday, June 29** 2:00-3:00 PM
 - ▶ **Monday, July 2** 1:00PM-2:00 PM
 - ▶ **Tuesday, July 12** 11:00AM-12:00 PM
- ▶ **To register for a webinar, email Summer Rolfe Irish-**
 - ▶ srolfeirish@thecapcenter.org

Wrap-Up

Questions/Concerns?

