



Expert Consultant Information Session

Family First Prevention
Services Continuous
Quality Improvement

   March 2026

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BEFORE WE GET STARTED

-  Turn on video if comfortable (optional)
-  Please mute when not speaking
-  Questions? Use the chat
-  Need interpretation? Click the globe icon at bottom of screen



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PURPOSE OF INFORMATION SESSION

Share information about this opportunity so you can make an informed decision about whether to apply.

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INFORMATION SESSION AGENDA

-  Why California is Doing This & Why You Matter
-  Who's Involved
-  Where You'll Participate & What You'll Do
-  How You'll Be Supported & Paid
-  How to Apply & Next Steps

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KEY ELEMENTS AT-A-GLANCE

15-17 Months | Beginning May-July 2026 through September 2027

Meeting Participation | Continuous Quality Improvement of Prevention Services

Average of 6-10 Hours Per Month | Depending on County/Tribe

Chapin Hall | Independent Consultant Contract and Payment Processing

\$100 Per Hour | CDSS-Funded Compensation Through Chapin Hall

Translation/Language Services | Available as needed



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WHAT ARE PREVENTION SERVICES

Services that help families stay together safely

- Parenting support and skill-building
- Mental health and substance use treatment
- In-home support services
- Respite care and family strengthening programs

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

- Federal law providing some funding for these services
- California's State Prevention Plan is referred to as FFPS

Comprehensive Prevention Plans (CPPs)

- Counties and IV-E Tribes opt into developing CPPs as a roadmap for how they will deliver prevention services
- You help implement and improve these plans

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- A practical approach to making services better
- You bring real-world insight to the process



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California's 5-Step CQI Process

California's **5-Step CQI Process** provides a structured, data-driven approach to **identify problems, implement solutions, and ensure continuous improvement.**

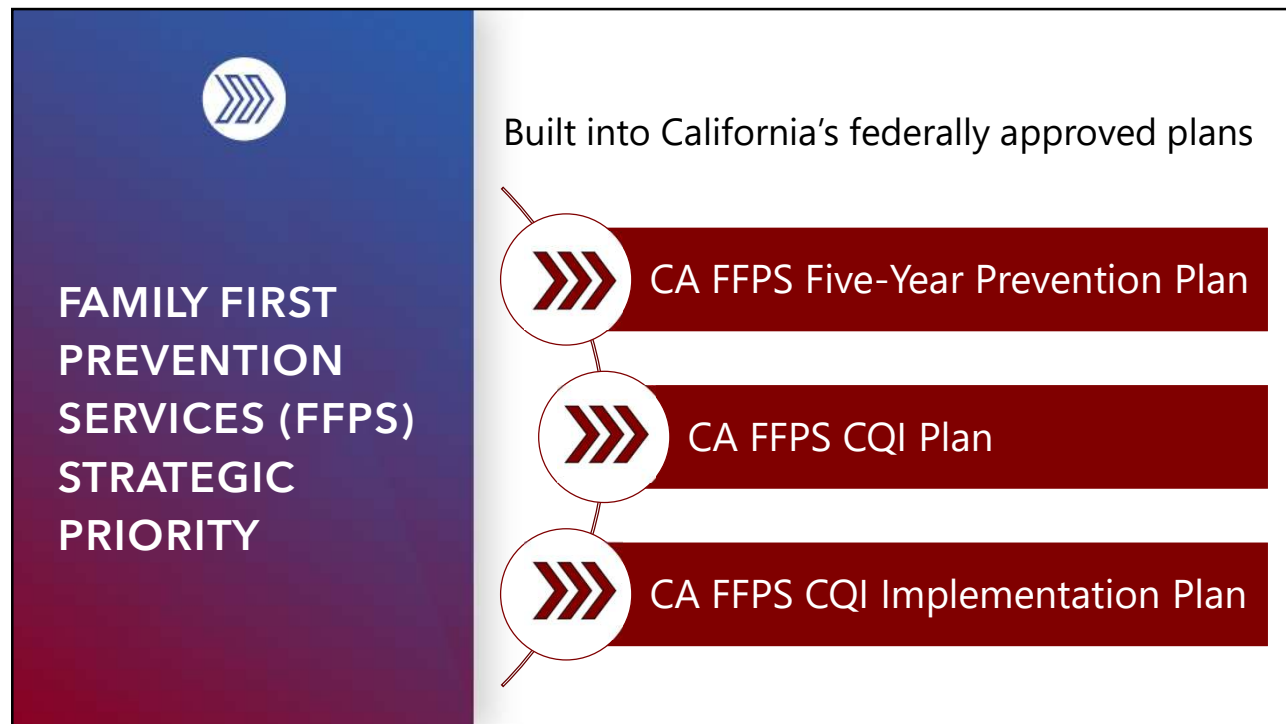


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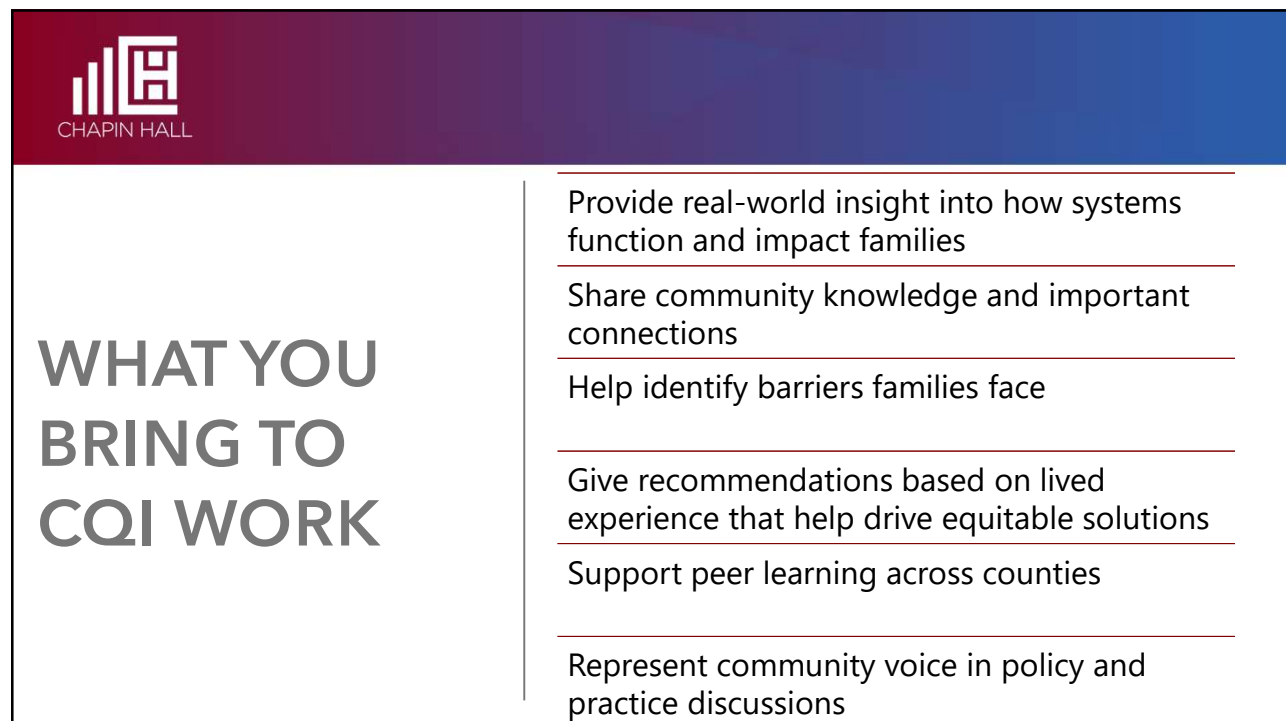


**Why California is Engaging
Expert Consultants**

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OUR VISION

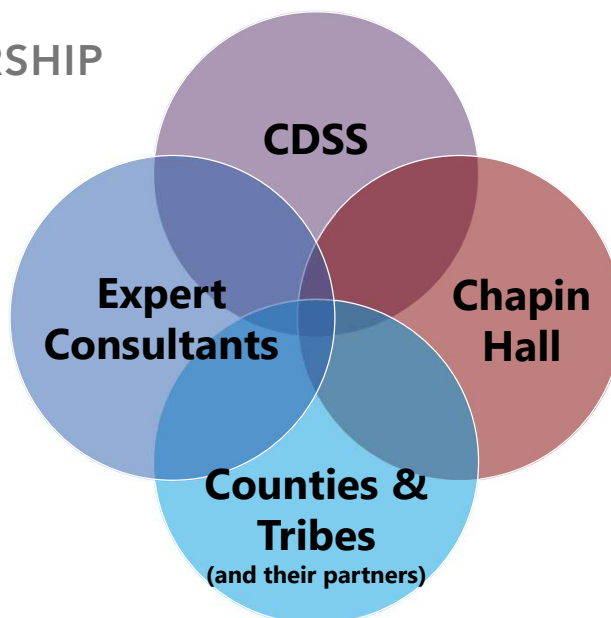
Partnership,
not token
participation

Your expertise
is valued
equally with
professional
credentials

Real resources
invested in
making this work

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THE PARTNERSHIP



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WHO CAN APPLY

Lived Experts	Community Experts	Tribal Partners
• Personal or family experience with child welfare or probation • May include experience as child, youth, parent, or caregiver • Cases must be closed (unless in Extended Foster Care)	• Grassroots leaders, parent partners, advocates • Strong community knowledge and connections • Support families in your community	• Tribal expertise and connection • Tribal Representative is formally designated by a Tribe, while Tribal Advocate is not a formal designation • Cultural knowledge and community relationships

You may fit more than one category



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SCALE OF THIS WORK



Up to 174 Expert Consultants statewide



Up to 3 per participating county and Tribe



Peer networking



Contract through September 2027

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Expectations of Role

What You'll Do & How You'll Be Supported

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WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Attend county/Tribe CQI Workgroup meetings
- Attend regional meetings (if your county/Tribe attends)
- Review materials and data in advance
- Work collaboratively with county/Tribal staff and other consultants
- Share honest feedback and recommendations
- Honor confidentiality when working with sensitive information



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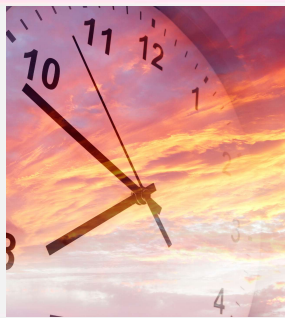
WHERE YOU'LL PARTICIPATE

Types of Activities	How Often	How Long	Format	Activities	Compensation
Local FFPS CQI Implementation Team Meeting	Monthly, up to 3 per month	Up to 90 minutes	Virtual or in-person (will vary)	Review data and identify improvements	\$100/hour, plus prep/debrief time
Regional Prevention CQI Collaborative (PCC)	Quarterly, beginning October 2026	4 hours	Virtual or in-person (will vary)	Connect with peer counties/ Tribes to share and learn	\$100/hour, plus prep/debrief time, AND \$200 stipend for each meeting (up to \$800)
County/Tribe FFPS Leadership Team	Invite Only, frequency varies	Up to 90 minutes	Virtual or in-person (will vary)	Help guide CQI work	\$100/hour, plus prep/debrief time
Support Hours	Weekly, Optional	60 minutes	Virtual	Micro-learning, questions, discussion	\$100/hour

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TIME YOU'LL INVEST

Participation options will vary based on Tribe/county-specific activities and desires.



County Meetings | Up to 3 per month (60-90 min each)

Regional Meetings | 4 per year (4 hours each, if your county/Tribe participates)

Prep/Debrief Time | Up to 30 min prep and 30 min debrief per CQI meeting

Total | Average 6-10 hours per month

Some Meetings May Be In-person And Some May Be Virtual

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SUPPORT BEFORE YOU BEGIN



- ✓2.5-hour virtual statewide orientation
- ✓County/Tribal-specific orientation
- ✓Introductions to your CQI team
- ✓Clear invoicing and payment guidance
- ✓Connection to fellow Expert Consultants

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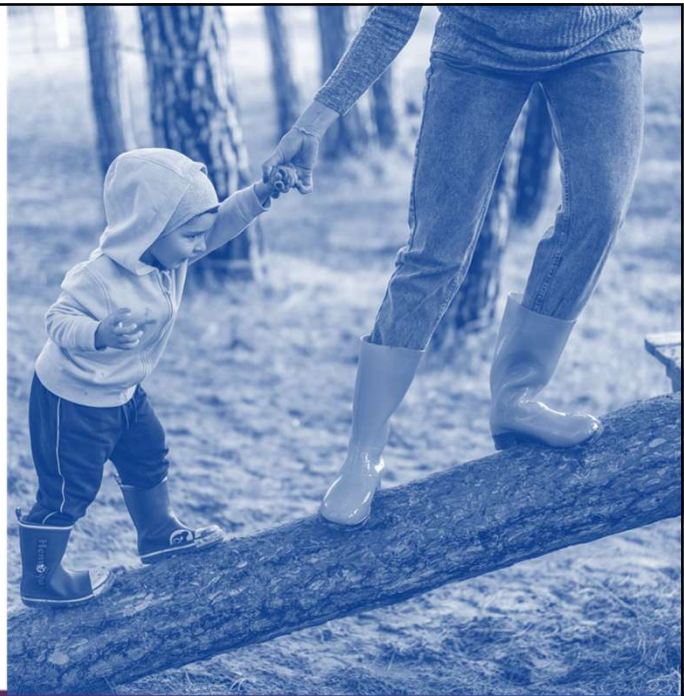
SUPPORT THROUGHOUT

Translation and interpretation services in your language

Materials and resources provided

Weekly support hours

Peer network



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Submit invoices monthly (we'll train you)
- Bank account or Cash App for payment



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YOU MIGHT BE A GOOD FIT IF YOU ARE

No specific
credentials required

- ✓Committed to improving prevention services
- ✓Curious and willing to ask questions
- ✓Willing to center impacted voices
- ✓Open to learning with others

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Payment & Financial Considerations

Your Time Has Value

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COMPENSATION

\$100 per hour for prevention CQI activities:

- ✓County FFPS CQI meetings
- ✓Regional Prevention CQI Collaboratives (PCC)
- ✓County FFPS Leadership team meetings
- ✓Orientations
- ✓Support hours (no prep/debrief needed)
- ✓Prep and debrief time (up to 30 min each/CQI mtg, 1 hr total/mtg)



+\$200 per regional meeting (PCC stipend)

Up to \$800 total for up to 4 quarterly sessions (begins Oct. 2026)



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GETTING PAID

1. You would be an Independent Contractor through Chapin Hall
2. You will submit invoices monthly (we'll train you on this)
3. You will receive payment within 30 days of receipt via direct deposit to bank account or Cash App



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WHAT YOU'LL NEED



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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Important Information

Income is taxable

- You'll receive a 1099 form from Chapin Hall
- Consult a tax advisor with questions

Income may affect public benefits

- Talk to your benefits worker
- Make an informed decision



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WHAT ELSE YOU GAIN

Real impact on system improvement

Professional development

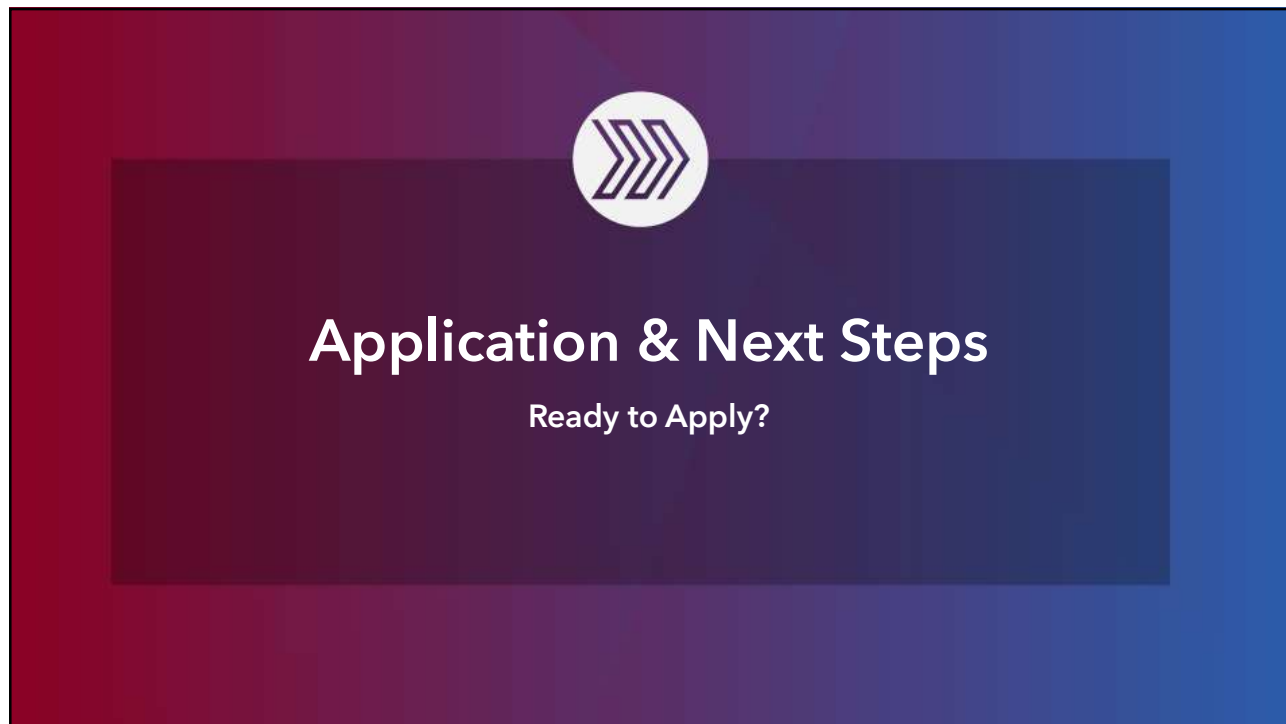
Peer connections

Recognition of your expertise

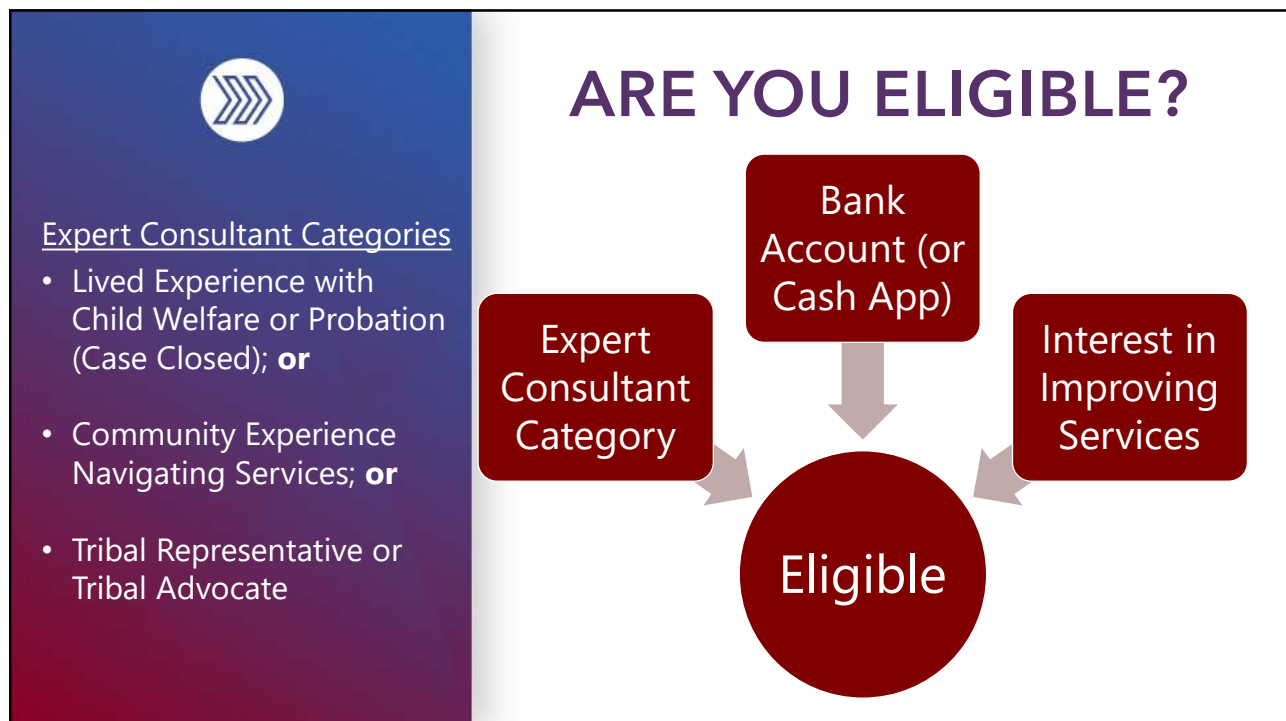
Better outcomes for families



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THE APPLICATION ASKS FOR

General information

Name, address, phone number, email, gender, race, ethnicity, language

The category of lived experience you identify with

Description of your relevant experience

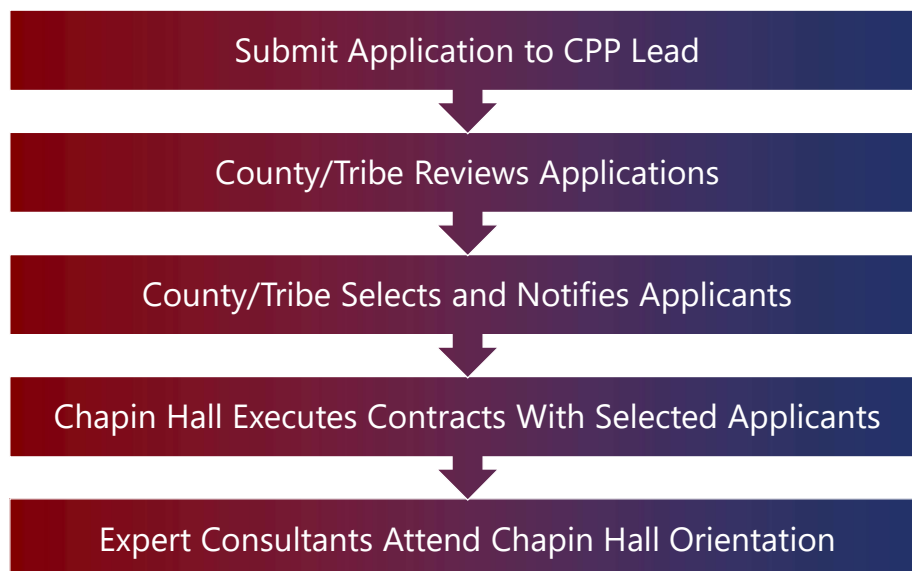
Two references (County/Tribe dependent)

Signature confirming information is accurate



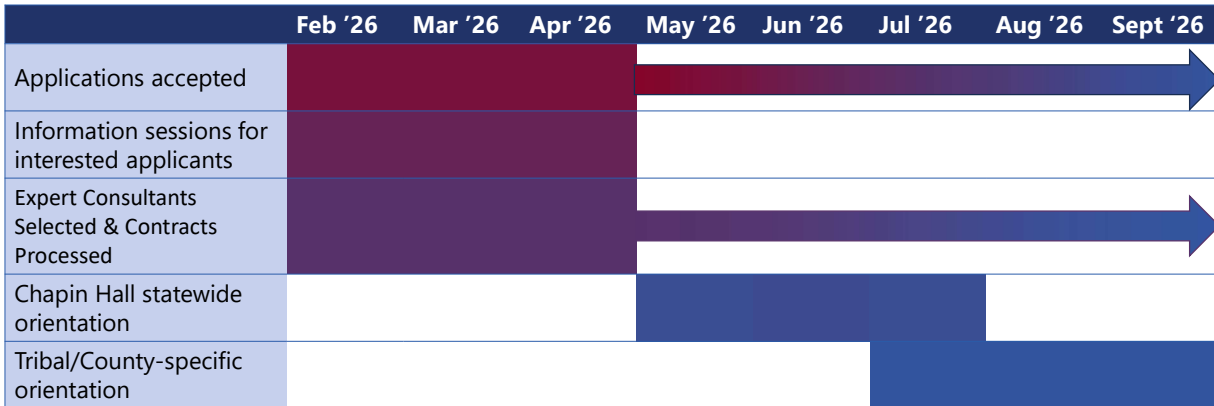
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A COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS



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RECRUITMENT & ORIENTATION TIMELINE



Independent Consultant Agreement Period Ends September 2027

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HOW TO APPLY

Contact your County Prevention Plan (CPP) Lead

Not sure who that is?

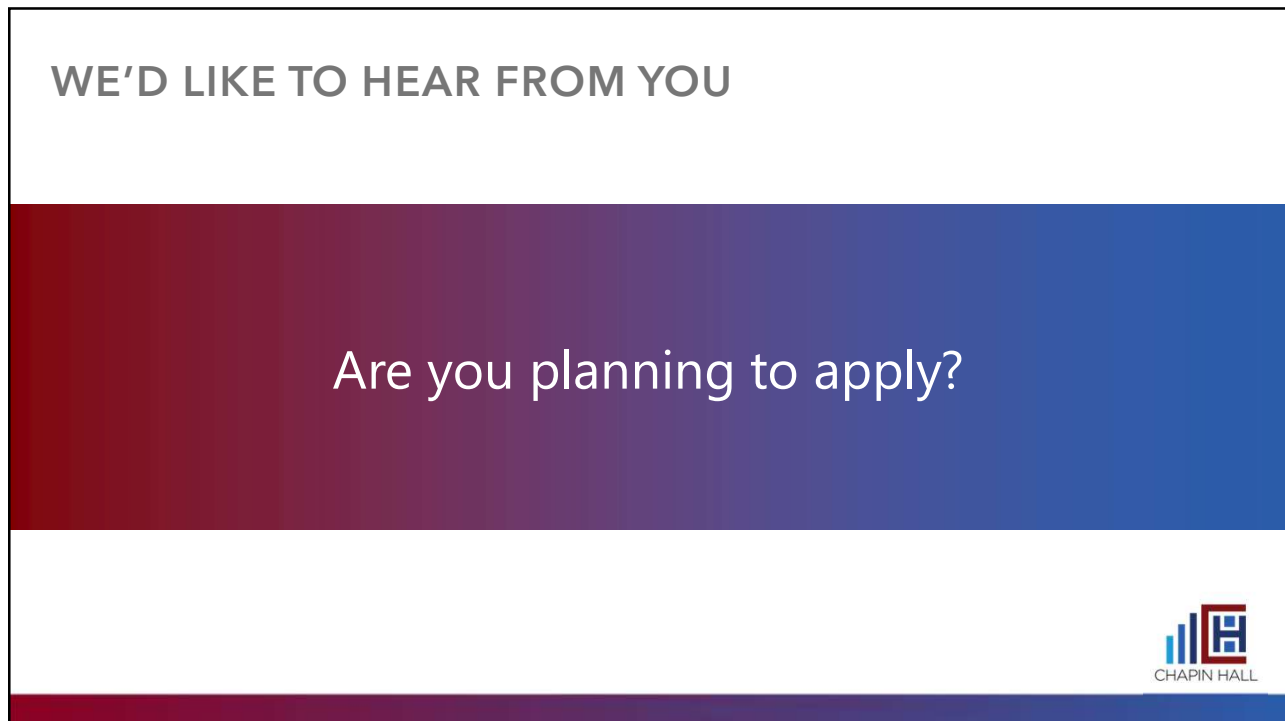
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WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

What interests you most?



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WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

What support would be most helpful?



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THANK YOU

Your expertise is needed

Your voice matters

Together we can create change



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Next Steps

Apply: Through your CPP Lead

Deadline: ASAP. Target Date for Selection is July 1

Questions: CA.ExpertConsultant@ChapinHall.org

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