

Center for Strategic Public Private Partnerships

Housed within the Office of Child Protection

30,000
children in our child
welfare system

5,500
transition-age
youth

17,000
children in out-of-home
placements

200,000+
calls to the
hotline

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To transform Los Angeles County's child welfare system through cross-sector partnerships.

WHAT WE DO

- We build relationships and create trust to work together
- We leverage private-sector financing and know-how to catalyze innovation

HOW WE DO WHAT WE DO

The Center sets a table bringing together government, nonprofits, business, and philanthropy to identify pressing needs and set priorities for systems change.

We broker and bring joint initiatives to fruition—from helping shape an idea to drafting the proposal to securing commitments from our partners, and all of the legwork in between.

WHY WE DO IT

Cross-sector partnerships have immense potential to transform our child welfare system and improve the lives of our County's children. These partnerships are not rocket science, but do take work, commitment, and strategic thinking. The Center's value-add in this world is that we create the space to make these partnerships possible – we bring the time and effort, the right energy, and the view toward a larger goal that enables our partners, together, to truly change lives.

OUR SHARED AGENDA

- Preventing children and families from entering the child welfare system in the first place
- Strengthening efforts to place children with relative caregivers and recruit and retain non-related resource families
- Providing the foundation for our Transition-Age Youth to build their strength and resilience.

CENTER'S PHILANTHROPIC FUNDERS

The Ahmanson Foundation; Annenberg Foundation; The Ballmer Group; Blue Shield of California Foundation; California Community Foundation; The California Endowment; Community Partners; David Bohnett Foundation; Conrad N. Hilton Foundation; The James Irvine Foundation; Liberty Hill Foundation; Pritzker Foster Care Initiative; The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation; Weingart Foundation;

CENTER'S COUNTY FUNDERS

Department of Children and Family Service; Department of Health Services; Department of Mental Health; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Social Services; Sheriff's Department; Probation Department

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Los Angeles County is at an inflection point for our vulnerable kids and families. We have momentum here at the local level that gives us a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make real change. This Center is a part of that momentum, and the initiatives listed below represent our efforts thus far.

Our work is in the three areas of our Shared Agenda as well as cross-sector initiatives. They are at varying levels of incubation as illustrated by the Project Progress Key below. We welcome involvement in all ongoing efforts as well as ideas for other joint initiatives. Please contact Center Director Kate Anderson at kkanderson@ocp.lacounty.gov to learn more.

WORK-TO-DATE

PREVENTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM ENTERING THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Building a robust prevention network through first understanding the landscape ●●●

Facilitating collaboration between the Partnership for Early Childhood Investment and the OCP's Prevention Workgroup ●●●

Building up Los Angeles County's home visiting system ●●

Co-convening funders to tour the County's Parks After Dark programs to explore enhancements ●●

Ensuring that the County's Center for Financial Empowerment prioritizes our child welfare prevention and transition-age youth efforts ●●●

SUPPORTING RELATIVE CAREGIVERS AND RECRUITING NON-RELATIVE RESOURCE FAMILIES

Identifying and creating a framework to pilot innovative models of recruiting and retaining resource families ●●

Creating a model for One-Day recruitment convenings for potential resource families ●●

Bringing the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative to Group Homes and foster family agencies ●●

Facilitated bringing a consultant to DCFS to support strategic planning ●●●

Building partnerships to support an outside evaluator of DCFS's innovative Upfront Family Finding pilot to demonstrate proof-of-concept for a countywide rollout ●●

Expanding the availability of tangible supports for families taking infants ●

Developing trauma-informed emergency child care spots for foster parents ●●

Bringing private-sector solutions to family visitation problems ●

PROVIDING THE FOUNDATION FOR OUR TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH TO BUILD THEIR STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE

Partnering with the Home for Good Funders Collaborative to include a focus on youth and families ●●

Solicited private-sector support letters for federal grant to support youth housing ●●●

Partnering to expand and improve services for expectant and parenting youth ●●

CROSS-SECTOR INITIATIVES

Brought together group of non-traditional funders and secured funding to expand a scan of LGBTQ Youth Services in Los Angeles County ●●

Reconvening the group of non-traditional funders to develop strategies identified by the LGBTQ Youth Services scan. ●●

Securing the commitment of multiple County Departments to participate in the development and use of Portrait of Los Angeles ●●

Connecting county leaders to Trauma-Informed Los Angeles County Initiative ●●

Supporting Hack Foster Care L.A. ●●

Helping bring presents to foster children over the holidays ●●

Project Progress Key

●●● = Complete

●● = In Progress

● = Beginning