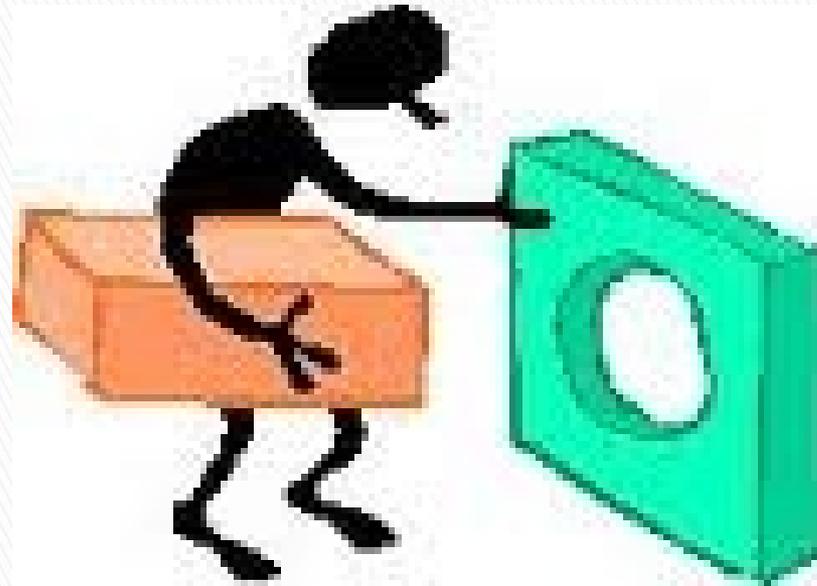


# Many Roads and One Journey to Preventing Child Maltreatment and Promoting Well-Being

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# “Provision of Services” Approach



Family Needs/  
Agency Resources

Forced Fit

# Federal Leadership: Child & Family Services Review (CFSR)

## Outcomes

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Permanency
- ▶ Well-being

## Process

- ▶ Self-Assessment
- ▶ Peer Quality Case Review
- ▶ Program Improvement Plan

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# California's Proactive Response

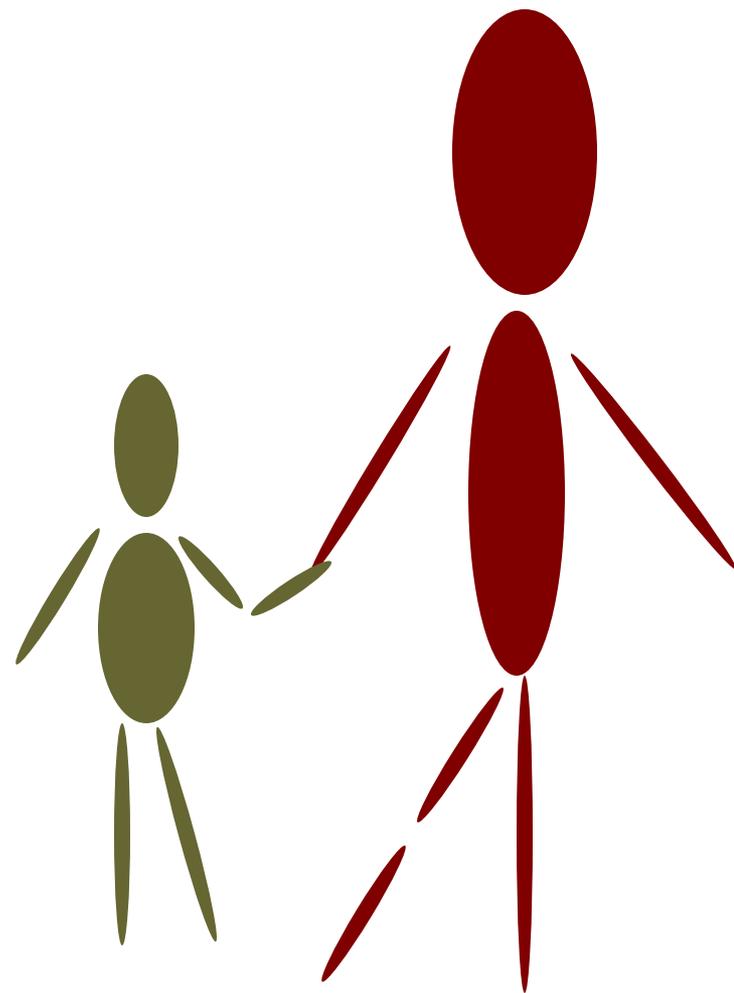


- ▶ **Common Vision:**
  - CWS Stakeholder's Redesign
  
- ▶ **Child Welfare Improvements:**
  - Differential Response
  - Statewide Safety Assessment
  - Permanency and Youth Transitions
  
- ▶ **Outcomes & Accountability System (AB636)**
  - Self-Assessment
  - Peer Quality Case Review
  - County System Improvement Plan

# A new vision for California's CWS...



...a vision of every child living in a safe, stable, permanent home, nurtured by healthy families and strong communities.



# Framing the Picture Safety

**Outcome S1:** Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect

**Item 1:** Timeliness to initiating investigations

**Item 2:** Repeat maltreatment

Absence of Recurrence of Maltreatment (*National Standard 94.6%*)

Absence of Maltreatment of Children in Foster Care (*Nat'l Standard 99.68%*)

**Outcome S2:** Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate

**Item 3:** Services to family to protect child in home and prevent removal or re-entry into foster care

**Item 4:** Risk assessment and safety management

# Framing the Picture

## Permanency

**Outcome P1:** Children have permanency and stability in their living situation

**Outcome P2:** Continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children

**Item 5:** Foster Care Re-Entries  
**Item 6:** Stability of Foster Care Placement  
**Item 7:** Permanency Goal for Child  
**Item 8:** Reunification, Guardianship, or Permanent Placement with Relative  
**Item 9:** Adoption  
**Item 10:** Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**Item 11:** Proximity of Foster Care Placement  
**Item 12:** Placement with Siblings  
**Item 13:** Visits with Parents and Siblings in Foster Care  
**Item 14:** Preserving Connections  
**Item 15:** Relative Placement  
**Item 16:** Relationship of Child in Care with Parents

**PC 1:** Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification (*National Standard 122.6*)  
**PC 2:** Timeliness of Adoption (*National Standard 106.4*)  
**PC 3:** Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care for Long Periods of Time (*National Standard 121.7*)  
**PC 4:** Placement Stability (*National Standard 101.5*)

# Framing the Picture Well-Being

**Outcome WB1:**  
Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children



**Item 17:** Needs of and Services to Child, Parents, and Foster Parents  
**Item 18:** Child and Family Involvement in Case Planning  
**Item 19:** Worker Visits with Child  
**Item 20:** Worker Visits with Parents

**Outcome WB 2:**  
Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs



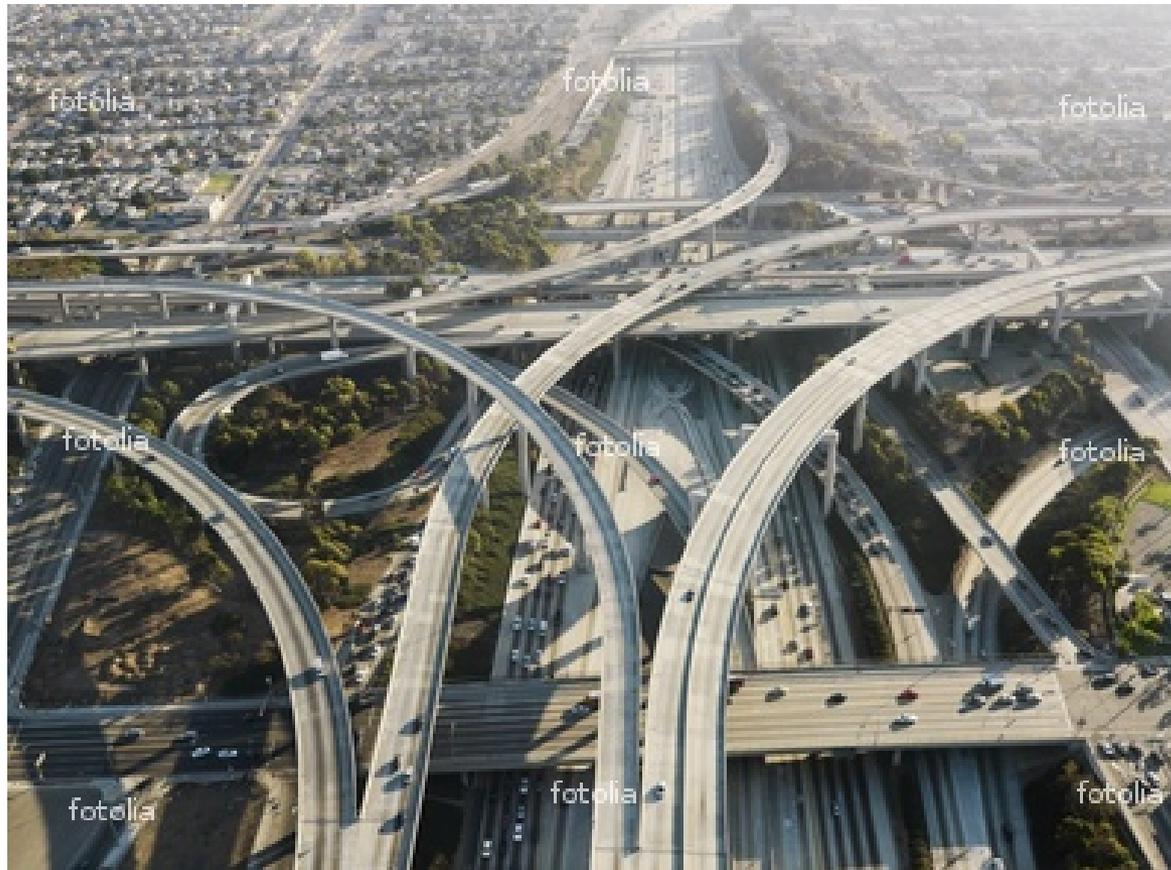
**Item 21:** Educational Needs of Child

**Outcome WB 3:**  
Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs



**Item 22:** Physical Health Needs of Child  
**Item 23:** Mental Health Needs of Child

# Where are we going?



# Key Themes in Prevention

- ▶ **Measuring and evaluating** the impact of prevention activities
- ▶ **Implementing and sustaining** evidence based and evidence–informed programs
- ▶ **Embedding** prevention within larger early childhood systems
- ▶ **Integrating** parents as partners
- ▶ Knowledge development, knowledge dissemination, and knowledge integration

# Prevention Partnerships

- ▶ Focus on Child and Family Well-Being
- ▶ Shared Service Delivery
  - Collaboration
  - Co-location
  - Shifting public image
- ▶ Integration of Prevention into SIPS
- ▶ Evidence-based practice tools
- ▶ Championed the rise of
  - strength based practice,
  - family support, and
  - family strengthening
- ▶ Increased public awareness
- ▶ Defined continuum of prevention
- ▶ Help shape prevention systems

← Silo-busting: Cross-systems integration →

Public Agencies

Private Sector

# California Statistics

	2000	2010
CPS Hotline Reports	650,000 reports	479,000 children
Children in care	91,000	55,000
3 or more placements	35%	16%
African American children in care	30% (vs 7% in population)	32% decline
Substance abuse involvement	80%	UNK
% US Children	13%	13%+
% US Children in care	20%	12%

## California's Child Welfare System: Primary Institutions

