

Services and expenditure Summary and Description of Services
2011-2014 Monterey County SIP
CAPIT/CBCAP/PSSF

Title: Parent's as Teachers-Home Visiting/Education

Funding: CAPIT/PSSF

Purpose: To educate and support families in the ongoing development of their young children.

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Evidenced based home visiting model that provides the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life. Parents as Teachers help organizations and professionals work with parents during the critical early years of their children's lives, from conception to kindergarten. Grounded in the latest research, Parents as Teachers develops curricula that support a parent's role in promoting school readiness and healthy development of children. We embrace learning experiences that are relevant and customized for the individual needs of each family and child. As a result, individuals and organizations that use our curricula benefit from our understanding of the evolving needs of today's families and children.

Title: Family to Family

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: To support families who are risk of entering foster care.

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Promising practice model that provides the information, support and encouragement parents need during TDM interactions with DSES. Family to Family has worked for 14 years to change child welfare systems, most recently by advocating for more children to remain safely with their own families or a family-like connection. But even then, emergency situations arise where out-of-home care is necessary.

At its core, Family to Family applies four basic principles:

- A child's safety is paramount;
- Children belong in families;
- Families need strong communities; and
- Public child welfare systems need partnerships with the community and with other systems to achieve strong outcomes for children.

The Family to Family model provides states and communities with an opportunity and the tools to redesign their child welfare system to establish:

- A network of care that is neighborhood-based, culturally sensitive, and located where the children in need live;
- Less reliance on institutional care, such as hospitals, shelters, correctional facilities, and group homes;
- An adequate number of foster families for any child who must, for safety reasons, be removed from the family home;
- A team approach including foster care families; and
- Screening services to safely preserve the family while understanding the needs of the child.

Title: Pathways to Safety

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: Prevention and early intervention model that is community based.

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Promising practice also known as differential response. Differential Response is a statewide, early intervention initiative designed to keep children safe in their homes and out of the child welfare system. In Monterey County it is called Pathways to Safety. The initiative is based on two core beliefs – that families can resolve issues more successfully when they voluntarily engage in services, supports and solutions; and that children are safer and families stronger when communities work together. A referral to Pathways to Safety begins with a call to Family and Children’s Services (Child Welfare). If the legal threshold for abuse and neglect that would allow for an ***Immediate Child Welfare Response*** is not met, families are “Evaluated Out” or marked for a “10-Day” follow-up by a social worker. These families can be referred to Pathways to Safety and offered support and services to address the problems that may have triggered the call to Family and Children’s Services in the first place. Depending on each situation and the level of concern, families are either directly referred to community-based Family Resource Specialists

Title: Receiving Center

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: 23 Crisis Center for kids at risk of entering Foster care

Target Population: Families receiving FR Services in Monterey County

Description: 24/7 facility to provide support to children at risk of entering foster care.

Title: Alcohol and Drug Program

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: To assess and coordinate services for parents who have allegations of substance abuse.

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Coordinated service with Monterey County Behavioral Health and their AOD program. The TLFR funds support the AOD Program, but only to facilitate the reunification of the child ‘safely, appropriately and in a timely fashion. One example of services provided are support for Pueblo Del Mar who provides a safe, affordable, transitional housing program for homeless women with children, men with children, and families with children. A sense of pride and community is developed, in a drug free/alcohol free environment, where residents build social networks and support systems designed to foster positive lifestyles.

Services Include:

- Job training
- Financial literacy
- Parent education
- Relapse awareness
- After school tutoring
- Recreational programs
- On-site 12-step meetings
- Outpatient support groups
- On-site case management

- On-site cooperative child care
- Mental Health services for adults and children

Title: Transportation

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: Transportation for families working with DSES

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Bus passes

Title: Flex Funds

Funding: PSSF

Purpose: Fiscal purchase's to meet family or child specific needs

Target Population: At risk families in Monterey County

Description: Funding identified to pay for services to facilitate case plan goals

Title: Alisal Healthy Start Family Resource Center

Funding: CAPIT

Purpose: Alisal shall provide family case management services to families referred by Department of Social & Employment Services, Family and Children's Services social workers.

Target Population: The emphasis of the program is to provide prevention and intervention services to families who are involved in the Child Welfare system. Their goal is to assist families to empower themselves to be healthy and self sufficient. They provide the following programs and services:

- CBET/ESL
- Family Case Management
- Family Support Group
- Family To Family
- Latino Family Literacy Workshop Series
- Literacy Services
- Parent Nutrition Cooking Class
- Play Group Avance
- Plaza Comunitaria
- Special Needs Project
- Women's Support Group

Description:

- Work primarily with families that tend to be isolated or have other risk factors that might make them at risk of child abuse with an emphasis on young children under six years old;
- Provide a continuum of care that assists isolated families and encourages them to access the resources at the Family Resource Center;
- Assure that the families will be referred from a variety of sources such as Parents as Teachers, DSES, WIC, schools and local preschools and childcare facilities, as well as Healthy Start Collaborative partners and parents;

- Provide appropriate records and data collection as necessary for case coordination and development of required reports;
- Serve a target population of 6-12 families in a one-year period utilizing a family support, primarily home-based, long-term case management model;
- Provide weekly service contacts and monthly support/educational groups.

Title: Spanish Language Trainers: Efrain Ramirez and Jose Mata-Vargas

Funding: CAPIT

Purpose: To provide the most current Spanish language parent education programs regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect in a linguistic and culturally appropriate delivery.

Target Population: Mono-lingual Spanish speaking families.

Description: Trainers will provide child abuse prevention education workshops in Spanish. Typical topics deal with a diverse range of information and educational services that begin with prenatal care, early brain development, the impact of domestic violence on young children, healthy parenting practices, discouragement of any physical abuse, communication as a tool to keep family discussions relevant, recognizing gang violence, substance abuse, the difference between laws in other countries versus American laws concerning the care of children and a variety of parenting tools.

Title: Strengthening CAPC

Funding: CBCAP

Purpose: Providing fiscal support for the county based position of Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council

Target Population: All children at risk of child abuse and neglect throughout Monterey County

Description: The Director of the CAPC of Monterey County provides on-call training for parent groups, faith-based groups, schools, social services and non-profit agencies (such as CASA, the Rape Crisis Center, Sun Street Center, YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, the local Catholic Church) who need to understand the impact of Domestic Violence and child abuse on the emerging child. The Director contracts and manages on-going parent education classes directed toward the monolingual Spanish speaking populations who live and work here in Monterey County. CAPC participates and supports family centered health fairs that take place in both the large metropolitan centers and the various small cities that populate Monterey County. CAPC works with community based adult universities and family resource centers to provide education and support to agencies that reach out to provide information to specialty populations who cannot afford services CAPC has conducted and funded professional trainings attended by over for over 3000 individuals over the past year. All CBCAP funding is utilized to support the salary of the CAPC Director. No funds are utilized for administration expenses.

Title: Casework

Funding: PSSF - TLFR

Purpose: In order to ensure families are strong and connected a limited amount of funding is allocated for the direct service provision by line staff. In their role as a case manager, staff is required to delivery an array of direct services in order to facilitate achieving the

case plan goal. The agency Case Manager works closely with the DSES social worker and coordinates services that will improve the well-being of the family and prevent future involvement with Child Protective Services. Services include home visits, family assessment, monitoring and development of a case plan, information and referral services, and a monthly family support/educational group. Services are linguistically and culturally appropriate.

Examples of Social Worker Activities may be any of the following:

- Household Demonstrations
- Expanded Visitation Facilitation-enhanced supervision as our support staff claim direct to program for our existing supervision.
- Translation

Title: Adoption Personnel

Funding: PSSF

Target Population: All children eligible for adoption throughout Monterey County

Purpose: to facilitate the adoption process and place children in safe permanent homes

Description: In order to support the adoption pre or post finalization, social work staff may be required to conduct activities such as providing transportation, meeting space, coordination and supervision services that otherwise would have been provided by a community agency. Many of these direct services are defined while working with the family to overcome their individualized needs. Funding in this category has been earmarked for this current fiscal cycle to contract for outside agency support for the completion of home studies thus allowing internal staff to work to support the family.

Budget Development:

Monterey County understands the States responsibility to expend a minimum of 20% designated under each of the four service components. Ongoing efforts are made to meet the programmatic ceiling applied to the county, but the county also acknowledges that the demand for service and constraints of realignment and budget cuts impact final expenditures.

Monterey County is currently applying localized analytics to look at changes in the ongoing service population and the adoption challenges that we are facing. Over the next 3 years as the state provides direction for the application of realignment, funding will be shifted to bring the expenditures more in alignment with the state mandate.