

County of Los Angeles
Linkages: Service Coordination Partnership
Leadership Infrastructure: Implementation Planning Committees

Linkages Leadership

Support from leadership is a key element in implementing and sustaining Linkages. Linkages is supported by the County's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Director, and Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Director. The Linkages infrastructure in place to support operational oversight of Linkages is led by the Service Integration Committee (SIC) co-chaired by a DCFS and DPSS Assistant Director with CEO representation. SIC is the larger of the two central decision-making bodies for Linkages and guides the Linkages Leadership Team, who oversees implementation and supports DCFS/DPSS line offices. SIC meetings are held every other month.

SIC Roster

Name	Department	Title/Assignment
Phil Ansell	DPSS	Assistant Director Bureau of Program and Policy (BPP)
Eric Marts	DCFS	Deputy Director Services Bureau 2
Carlos Pineda	CEO	Principal Analyst CEO, Service Integration Branch
Lorena Bautista	CEO	Program Specialist CEO, Service Integration Branch
Luther Evans	DPSS	Chief BPP, GAIN Program Division
Marilynne Garrison	DCFS	Chief Services Bureau 2, Community-Based Support Division
Jackie Mizell-Burt	DPSS	Human Services Administrator (HSA) III (Program Manager) BPP, Welfare-to-Work/GAIN Program Division
Christine Balderas-Vasquez	DCFS	Children Services Administrator (CSA) II Services Bureau 2, Community-Based Support Division
Alma Vega	DPSS	Linkages Coordinator/HSA I (Program Manager) BPP, Welfare-to-Work/GAIN Program Division
Diethard Sille	DPSS	HSA I (Program Manager) BPP, Integrated Services Operation Section
Dave Yada	DCFS	Linkages Coordinator/CSA I Services Bureau 2, Community-Based Support Division

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Daryl Baker	DPSS	HSA II BWS, Integrated Services Operation Section
David Medina	DPSS	HSA I BWS, Integrated Services Operation Section
Brenitha Oshon-Westby	DCFS	Information Systems Analyst II Services Bureau 2, Community-Based Support Division/POE/Visitation
Galina Sveshnikova	DPSS	Program Assistant BPP, Welfare-to-Work, GAIN Program Division

Linkages Leadership Team

Under the guidance of SIC, the Linkages Leadership Team (LLT) is the smaller of the two central decision-making bodies. Its function is to provide central support for Linkages implementation and ongoing operational oversight for sustainability. The LLT provides support to DCFS/DPSS line offices through an established network of liaisons (office coordinators) in place in each of the DCFS/DPSS Regional line offices.

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Linkages Leadership Network

The framework for the Linkages Leadership Network (LLN) began with staff who volunteered during the Los Angeles Linkages Conference held in April 2010, to become part of the network of Linkages Champions. The LLN was created to help sustain and move Linkages forward through a cluster of champions at the line level. Under the guidance of the LLT, LLN is made up of DCFS/DPSS line office managers, supervisors, case workers, administrative and clerical support staff. The plan is to have this network of Linkages champions have ownership of Linkages and help create a deeper collaboration at the local level, which is critical to sustain Linkages and supports the implementation of new Linkages strategies.