

Topical Breakout Activity Notes Template

Topic: AB 135/AB 429

Small Group Report Out:

	QUESTIONS	NOTES
Group 1 Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Tulare, Calaveras	What are the barriers/challenges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication-making sure comms between CW-CalWORKs • Struggle to make determination on CW side • Who is responsible for implementing policies • Getting investment by all staff
	What are the supports?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
	Do members of your small group have any successes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings • Getting staff on board on both sides of house • We follow up on applications falling through cracks • Enhanced role clarity
Group 2 Sac, Tulare, Fresno, Calaveras, Stan, Contra Costa	What are the barriers/challenges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms between two divisions • Caseload/workload
	What are the supports?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top down moment; having all levels of org engaged

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having both sides in CFTs and cross training • Co-location • Tulare’s whole family approach—co-location and coordination
	Do members of your small group have any successes?	
Group 3 Tulare, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Yolo, Sac, Fresno	What are the barriers/challenges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough training on Eligibility side as they implemented • Lack of comfort in decision making • Lack of knowledge re timelines for issuances
	What are the supports?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly meetings by both sides of house • Escalation of issues when needed
	Do members of your small group have any successes?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specializing in the eligibility side of house
Groups 4. 4 & 5	What are the barriers/challenges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in funding when not all kids are removed • Timelines

<p>Contra Costa, Yolo, Fresno San Joaquin, Calaveras, Tulare</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When kids are placed with non-custodial parents, they can't get cash aid for themselves • Still expected to pay child support • Cal SAS automation index creates eligibility issues • This coordination enhances reunification • Two different timelines • Confidentiality • Communication and teaming • Certain folks not invited to CFT • Not understanding how these resources are utilized • Family timing out
	<p>What are the supports?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having resources when all services are in place • Identifying individuals who are eligible—smooths transitions for families • Having staff allocated to work on programs • Slower transition for families to onboard to
	<p>Do members of your small group have any successes?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper management buy in • Monthly meetings ensure cross-training and shared knowledge

Large Group Discussion:

Action Planning: What was the topic for your group discussion? How will you move it forward when you return back to your county?

1. **Sacramento: engaging direct service staff (CW, CalWORKs) in co-training, meetings, implementation issues—more communication to work out day to day implementation challenges. Enhanced collaboration “on the ground” across direct practitioners.**
2. **Yolo: Collaboration and communication focus needed due to high turnover rates. Ongoing attention to training, learning, onboarded.**
3. **Yolo: Ensure EVERYONE is invited to CFTMs—not just the one EW who regularly participates. Engage all the EWs in CFTMs and cross training, coordination meetings with CW folks.**
4. **Enhance workflows and procedures so that things aren’t lost**
5. **Roadshows---instead of doing them for their own folks, partnering (CW-EW) together and training both staff. Somehow increase exposure between each side of the house.**
6. **Tulare: Addressing timing out: Don’t just assume the clock is running out. There are a lot of exemptions! Specially for young kids (0-23), go back and find months that weren’t used. Mine your timed out lists and do a deep dive case review to ensure they were offered all the exemptions. Also, some exemptions no longer apply so use them. Case mining of timed out folks.**
7. **Calaveras: Advice For new implementing counties—“It gets better, keep working on it. It takes time. It gets better, keep trying!”**

