



Collective Growth 1/22/2026

Sustaining Linkages in Challenging Times Breakout

1. Round 1: All three rounds held the same topic for this peer sharing opportunity

NOTES:

- **Having Linkages Champions – who is excited and can move things along.**
- **Doesn't cost to run the program – still need to run both programs even with budget cuts. So, educate folks that if they stop Linkages, it's only going to hurt the families.**
- **Managing up – the cost is only collaboration. Simplifying for clients.**
- **Buy in from Managers.**
- **It's the way we do business state of mind.**
- **Low participation rate – understanding the program. Staffing challenges – so needing to understand the program. Utilize reports to identify mutual families.**

2. Round 2:

NOTES:

How effectively are working with CBOs? Especially as relates to budget cuts/restraints...

- **Partnerships with Faith Based orgs.**
- **Care portal**
- **Internal mappings – cross teaching**
- **Whole family support – including fathers**

3. Round 3:

NOTES:**Leveraging resources**

- **Co-location in ER (LA County) – call comes into hotline. If in pre-assessment, they decide no investigation is needed, CWS logs cases and shares with co-located DPSS person and check log to address those that are CalWORKs, participate in MDT – then will reach out to WTW worker with needs identified for family. There is an email address from co-location to WTW – saying they need resources but aren't official CWS family. The family can accept or decline. If family declines, it get goes back to CWS that they declined, if accept, let CWS know that they agreed to engagement.**
- **“Move from mandated reporters to mandated supporters!”**

4. Large Group Breakout**NOTES:**