

B3: AB 135 Policy Lab (Julia Perez, CalWORKs Early Engagement and Eligibility, CDSS; Terra Red, CalWORKs Early Engagement and Eligibility, CDSS; Carolyn Spain, CalWORKs Engagement Bureau, CDSS; Andrea Lewis, Senior Program Associate, CFPIC) [Folsom](#)

B4: Planning a Cross-System Learning Strategy for Linkages (Melissa Connelly, Associate Director, CFPIC; Dawn Carini, Child Welfare Program Specialist, Northern Training Academy) [Brandy Wine](#)

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM

C1: Sustaining Linkages in Challenging Times (Mayle Johnson, HHS Deputy Director, Social Services Calaveras County; Jennifer Marcelli, Linkages Program Director, CFPIC) [Folsom](#)

C2: Child-Only: A Potential Linkages Population (Andrea Lewis, Senior Program Associate, CFPIC; Stuart Oppenheim, Director Emeritus, CFPIC) [Tahoe](#)

C3: Building Trust in Linkages: Trauma-Informed Practice with Tribal Families (Raquel Morris, LCSW, Tribal Consultant) [Brandywine](#)

C4: Strengthening Linkages through ICPM, CPM & Transforming CalWORKs (Danna Fabella, Senior Program Advisor, CFPIC; Melissa Connelly, Associate Director, CFPIC) [Shasta AB](#)

2:15 PM

Break

2:30 PM

Topic-Specific Breakouts



Submit day 2 breakout topic requests here!



3:30 PM

Closing



April 28 - 29, 2026

Hilton Arden West | Sacramento, CA

Day one: April 28th

1:00 PM

Check-in

1:30 PM

Welcome & Opening

1:30 PM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Jennifer Marcelli, Linkages Program Director; Andrea Lewis, Linkages Program Associate; Juliet Cox, CEO, CFPIC; Stuart Oppenheim, Director Emeritus, CFPIC; Carlos Marquez III, Executive Director, CWDA

2:00 PM

California's Commitment to Families: A Unified Path Forward

Lisa Witchey, Branch Chief, CalWORKs and Family Resilience Branch, Family Engagement and Empowerment Division; Kelly Winston, LCSW, Safety and Early Intervention Bureau Chief; Roshena Duree, Director, Self-Sufficiency Policy, CWDA; Diana Boyer, Managing Director, Research and Policy Development, CWDA

2:45 PM

Break

3:00 PM

A1: Bridging Gaps: Lessons Learned from Our Screening Tool Pilot (*Derek Slama, Prevention Program Director, CFPIC; Sophia Jeffe, Program Associate, CFPIC; Andrea Lewis, Senior Program Associate, CFPIC*) **Brandy Wine**

A2: Reimagining Family Support: Where Transforming CalWORKs Meets Linkages (*Danna Fabella, Senior Program Advisor, CFPIC; Stuart Oppenheim, Director Emeritus, CFPIC; Damien Ladd, Family Engagement and Empowerment Division, CDSS*) **Folsom**

A3: Bridging Practice Across Systems: Using Vignettes to Support Child Welfare—CalWORKs Collaboration (*Melissa Connelly, Associate Director, CFPIC; Anita Sanchez, Field-Based and Trainer Development Specialist, Central Training Academy*) **Tahoe**

A4: Communication, Communication, Communication: Keeping Linkages Visible (*Felix Minjarez, Erika Pena, Ruben Rangel, and Colette Crawford, Regional Managers, County of Riverside; Jennifer Marcelli, Linkages Program Director, CFPIC*) **Shasta AB**

4:30 PM

Regional Breakouts

Northern **Folsom**
Central **Shasta A/B**

Bay **Tahoe**
Southern **Brandywine**

5:30 PM

Reception

Day two: April 29th

8:30 AM

Breakfast

9:00 AM

Welcome & Awards

9:15 AM

Strengthening Families Through Systems that Work: Linkages 2.0 Evaluation

Aditi Das, Consulting Manager, Health and Human Services Practice, RDA Consulting; Fabián Rivera-Reyes, Senior Quantitative Analyst, Health and Human Services Practice, RDA Consulting

9:45 AM

Bridges That Hold: Lived Experiences of Support, Strength, and What Families Need

Moderator: Sophia Jeffe, Prevention Program Associate, CFPIC; Panelists: Janica Carlson, Raul Aguirre, April McIntosh

10:30 AM

Break

10:45 AM

B1: Linkages 2.0 Evaluation: Impact on Local Practice (*Jennifer Marcelli, Linkages Program Director, CFPIC; Fabian Rivera-Reyes, Senior Quantitative Analyst, RDA Tahoe*)

B2: I'm Stuck! How to Get Your Team Going (*Danna Fabella, Senior Advisor, CFPIC; Roselinda Torres Rolph, WTW Program Specialist, County of Fresno; Lindsay Harris, Social Services Program Supervisor Outreach and Community Engagement, County of Fresno*) **Shasta AB**

