

LINKAGES FALL CONVENING SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2008 DOUBLETREE HOTEL - SACRAMENTO

Linkages: Working Together to Fight Poverty & Child Maltreatment



Welcome to the second annual statewide Linkages Convening under the Federal Grant: "Linkages: California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Child Welfare Collaboration to Improve Outcomes". This Federal Grant has allowed our state to continue the work that was started under the California Partnership Project with private foundation funding. We are pleased that we have retained so many of our Pioneer counties from 2000 and that they continue to provide leadership to the counties that began this work of collaboration in 2005 and more recently in 2006 under this Federal Grant.

It's been inspiring to hear how counties have succeeded in overcoming barriers that interfere with implementation at the local level. And, in spite of these difficult times, you continue to champion the Linkages strategy on behalf of vulnerable children and families so that they can benefit from a coordinated approach between CalWORKs and Child Welfare.

I hope that you will find this Convening one that addresses some of the training issues that you brought to our attention during the Snapshot Outreach Project and Interviews. We tried to incorporate your suggestions into our planning and will continue to do so through future Regional and Statewide Convenings.

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We are excited that Linkages is a strategy that the California Department of Social Services has included in their federal Program Improvement Plan (PIP), with a specific emphasis on addressing family engagement in case planning as well as expanding array of services for our vulnerable families. Additionally, we are extremely pleased to have the support at the highest levels of the Department of Social Services as demonstrated by the copy of the letter in your packet by John Wagner, Director.

Please enjoy the Convening and be sure to complete your Evaluation Form at the end of the Convening.

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