

COORDINATED CASE PLANNING

Peer Conversations

25 September 2025



Welcome & Introductions

Share your name, county, and your role within your Linkages county team!







What is your biggest question about how CCP works in other counties?

WHAT IS IT?

- Working together toward child safety, family stabilization / well-being, & self-sufficiency
- Streamlined services
- Coordinated resources to maximize family's goals:
 - AB 429 and AB 135 Continuation of
 - CalWORKs support for families whose children have been placed in out-ofhome care
 - Behavioral health and substance use disorder services
 - Homeless services
 - Family stabilization
 - Home visiting
 - Consistent communication over life of case

BENEFITS OF COLLABORATING

- Aligns case plan goals.
- Streamlined access to service.
- Leverage resources from both child welfare and CalWORKs.
- Reduced duplication of service referrals and resources.
- Faster/easier access to needed services.
- Addresses child safety as well family self-sufficiency.
- Considers work readiness or what supports may be required based on the parent's needs and ability to work.
- Ensures families receive a wide range of support services, addressing both their financial needs and the safety and well-being of their children.



LEGISLATION

- AB 429 Allows continuation of CalWORKs services for the parent or parents of children who have been removed from the home. If the county determines that services are necessary for Family Reunification (FR), AB 429 provisions allow the parent(s) to receive CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work (WTW) Supportive Services (i.e., WTW plan), substance abuse, and mental health services, if it is determined that such services are necessary for family reunification.
- AB 135 Authorizes the provision of cash aid and childcare services to families participating in CalWORKs Family Reunification (FR) as part of their reunification plan for up to six months.
- CalWORKs families receiving FR services now eligible for continued cash aid and childcare services for up to six months (ACL 23-94)
- Improved collaborative technology increased efficiency and improved information sharing

Coordinated Case Planning WHAT COLLABORATION LOOKS LIKE

Agency Level	Practice Level
Policies and procedures reflect commitment to Linkages	Identify Linkages families as soon as possible upon case opening (Best practice is identification when referral is received.)
Co-location of staff	CalWORKs staff participates in CW case consultation/staffing.
Linkages implementation teams	CalWORKs staff attends and participates in CW child and family team meetings (CFTM's).
Joint trainings	Develop case plan through CFTM process that includes CalWORKs requirements.
Highlight successes	Meet with family members as required.
Identify practice champions	Participate in ongoing CFTMs and monitor family's progress.

Child & Family Assessments

Agencies use a wide variety of different tools in their efforts to understand what families need to reduce risk of child maltreatment and to enhance safety and well-being:

- Safety Organized Practice (SOP)
- Child Welfare Structured Decision Making (SDM)
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)
- On-Line CalWORKs Appraisal Tool (OCAT)
- County-specific assessment tools

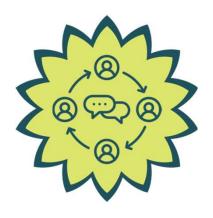


WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

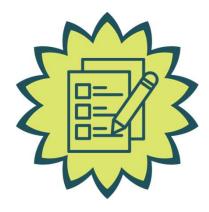
- Three-way partnership between the family, Child Welfare and CalWORKs
- Regular Child and Family Team meetings
- Sharing of resources
 - Court-ordered case plan
 - CalWORKs participation requirements



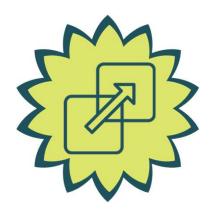
MONITORING & ADAPTING



Maintain betweenmeeting communication via text/email/phone



Ensure required reassessments take place in accordance with county/agency policies



Transition planning

Lessons Learned

WHAT WORKS



Support from leadership



Implementation Teams

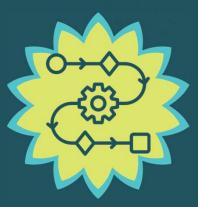




Co-location when possible



Highlight successes



Infographic/materials depicting Linkages workflow

Breakouts

Please assign someone to report out when the large group reconvenes!

Coordination Process

Communication Avenues

Collaboration Techniques

What are your successes in this area?

What are your greatest challenges in this area?

What have you tried? What worked, and what didn't?

What questions do you still have in this area?



What did you learn in your breakout that you will carry back to your county?

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Documentation requirements Referral forms CWS Case plan and WTW 2

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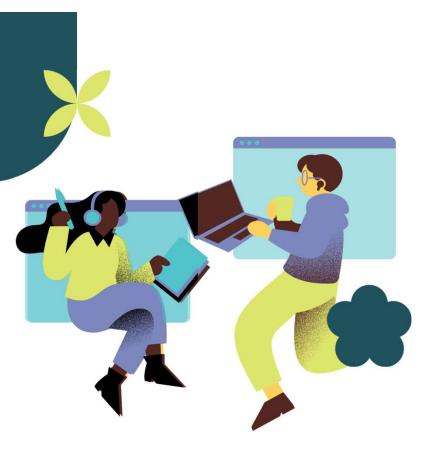
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Did you get your question answered?



Linkages Curricula

- Linkages Overview
- Coordinated Case Planning
- Linkages: CalWORKs and Emergency Response
- Linkages: Leveraging Funding to Enhance Outcomes

linkages.cfpic.org/linkage-toolkits/training-toolkit/

A few more things...

- Convening Planning Committee put your name in the chat if you are interested in helping
- October Open Peer Call
- Reminder let us know when coordinator(s) change
- Share materials with your team
- Send in Success Stories to be featured in Keeping Linked
- Implementation Support help
- Continue the convo in CalPrevents



Evaluation



