



California Family  
Resource Association  
*Strong Families. Strong Communities.*



The Child Abuse Prevention Center (CAP Center), California Family Resource Association (CFRA) and California Alliance of Child & Family Services (CA Alliance) request \$40M ongoing beginning in FY 22-23 to aid Family Resource Centers (FRC) in providing comprehensive, cost effective and culturally responsive support to children and families who are some of the most marginalized in our communities, particularly amid the impacts of the pandemic and resulting economic crisis.

### **Direct Supports to Families & Communities**

**\$36,000,000 / Fiscal Year**

- ~\$60 / person (weighted average, across service categories) for comprehensive services
- Opportunity to reach, serve, and leverage community and public benefits for ~600,000+ children/families each year across state's FRCs, help meet growing demand/need for comprehensive services and to provide navigation support to connect to other services
- Reduced referrals to CPS, reduced child abuse & neglect, reduced entry into the Child Welfare and Foster Care Systems, leveraging federal funding (e.g., FFPSA, Medi-Cal, American Recovery Act, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, community development funds, etc.)
  - o \$23.9B – Total economic burden incurred by CA communities for the lifetime costs of survivors of child maltreatment in 2020<sup>1</sup>

### **Administration, Accountability & Reporting**

**\$4,000,000 / Fiscal Year (10%)**

Building on the experience of administering COVID-Relief funds for FRCs, these costs will include, though not be limited to:

- Fiscal supports, payment processing; oversight including audits, record keeping, budget review,
- Development, implementation, oversight of data systems to ensure accurate and consistent data collection,
- Technical assistance for administering state funds, startup of new FRCs and networks, strategic planning, and other program management needs,
- Statewide network support, such as convenings, online peer connections, templated for program and planning formats, and
- Independent evaluation and continuous quality improvement.

### **Total Budget Request**

**\$40,000,000 / Fiscal Year**

This budget funding would be administered by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and builds upon two funding allocations for FRCs to assist children and families amid the challenges and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

*The California Family Resource Association (CFRA) is a statewide membership association of FRCs and FRC Networks that work together to bring children, families, and communities to the forefront of policymaking in California.*

*The California Alliance of Child and Family Services (CA Alliance) is a statewide membership organization representing community-based organizations serving children and families through prevention services, behavioral health, foster care and juvenile justice.*

<sup>1</sup> Economics of Child Abuse Report. Safe & Sound. 2020 [Safe & Sound \(safeandsound.org\)](https://www.safeandsound.org)