



Community Pathway FFPS Advisory Committee

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Mission

To provide a forum for community-based organizations, families with lived expertise and public child and family-serving agencies to collaborate on local and regional community pathway implementation, so that California's local networks dedicated to prevention, safety, and well-being can be scaled up, resourced, and prioritized.

Role in the State FFPS Governance and CQI Structure

The Community Pathway Advisory Committee is a standing advisory subcommittee of the Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Advisory Committee. Embedded within California's FFPS governance and CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) structure, it provides key information to the FFPS Advisory Committee, and is closely linked to the IV-E Agency FFPS Advisory Committee.

Committee Objectives

- To strengthen local community pathways as a vehicle for effectively serving families prior to a call being made to the child abuse hotline and when direct involvement with the local Title IV-E agency is unnecessary.
- To reduce the disproportionate involvement of families who identify as Black, Indigenous or persons of color (BIPOC) in the child welfare system by increasing culturally relevant and culturally responsive family strengthening services that promote safety and well-being in every community within California.
- To build a community-based continuum of care that includes best practices and evidence-based practices (EBPs) to support parental capacity and family well-being.
- To share information and collaborate with the other Advisory Committees and workgroups within the FFPS Governance Structure to enhance the implementation of FFPS within California.
- Collaborate with the Child Welfare Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Committee so that alignment between the (Prevention and Early Intervention) PEI's 2023 recommendations and this committee's role and function within the FFPS governance and CQI structure is leveraged and operationalized.



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Membership

Leadership

- The Community Pathway Advisory Committee will have two co-chairs representing contracted community pathway service providers from different regions within California and persons with lived experience and expertise.
- Co-chairs will be members of and appointed by the FFPS Advisory Committee.
- Co-chairs will develop and implement a committee membership recruitment plan in conjunction with the FFPS Advisory Committee.

General Membership

- Members will represent local community pathway organizations, including family resource centers, community-based organizations, child abuse prevention centers, contracted service providers, and other grassroots organizations.
- Members will represent families with lived experience and expertise.
- Members will represent IV-E Agencies from all California regions based on the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) Children's Regional Committees.

Expectations of Community Pathway Advisory Members

- Attendance and participation at regular committee meetings. Meetings will be held regularly on a virtual platform; if needed, in-person meetings will be planned in advance.
- Participation in other subcommittees and workgroups, as needed/requested.
- Understanding of the state's FFPSA plan (orientation will be provided to all new members).
- For IV-E members: Provide information to CWDA Regional Committees and bring information from CWDA Regional Committees to the Community Pathway FFPS Advisory Committee.
- Provide information and perspective about community pathway implementation progress and processes in California.
- A commitment to serve at least one year on the committee.
- Adherence to collaborative meeting decorum.

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