

TCLP ~ Tulare County Linkages Project

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Achieving a community of self-sufficient families while treating and preventing child abuse and neglect

Porterville Emergency Response Pilots Linkages

In April 2011 Porterville Emergency Response team received a mini overview/training on Linkages. Presenting the training were the Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM) Supervisor Anita Guerrero, David Rodriguez VFM Social Worker II, and Lizette Saldivar VFM Social Worker II, Tessa Houston Welfare to Work Program Specialist, and Rosemary Juarez Self Sufficiency Resource Specialist (SSRS) Linkages Liaison. The Porterville ER team has been collaborating with the Porterville TulareWORKs SSRS Phonemany Loundbandith on identifying substantiated referrals as Linkage families. This is just the beginning of where Linkages will be going next. Tulare County Linkages Program will eventually spread to all Child Welfare Services Emergency Response teams.

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Keeping Families Together

Mr. and Mrs. C with two children were reported to CWS due to domestic violence issues and were referred to Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM). During this time the family had been homeless and living in a motel. The SSW and SSRS Linkages Liaison completed a home visit and were able to discuss the needs of the family and complete a Coordinated Case Plan. Clients/parents were referred to parenting and respite. Mr. C is attending a batters program. They were able to find housing and qualify for the section eight program on their own. Though Mr. C is disabled, he is currently employed part time and is working on finding additional employment through C-SET.



More stories to come...



Linkages Final Convening

In July 2011 TCLP representatives will attend the Linkages convening in Monterrey, California. During these past years Tulare County has been assisted with technical assistance, information through peer networks and convenings by the statewide Linkage project through CFPIC. The convenings have been helpful as Tulare County has come together with the state and other counties to share policies, practice and procedures. This year's state wide Linkages Convening will be the final one supported by the federally funded grant from Administration on Children & Families, Children Bureau. While funding ends at the state level, Tulare county Linkages will continue to grow.

