

SAFE CHILDREN • STRENGTHENED FAMILIES

A photograph of a man in a white shirt lifting a young child into the air on a beach at sunset. The child is smiling and has their arms outstretched. The background shows the ocean and a bright, hazy sky.

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SAFE CHILDREN: KEY STATISTICS

STRENGTHENED FAMILIES: FIVE-YEAR PLAN

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES: OUR PARTNERSHIP

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A man in a white shirt and dark shorts is carrying a young child on his shoulders. They are standing in shallow water on a beach, looking out at the ocean under a soft, hazy sky. The child is wearing a light-colored, patterned sleeveless top.

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KEY STATISTICS: Child Protective Services

37,169

Reported concerns of
child abuse or neglect

6,519

Confirmed cases
of child abuse or
neglect

19,068

Investigations of child
abuse or neglect

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KEY STATISTICS: Intervention and Prevention

5,356

Children served
in their home

91%

Percent of children who do not
experience abuse or neglect for at
least one year following the end
of services in their home

4,693

Children served
in foster care

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STRENGTHENED FAMILIES:
OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN

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GOAL NUMBER
ONE:

MORE CHILDREN SAFELY NURTURED
WITH THEIR FAMILIES

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HOMEWORKS

“Child welfare is evolving from its original purpose of “saving” children from abuse and neglect into a system in which the achievement of permanency through family is an outcome equivalent to that of safety.”

- Casey Family Programs



HOMEWORKS: KEY COMPONENTS

- Enhanced caseworker skills and assessments
- Trauma-informed system and provider trauma-informed care and treatment
- Community resource collaboration

CHILD
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES

THE FIRST IN
HOME SERVICE

SAFETY
PLANNING

SAFETY MODEL
ENRICHMENT

SDM
FIDELITY

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SYSTEM OF CARE

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES

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GOAL NUMBER TWO:
SUPPORTING CHILDREN OUT OF THEIR HOMES AND
ATTAINING PERMANENCY



IV-E KIN GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY

PERMANENCY ATTAINMENT

- Improved parent/child visitation, engagement of fathers, and caseworker contact with parents
- Enhanced reunification assessments and permanency goals



GOAL NUMBER
THREE:

ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND
ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WORKER
RECRUITMENT
AND RETENTION

LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY

STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

SUPERVISOR
TRAINING
PACKAGE

COACHING

LEADERSHIP
TRAINING

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