

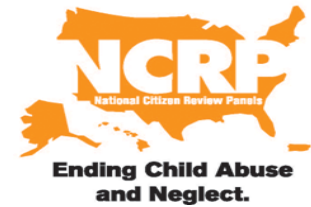


California Child Welfare Council

California Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Citizen Review Panel

March 2017 Report

The Power of Community



- It is the responsibility of the Prevention and Early Intervention Citizen Review Panel (PEI-CRP) to review the child welfare system and make recommendations for improvement at the state level. This past year we have focused on a review of policies and systems that are needed to facilitate *prevention* of child abuse and neglect, as well as, *promotion* of health and well-being for all children and families.
- The PEI-CRP's progress and considerations were presented to the Council in December 2016, and last Friday the annual report (refer to packet) was delivered to CDSS Director Will Lightbourne and to Angela Ponivas of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention. Within six months Director Lightbourne will provide us with a written response describing whether and how the PEI-CRP's recommendations will be incorporated.
- To advance the recommendations made this year, the PEI-CRP developed the **California Child Welfare Prevention Toolkit**, comprised of the Child Welfare Prevention Framework and Child Welfare Prevention Resource Guide. The **Framework** consolidates core elements of child welfare prevention practice that can be consistently and uniformly utilized by State and County Child Welfare and their partner agencies and providers to guide the design, delivery and evaluation of programming and services, as well as funding decisions. The **Resource Guide** is a compendium of resources that reinforces the Prevention Framework, including specific best practice examples for each of the core elements. The Resource Guide will also contain cross-walk resources, as well as web links and publications from which users of the framework can access and benefit.
- The Child Welfare Prevention Framework, and accompanying resource guide can be used for the following intended audiences:
 - **State and Local Child Welfare Agencies and other Public Agencies** as recommendations to support the mission of ensuring child and family well-being.
 - **Policymakers and State Budget Committees** as a lens through which to set priorities, evaluate, invest in and implement child and family strengthening approaches that enhances child safety, permanence and well-being.
 - **Providers** as a guide to effective, high quality and evidence based practices and approaches.