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Evidence Based Practice (EBP) Briefs Executive Summary

CQI BRIEFS FOR CALIFORNIA COUNTIES AND EBP PROVIDERS

PURPOSE

The 11 EBP briefs serve as **foundational tools to guide the implementation and monitoring of EBPs**, ensuring alignment with California's strategic goals for prevention services under the [Family First Prevention and Services Act \(FFPSA\)](#). These briefs provide counties and EBP providers with a framework for implementing the EBPs approved in [California's Prevention Plan](#).

Each brief synthesizes critical information about the EBP, including their data collection and reporting requirements as operationalized under California's Prevention Plan. Additionally, the briefs offer practical implementation guidance, such as CQI prompts, strategies for aligning with federal and state reporting requirements, and recommendations to support CQI efforts.

DEVELOPMENT

The development of the briefs involved extensive collaboration to ensure alignment, feasibility, and clarity for counties and providers. **The data collection requirements for outcome and fidelity measures in the briefs align with existing data expectations set by each model's purveyor/developer requirements¹.** These are not new or additional data points; rather, the briefs identify which existing information should be tracked and reported to the state to ensure

compliance with the federally approved Prevention Plan.

Interviews with model purveyors/developers ensured that capacity, outcome, and fidelity measures **align with each model's standards, reflecting requirements already adhered to when implementing the EBP to fidelity.** Similarly, discussions with California EBP providers **confirmed that data elements for state reporting align with existing practices.** This collaborative process minimizes provider burden while ensuring data tracking supports both model fidelity and reporting requirements.

USING THE EBP BRIEFS

The briefs are **practical tools for county CPP leads, CQI leads, contract agencies, and providers as they prepare for or refine implementation and monitoring of EBPs.** The briefs can help guide discussions at county, agency, and community levels to ensure alignment with federal and state requirements.

By outlining critical data elements, the briefs help stakeholders track progress, comply with IV-E reporting, and drive continuous quality improvement. With CQI prompts included, the briefs reinforce the importance of feedback loops, encourage data-driven decisions, and assist with the refinement of prevention programs so we can monitor the impact and improve services for children and families.

¹ For Motivational Interviewing (MI), the data collection requirements outlined in the MI EBP brief may differ from what is currently being

collected by local providers. This is because MI does not have a designated model purveyor or developer to establish standard requirements.

EBP BRIEF STRUCTURE

The briefs are organized into several key sections to provide a comprehensive overview of each EBP:

- 1. Introduction:** This section outlines the purpose of the brief and provides context for the implementation of the EBP within California's Prevention Plan.
- 2. Program Overview:** Each brief offers a detailed description of the EBP, including the target population, program goals, and key components of the intervention.
- 3. Measuring Program Success:** This section details the data collection requirements for federal IV-E reimbursement, focusing on tracking reach, capacity, fidelity, and outcomes. It clarifies reporting responsibilities, including who reports, how data is reported, and the reporting frequency. These requirements are designed to ensure compliance with federal and state guidelines while supporting continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts.
- 4. Measurement Framework²:** The core of each brief is a [Measurement Framework](#) that defines and specifies standardized metrics for evaluating program reach, capacity, fidelity, and outcomes. These metrics are designed to ensure consistent data collection and provide actionable insights to guide program implementation and improvement efforts.
- 5. Resources and References:** Each brief concludes with a comprehensive list of resources, including contact information for model purveyors/developers and state representatives, as well as references to support further exploration and implementation.
- 6. Appendices:** The appendices include templates for provider and/or purveyor reporting, illustrating how aggregate outcome and fidelity data will be submitted to CARES. These templates are designed to facilitate clear and consistent reporting processes across all counties.

NEXT STEPS

CDSS is working to finalize data sharing agreements and contracts to facilitate reporting processes for all EBPs. This collaborative approach ensures that the data collected will support continuous quality improvement while minimizing administrative burden on providers and purveyors.

² The Motivational Interviewing CQI Brief is subject to change based on final development of a statewide MI Training Plan currently in development

by a working group comprised of training & technical assistance partners and county representatives.