

# Continuum of Care Reform

County Probation Department Claiming  
Presented by California Department of Social Services

## Objectives

- Overview of General CCR
- Framework of Funding
- Reconciliation Overview
- Administrative Components

## Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) History & Background

- Assembly Bill (AB) 403 (Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015).
- AB 1997 (Chapter 612, Statutes of 2016).
- Builds upon years of child welfare policy changes to improve outcomes for youth in foster care.
- Five pilot counties implemented Resource Family Approval administrative activities prior to January 1, 2017.
- Assistance changes began in January 1, 2017.

## CCR Goals

- Reducing the usage of congregate care placement settings by moving to Home-Based settings.
- Increasing the use of home-based family care
- Decreasing the length of time to achieve permanency with the ultimate goal of maintaining a stable permanent family.
- Restructured the previous age-based rate system to a Level of Care rate system based on an assessment of the child's need.

## General CCR Activities

- Comprehensive initial child assessments.
- Implementation of the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process.
- Expanding the use of Child and Family Teams (CFTs).
- Increasing availability of services and support in Home-Based Family Care (HBFC) settings.

## Framework of Funding

- With the implementation of CCR, CDSS provided an upfront investment via assistance and administrative cost:
  - Level of Care Rate System
  - FPPRS, CFT, RFA, 2nd Level Admin Review
- Assistance saving will be generated through stepdown of GH cases.
- CDSS will reconcile the assistance saving with the upfront CCR investments with the goal of reducing future investments.

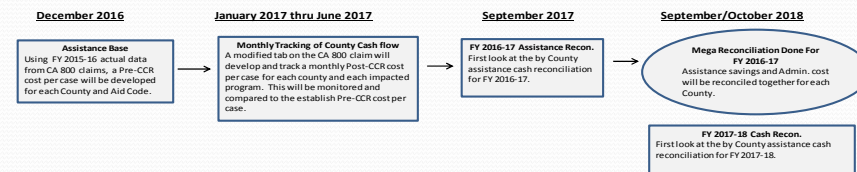
## Framework of Funding

- CDSS will look at the caseload movement post CCR.
- In assistance, the difference in the programs Cost-per-Case both Pre CCR and Post CCR will be monitored on a monthly basis.
- CCR administrative cost will be monitored on a quarterly basis.
- The reconciliation process will be specific to counties.

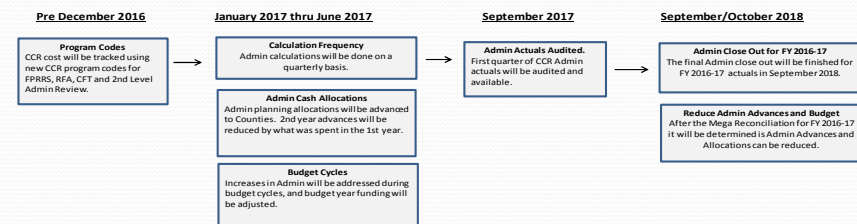
## Reconciliation Overview

### FY 2016-17 CCR Reconciliation Timeline

#### Assistance:



#### Administrative:



## Administrative Components of CCR

	All County Letter (ACL)	County Fiscal Letter (CFL)
<b>Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support (FPRRS)</b>	<a href="#">ACL No. 15-76</a> <a href="#">ACL No. 15-88</a>	<a href="#">CFL No. 15/16- 48</a>
<b>Child and Family Team (CFT)</b>	<a href="#">ACL No. 16-84</a>	<a href="#">CFL No. 16/17-22</a>
<b>Resource Family Approval (RFA)</b>	<a href="#">ACL No. 16-10</a> <a href="#">ACL No. 16-58</a>	<a href="#">CFL No. 15/16-65</a>
<b>Second Level Administrative Reviews</b>	forthcoming	forthcoming
<b>CCR Home Based Family Care Rate Structure (Phase I)</b>	<a href="#">ACL No. 16-79</a> <a href="#">ACL No. 17-11</a>	<a href="#">CFL No. 16/17-41</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 16/17-41E</a> <a href="#">CFL No.16/17-41EII</a>

## Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support (FPRRS)

Funding available for County Probation Departments (CPD) to invest in activities to recruit and retain the number of foster parents, relative caregivers and resource families available for placement of court dependent minors or non-minor dependents (NMDs). All FPRRS activities must be identified in the county's submitted FPRRS plan.

### Program Codes:

- PC 939 – Probation FPRRS Federal
- PC 940 – Probation FPRRS Training Federal
- PC 941 – Probation FPRRS Non-Federal
- PC 943 – Probation FPRRS Foster Parent Training Federal

## Child and Family Teams (CFT)

A CFT is a group of individuals that includes the child or youth, family members, professionals, natural community support and other individuals identified by the family who are invested in the child, youth and family's success.

### **Program Codes:**

PC 947 – Probation CFT Federal

PC 948 – Probation CFT Non-Federal

## Resource Family Approval (RFA)

RFA improves the way caregivers (relative and non-relative) are approved by prepping families to better meet the needs of vulnerable children, youth and NMDs in the county child welfare and/or probation systems. The RFA replaces multiple existing processes of licensing or certifying foster homes, approving relatives, non-relative extended family members (NREFMs), prospective adoptive parents and legal guardians.

### **Program Code:**

PC 889 – RFA Probation Federal

PC 897 – RFA Probation Non-Federal

## RFA

- The CPDs may use PC 130 (PROBATION IV-E/TRAINING) to claim enhanced rate RFA-related staff development activity costs.

See [CFL No.15/16-65](#) for more information.

## Title IV-E Non-Federal Discount Rate

- Currently County Probation Departments calculate the Title IV-E non-federal costs by applying the Title IV-E non-federal discount rate to the federal PCs outside of the claim. In order to receive the appropriate amount of General Fund for CCR activities, County Probation Departments must then claim the non-federal to the non-federal PCs through the provided Program Identifier Number (PIN).
- Example: Apply Title IV-E non-federal discount rate to PC 947 (CFT Federal Probation ) and then claim the non-federal costs to PC 948 (CFT Non-Federal Probation) using PIN 948059.

## Second Level Administrative Reviews

Second level administrative review approval requirements for children of any age, including Non-Minor Dependents (NMD) in group homes and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) authorized through AB 403 and AB 1997 effective January 1, 2017. Extension approval must be approved by the County Welfare Department Director/Deputy Director or CPD Chief Probation Officer or his/her designee. Probation cases must be re-evaluated every 12 months.

## CCR Ledger and Allocations

- The CCR Ledger contains multiple allocations (i.e., FPPRS, CFT, etc.) and each allocation amount is added to the total ledger amount.
- Once an individual allocation is exhausted, program codes (PCs) tied to that allocation will continue to draw from the ledger total amount.
- The CDSS performs a “closeout” process at the end of the FY by comparing each allocation to county GF expenditures. Funds are redistributed from counties that have a surplus to counties that overspent to help out as much as possible. This maximizes the spending of funds.



## CCR Ledger and Allocations

- Once surplus is redistributed, any overmatch would be shifted to county-only funds.
- However, if there is re-appropriation authority for any allocation(s), the allocation becomes “county-specific” and funds will not be redistributed at closeout.
- Although there is flexibility in the funds comprising the total ledger amount, counties must continue to claim to the appropriate PCs.

## CCR Reconciliation

- What does this mean for Probation?
  - Data Collection
  - Tracking of Cases
  - Determination of Probation Savings

## Questions or Concerns?

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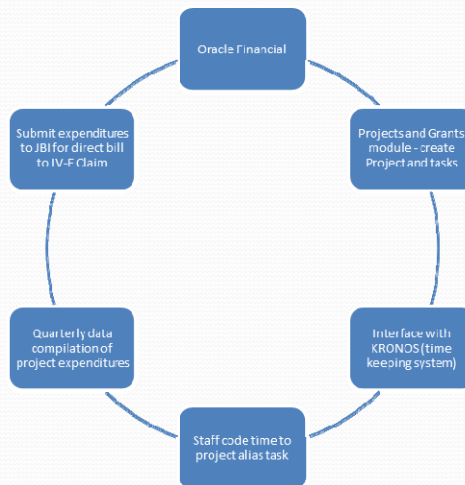
## Continuum of Care Reform

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## Discussion Topics

- San Diego and Napa's Internal tracking system
- Navigating thru CCR
- Resources
- State Reconciliation Process
- Closing Thoughts

## San Diego County Process

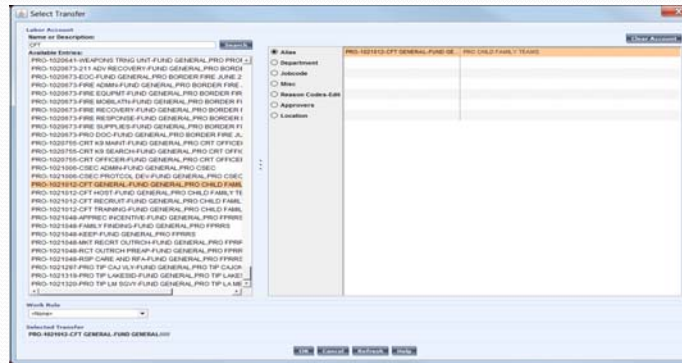


# Sample of Project and Tasks

Oracle Project and tasks

Task Number	Task Name	Description
001	CFT TRAINING	CHILD FAMILY TEAMS TRAINING
002	CFT HOST	CHILD FAMILY TEAMS HOSTING MEETING FOR PARTICIPATION
003	CFT RECRUIT	CHILD FAMILY TEAMS RECRUITING AND RECRUITMENT
004	CFT GENERAL	CHILD FAMILY TEAMS GENERAL ACTIVITIES

View of KRONOS interface and time coding to CFT



# Navigating Thru CCR

- Know your Program & Training Managers
- Attend meetings with Health Dept./Child Welfare
- Understand claiming instructions & County's process
- MOU
- Monitoring, Tracking and Tools

## Resources

- Program and Training Staff
- County Expense Claim (CEC) Crosswalk
- CDSS Summary of ACL, CFL, ACIN and CFIN
- CPOC Website
  - CCR
  - Sample Spreadsheet for Quarterly Claim
  - MOU between Probation and Child Welfare

## Probation Time Study Activity CEC Crosswalk

**Probation Title IV-E Claim Activity to CEC Pin Code Crosswalk**

Timestudy/Claim Activity	CEC Pin Code
Placement-Probation Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) (UNDER 18)	790059 - Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) (UNDER 18)
Placement-Probation Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM) NMD/EFC	791059 - NREFM NMD
Placement-CSEC (Sex Trafficking) FC/EFC	929059 - CSEC (Sex Trafficking)
Placement-Child and Family Teams (CFT)	947059 - Child and Family Team (CFT)
Placement-Child and Family Teams (CFT)	948059 - Child and Family Team (CFT) Non-Federal (A 3/17)
Placement-Resource Family Approval (RFA)	889059 - Resource Family Approval Probation
Placement-Resource Family Approval (RFA)	897059 - Resource Family Approval Probation Non-Federal (A 3/17)
Title IV-E allowable costs detailed in County's approved plan-County specific	939059 - Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support (FPRRS)

# Probation Program Codes

PROBATION ONLY PROGRAM CODES  
As of January 2017

PC	PIN	Title	Letter
004	004059	Probation Peer Review (C 3/14)	<a href="#">CFL No. 14/15-29</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 13/14-44</a> <a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a>
100	100059	Specialized Care Incentives & Assistance Program (A 9/93)	<a href="#">CFL No. 93/94-25</a>
119	119069	Public Agency IV-E Pass Through (A 12/04)	<a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 11/12-32E</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 04/05-29</a>
127	127059	Probation IV-E Case Management	<a href="#">CFL No. 15/16-02</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 14/15-29</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 11/12-32E</a> <a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a>
128	128059	Probation IV-E Pre-Placement Prevention	<a href="#">CFL No. 15/16-02</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 14/15-29</a> <a href="#">CFL No. 11/12-32E</a> <a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a>
130	130059	Probation IV-E Training	<a href="#">CFL No. 14/15-29</a> <a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a>
131	131059	Probation IV-E Licensing	<a href="#">CFL No. 14/15-29</a> <a href="#">CFIN No. 08-2011</a>

# CCR Letters Released

LETTER	SUBJECT	ISSUE DATE	FINAL NO.
<b>CCR</b>			
ACIN	Continuum of Care Reform	7/8/2016	I-50-16
<b>Licensing</b>			
Interim Licensing Standards	Interim Licensing Standards for FFAs	8/29/16	CCL/CCR Joint Information Release 2016-01
Interim Licensing Standards	Interim Licensing Standards for STRIPs	10/14/16	No number - link on CCR website
ACL	AB 403 Program Statement Review Process	Anticipated 10/2016	
<b>Rates</b>			
ACIN	Assessments to Determine the Appropriateness of The Group Home Placement for Children and Youth in Group Home Care Over One Year in Duration and Plans for Transitioning into a Family-Based Setting	7/1/2016	I-42-16
ACL	AB 403 Group Home Extension Request to Continue Placements Under Current Rate Classification Level (RCL) Rate	8/19/16	16-65
ACL	Continuum of Care Reform Home Based Family Care Rate Structure and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program Rates Structure and Conversion Process	9/22/16	16-79
ACL	Continuum of Care Reform Home Based Family Care Level of Care Rate Structure	Anticipated early November	
<b>RFA</b>			

## State Reconciliation Process

- Expenses incurred above CCR allocation, continue to claim to the CCR Pin Code (PC)
- PC 942 - State Use Only Probation CCR Overmatch
  - Costs in excess of allocation
    - CFT, RFA, FPRRS and 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Admin Reviews
  - Automatic shift by State
  - Expenses shown on DFA C430
  - Will not be included in the AA 190 (payment only)

## Closing Thoughts

- Learning Process / Work in Progress
  - CCR Requirements, Stakeholders, Training staff
  - Developing tools
  - Resources available
  - Systems in place to maximize claiming
- Continue to do good work
- Successes

