

## **Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) CA Child Welfare Training (CACWT) Access for Community Partners**

### **Purpose**

This memo provides counties with a simplified process for supporting external partners in obtaining access to the CACWT system and enrolling in FFPS training.

Counties implementing FFPS will need to ensure that staff from contracted community-based organizations (CBOs) delivering FFPS-funded services can access required FFPS training.

### **What Training Is Required?**

#### **Tier 1: FFPS Foundations Learning Series (Available Now)**

The FFPS Foundations Learning Series provides core knowledge about prevention-focused practice and FFPS implementation.

Required trainings for CBO's delivering FFPS-funded services include:

- FFPS Overview
- Implicit Bias and Disproportionality
- Shifting Mindset Toward Prevention
- Integrated Core Practice Model Overview

Additional information regarding required audiences and training expectations for Tier 1 training is available in [All County Letter \(ACL\) 25-73](#).

#### **Tier 2: FFPS Case Management and Service Delivery (Available beginning July 2026)**

Tier 2 training prepares staff responsible for FFPS case management, service coordination, and service delivery.

Required trainings for CBO's delivering FFPS-funded services include:

- Walking Together with Tribes
- Candidacy Determination and Pathway Overview
- Safety Through the Lens of Prevention
- Case Management Responsibilities for Community Providers

Additional information regarding required audiences and training expectations for Tier 2 training is forthcoming and will be published via an ACL.

Review the following page for additional information and a step-by-step process for accessing CACWT.

## Supporting Community Partners with CACWT Access

Staff from community-based organizations must have access to CACWT before they can enroll in FFPS training.

More details on each of these steps can be found in [All County Information Notice \(ACIN\) I-43-25](#).

### Step 1: Identify Partner Organizations

Counties should identify all organizations that will provide FFPS prevention services or support FFPS implementation and determine which staff members will need training.

### Step 2: Submit Approved Organizations

The county child welfare agency submits approved organizations and email domains through the Community-Based Organization Vetted Domains process.

### Step 3: Staff Create CACWT Accounts

Once an organization has been approved through the vetted domains process, staff from that organization can create their own CACWT accounts and register directly for FFPS training.

### Step 4: Register for Training

After establishing a CACWT account, learners can:

- Access the FFPS eLearning series
- Register for instructor-led FFPS courses offered through their local CalAcademy
- View available course offerings through CACWT

### Planning Ahead for Tier 2 Training

Counties planning to begin FFPS implementation in Summer/Fall 2026 should coordinate with their local CalAcademy as early as possible.

Counties are encouraged to:

- Estimate the number of county and partner staff requiring training
- Identify anticipated implementation timelines
- Communicate projected training demand to their CalAcademy
- Discuss potential virtual or in-person training needs

Early coordination will help ensure sufficient training capacity and minimize delays.

### Questions?

For questions regarding the FFPS Training requirements, contact the CDSS FFPS Team at [ffpspreventionservices@dss.ca.gov](mailto:ffpspreventionservices@dss.ca.gov).

For questions regarding CACWT access, contact the CDSS Training Team at [cacwt@dss.ca.gov](mailto:cacwt@dss.ca.gov).

### Resources

- [ACIN I-43-25](#)
- [ACL 25-73](#)
- [CACWT Support](#)
- [CalAcademies Map and Regional Contacts](#)