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TUESDAY, JUNE 8

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Fostering Hope

The 5th Annual CCR Conference will open with a keynote presentation by Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman, co-authors of the award-winning book "Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life." Hope can be learned. Join us to find out how.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Steve Sentman, Orange County Probation Department and CPOC President

Casey Gwinn, Esq., President of Alliance for HOPE International

Dr. Chan Hellman, Director, The Hope Research Center

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1: Fostering Hope: Putting the Science into Action

Were you inspired by keynote presenters Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman? Are you wondering how to create a hope-oriented organization? In this breakout session, we will learn more from Casey Gwinn and Dr. Chan Hellman about the implementation of hope. We will also hear about how Shasta County is working to implement the science of hope throughout their county. Chief Tracie Neal will talk about becoming a Hope Navigator and how she has incorporated these skills into decision making and improving services within probation.

SPEAKERS:

Casey Gwinn, Esq., President of Alliance for HOPE International

Dr. Chan Hellman, Director, The Hope Research Center

Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation Department

Fernanda España, Program Assistant, Alliance for HOPE International



AGENDA

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 CONTINUED

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 2: Home-Based Care: Supporting Foster Youth, Resource Parents and Foster Families Agencies

Youth impacted by foster care who are served and supported by probation need what all youth need – a loving home with unconditional support. How can probation departments and foster family agencies work together and bridge gaps in service delivery to expand home-based care for teenage youth? This session will focus on how this is being done by Alameda County Probation and Family Builders, FFA. How is this environment created and sustained once a resource parent is found? That takes partnership, patience, support and perseverance – all elements that can be cultivated with foster parent mentoring, collaboration, proper allocation of resources for ongoing support and commitment. Jennifer Rexroad will share what works in supporting resource parents with specific attention to youth served by probation.

SPEAKERS:

Adrienne Chambers, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Field Services, Alameda County Probation Department

Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, Family Builders

Jennifer Rexroad, Executive Director, California Alliance of Caregivers

MODERATOR:

Kim Suderman, LCSW; Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Update

The California Department of Social Services will provide a high-level overview of where California is at in preparing for Part I (Prevention Activities Under Title IV-E) and Part IV (Ensuring the Necessity of a Placement that is not in a Foster Family Home) of FFPSA implementation. Casey Family Programs will highlight planning efforts from a national perspective. There will be two separate coffee and conversation sessions throughout the remainder of the conference that will allow participants to have open dialogue about Part I and Part IV of FFPSA.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department

Peter Watson, Senior Director, Technical Assistance Unit, Casey Family Programs

Kelly Winston, Bureau Chief, Child Welfare Policy & Program Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services

Lisa Witchey, Bureau Chief, Integrated Practices & Resource Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services

Alicia Bernstein, Manager, Provider Policy Unit, California Department of Social Services

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 CONTINUED****11:00AM TO 12:15PM****Coffee and Conversation – Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part IV**

Make sure to grab some coffee and join us! This informal session will allow for an opportunity for open dialogue with counties and the California Department of Social Services concerning Part IV (Ensuring the Necessity of a Placement that is not in a Foster Family Home) of FFPSA.

1:30PM TO 3:30PM**CONCURRENT SESSIONS****SESSION 3: Macro to Micro: Strategies to Help Prevent Out-of-Home Placements**

From the largest county in the nation to one of the smallest rural counties in California, Los Angeles County Probation Department and Calaveras County Probation Department will be co-presenting on universal principles of placement prevention efforts. Participants will learn about unique and exceptional strategies that are specific to each and every county in California. This session will provide an in-depth look at examples from two very different counties, as well as a robust, interactive discussion to highlight successes statewide.

SPEAKERS:

Chief Samuel Leach, Calaveras County Probation Department

Jeannette Miller, Deputy Probation Officer III, Calaveras County Probation Department

Kelli Whittle, Deputy Probation Officer III, Calaveras County Probation Department

Paul Vinetz, Bureau Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department

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SESSION 4: Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) 101

In 1978, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was passed to protect the best interests of Indian children and promote the stability of Indian tribes and families by establishing minimum federal standards for the removal of Indian children and placement of Indian children. This session will highlight the unique issues that affect Indian children and the history behind the passage of the ICWA. Participants will learn more about the law and the ICWA's application in probation cases.

SPEAKERS:

Geneva Shaw, Training and Curriculum Development Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Mica Llerandi, Advocacy and Policy Associate, California Tribal Families Coalition



AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

9:00AM TO 10:30AM

WELCOME AND GENERAL SESSION

Importance of Self-Care & Wellness

It is far too easy to put aside one's own self-care when work and home life require you to attend to everyone else. Thursday's keynote presenter will provide insight and practical skills about self-care and wellness. Building our own resiliency and maintaining a healthy life balance is critical to our collective work in California to improve the lives of foster youth and their families.

SPEAKERS:

Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation Department

Kelly Rath, Administrator of Equity & Wellness, Oregon Department of Corrections

11:00AM TO 12:15PM

Coffee and Conversation - Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Part I

Would you like to hear more about the county opt-in program for Part I (Prevention Activities Under Title IV-E) of FFPSA? Please be sure to grab some coffee and join us! This informal session will kick-off with the California Department of Social Services sharing some answers to frequently asked questions and afterwards participants will have the opportunity to have open dialogue concerning this component of FFPSA.

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 5: Addressing Service Gaps in California for Youth in Foster Care

At the beginning of this year, all out-of-state programs were decertified by the California Department of Social Services. This breakout session will look at key findings of why youth were originally placed out of state by county probation departments and some lessons learned during the process of returning youth back into California. This session will further explore the work that is presently being done to help address many of the service gaps for youth in foster care.

SPEAKERS:

Kevin O'Connell, Research Analyst, Chief Probation Officers of California

Leticia Galyean, Chief Operating Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies

Christine Stoner-Mertz, Chief Executive Officer, CA Alliance of Child and Family Services and the Catalyst Center

Alex Volpe, Program Manager, Catalyst Center

MODERATOR:

Dr. Adolfo Gonzales, Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County Probation Department



THURSDAY, JUNE 10 CONTINUED

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 6: Educational Tips & Strategies for Supporting Youth as They Return to In-Person Education

The Los Angeles County Office of Education provides statewide technical assistance to help child welfare and probation departments improve educational outcomes among youth who are impacted by child services systems. This session will highlight a range of tips and strategies to consider as youth start to transition back to in-person education, including some of the entitlements they can access, best practices, and ways to recognize and address the additional trauma they may experience.

SPEAKERS:

Kimberly Faulkner-Camacho, M.S., P.P.S., Coordinator III, Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

Michelle Lustig, Ed.D, MSW, Program Director, Foster Youth Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education

Elizabeth Clews, Youth Advocate, Students in Foster Care

Calli Oxford, Foster Youth Services Program Manager, Lassen County

MODERATOR:

Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation Department

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ALICIA BERNSTEIN

*Manager, Provider Policy Unit, California
Department of Social Services (CDSS)*

Alicia Bernstein is the Manager for the Provider Policy Unit at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). For the last fifteen years, Alicia Bernstein has leveraged her skills and passion as a public servant to improve systems including child welfare, local mental health, child trafficking, local maternal health for women of color and has worked directly with domestic violence and sexualized violence survivors. After graduating with honors from the University of San Francisco with a Master's in Public Administration, she moved to State service with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), where she has worked in multiple capacities for the past five years. Ms. Bernstein joined the System of Care Branch, formerly the Continuum of Care Reform Branch, in June 2019, where she has worked on guidance development, stakeholder engagement, and systems-wide policy integration as it relates to youth with complex needs.

CHIEF JENNIFER BRANNING

Lassen County Probation Department

Chief Jennifer Branning has been with the Lassen County Probation Department for 15 years. She has been working in the capacity of the Chief Probation Officer since March of 2013. She loves working and living in a rural community as the department is always using creative solutions to meet the population's needs.

ADRIENNE CHAMBERS

*Division Director, Juvenile Field Services,
Alameda County Probation Department*

Adrienne Chambers is the Deputy Chief of Juvenile Field Services for Alameda County Probation. Adrienne began her career with the Solano County Probation Department in 2005 and has worked a variety of assignments in both Adult and Juvenile Field Services. She joined the Alameda County Probation Department in 2018. Mrs. Chambers has an extensive history involving work with foster care youth. She has also provided coaching to sworn and non-sworn staff regarding trauma-focused methods, which were utilized to create constructive working partnerships between the staff, families, and community resources while maintaining focus on actual and potential harm to the youth who are served.

ELIZABETH CLEWS

Youth Advocate, Students in Foster Care

Elizabeth Clews is a former foster youth dedicated to advocating for policies that will improve the lives of current and former youth in foster care. Currently, she serves as a certified Educational Rights Holder for at-risk youth in Ventura County, a trauma-informed practices trainer with Ventura County Office of Education, and a college student whose goal is to enroll at UC Santa Cruz to earn a degree in history and obtain a teaching credential. Most importantly, she is a single mom to two beautiful and amazing young children.



FERNANDA ESPANA

Program Assistant, Alliance for HOPE International

Fernanda Espana provides programmatic support for the Alliance for HOPE International's Culture and Creative Services. Fernanda graduated from Universidad Anáhuac México Norte with a major in Social Responsibility and Sustainability, and a minor in Non-Profit Management. She is also certified in Human Rights and Development from Sciences Po Paris. She has volunteered and worked in the non-profit community in both Mexico and the United States.

KIMBERLY FAULKNER-CAMACHO, M.S., P.P.S.

Coordinator III, Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

Kimberly Faulkner-Camacho is an educator with over 17 years of experience as a school counselor, dean, and administrator who has a demonstrated history of working with diverse student populations, including students on probation. She currently serves as a Coordinator III for the Los Angeles County Office of Education's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) and the statewide FYSCP Technical Assistance Program. She collaborates with educators and child welfare staff from schools and COEs throughout the state to support them with training and implementation of trauma-informed practices.

LETICIA GALYEAN

Chief Operating Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies

Leticia Galyean, LCSW, is the current Chief Operating Officer (COO) and the incoming Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Seneca Family of Agencies, effective July 1, 2021. Throughout her time at Seneca, Leticia has helped to design, launch, implement and evaluate family-focused programs serving over 17,000 families annually throughout California and the state of Washington. As COO, she has oversight over all agency financials, contracts, and administrative departments, is a frequent presenter at national conferences, and has developed a unique breadth and depth of expertise in directing programs and operations that serve children and families utilizing a strengths-based, individualized, culturally competent and family-focused approach.



BIOGRAPHIES

DR. ADOLFO GONZALES

*Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County
Probation Department*

Dr. Adolfo Gonzales was recently appointed Chief Probation Officer for the County of Los Angeles. He has 43 years of distinguished experience in law enforcement, institutional rehabilitation, investigations, and community engagement. Before serving at Los Angeles County Probation, he was Chief Probation Officer of San Diego County, where he was a part of the department's transformation of the detention facilities to Urban Camps, a model of youth-centered, therapeutic, and rehabilitative environment. He previously served as Chief Investigator for the County of San Diego's District Attorney's Office; Chief of the National City Police Department; Assistant Chief of the San Diego Police Department; and an Executive Fellow for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Chief Gonzales earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from National University, a Master of Arts degree in Post-Secondary Education from California State University, San Diego, and a Doctorate of Education in Leadership Science from the University of San Diego.

CASEY GWINN, ESQ.

President, Alliance for HOPE International

Casey Gwinn is the President and Co-Founder of the Alliance for HOPE International. He is the visionary behind the Family Justice Center Movement, first proposing the Family Justice Center model concept in 1989. Casey founded Camp HOPE America in 2003. He is a national expert on domestic violence dynamics, including investigation and prosecution, and the handling of non-fatal strangulation cases. He is one of the leading thinkers in the country on the science of hope. Before this position, Casey was the elected San Diego City Attorney.

DR. CHAN HELLMAN

Professor, The Hope Research Center

Dr. Chan M. Hellman is a professor of social work at the University of Oklahoma and Director of The Hope Research Center. He has written more than 150 scientific publications and has presented at numerous national and international conferences worldwide. Chan has also presented his work on hope with TEDx in the Spring of 2020. Chan's research is focused on hope as a psychological strength helping children and adults overcome trauma and adversity. This research informed the development of the "Hope Centered and Trauma Informed" training program. Chan is the co-author of the award-winning book "Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope Can Change Your Life" with his co-author Casey Gwinn.

JILL JACOBS

Executive Director, Family Builders

Jill Jacobs has been the Executive Director of Family Builders for 25 years. Jill embodies the agency's mission of creating permanency for children and youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. She has developed a program model that is responsive to the needs of children and youth needing permanent families. She has created innovative programs to meet the needs of underserved and disenfranchised children and youth, believing no child should leave the foster care system without a permanent family. Jill is a nationally recognized expert and persistent advocate for children and youth in foster care and the parents who raise them.



CHIEF JOHN KEENE

San Mateo County Probation Department

John Keene has been Chief Probation Officer in San Mateo County since 2013. He also serves as the legislative chair for the Chief Probation Officers of California and is scheduled to become association President for 2022. Chief Keene is committed to supporting employee wellness and developing innovative approaches to the challenges we face in community corrections.

CHIEF SAMUEL LEACH

Calaveras County Probation Department

Sam Leach has been the Chief Probation Officer of Calaveras County since February 2014. He previously served in the counties of Riverside and Sutter. Sam has trained probation officers throughout the state in assessments, case planning, and family engagement.

MICA LLERANDI

Advocacy and Policy Associate, California Tribal Families Coalition

Mica Llerandi (Diné/Navajo) is a Policy and Advocacy Associate at California Tribal Families Coalition (CTFC). Before joining CTFC, she was a staff attorney at California Indian Legal Services, representing tribes in California ICWA cases. She previously worked as a domestic violence attorney on the Navajo Nation, a deputy prosecutor with the Gila River Indian Community, a guardian ad litem on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and at Children's Legal Services of San Diego, where she represented minors in San Diego County dependency cases.

MICHELLE LUSTIG, ED.D, MSW

Program Director, Foster Youth Technical Assistance Program, Los Angeles County Office Of Education

Michelle Lustig, Ed.D, MSW, has over 30 years of experience in child welfare education. She currently leads a statewide technical assistance grant for the Los Angeles County Office of Education to support countywide Foster Youth Services Coordinating Programs. Dr. Lustig believes that educational equity and attainment are the pathways to resiliency. She supports cross-system collaboration in all areas and promotes trauma-informed practices for schools and systems.

CHIEF TRACIE NEAL

Shasta County Probation Department

Chief Tracie Neal has worked in the field of probation services and community corrections since 1996. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Sociology and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Humboldt State University. She began her career with Humboldt County Probation Department as a Juvenile Group Counselor and was quickly promoted to Deputy Probation Officer. In 2000 she moved from Humboldt County to Mono County, where she worked through the ranks to Assistant Chief Probation Officer. In 2012, she was hired by Shasta County as the Assistant Chief Probation Officer and has been the Chief Probation Officer since 2013.



BIOGRAPHIES

KEVIN O'CONNELL

Research Analyst, Chief Probation Officers of California

Kevin O'Connell is an analytics and research consultant specializing in social policy analytics, process improvement, and evaluation. Kevin's research studies have focused on the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice, probation engagement, and approaches for delivering cost-effective interventions. He has worked on a range of state and county initiatives to inform policy and research on the impacts of major adult (SB678 and AB109/Realignment) and juvenile justice issues (Continuum of Care Reform), as well as providing technical assistance to counties using cross-system data analysis to improve outcomes for justice-involved behavioral health clients. Kevin obtained a master's degree from UC San Diego in International Relations and Public Policy and a bachelor's degree from UC Davis in History and Political Science. Kevin lives in Berkeley, CA.

CALLI OXFORD

Program Manager, Foster Youth Services, Lassen County

Calli Oxford started working for the Lassen County Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program in 2018 as the Program Assistant. In 2020, Calli was promoted to become Manager of the program. Calli is extremely proud of how significantly the program has grown over the past three years in terms of the services provided to youth in foster care.

KELLY RATHS

Administrator of Equity and Wellness, Oregon Department of Corrections

Kelly Raths has worked for the Oregon Department of Corrections for 14 years as a Chaplain, Advocate for incarcerated people, Policy and Business Administrator, and now oversees the Agency's Equity and Wellness commitments. Kelly's first trip to prison was in 2002 with a bunch of Quaker women to teach the Alternatives to Violence Program. The experience was fascinating and infuriating and set the course for a lifelong vocation in the criminal justice system. Kelly is a certified mindfulness instructor and has trained hundreds of Oregon national corrections professionals in mindfulness and stress regulation skills. She has a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School, two young children, a husband who grows wine grapes, and six urban chickens.

JENNIFER REXROAD

Executive Director, California Alliance of Caregivers

Jennifer Rexroad is the Executive Director of California Alliance of Caregivers. She has over a decade of K-12 & adult classroom teaching experience. She has experience in educational programming, leadership, training, curriculum, and staff development. Jennifer is a Yolo County First 5 Commissioner, and her family has fostered children for five years. She has experience in local and statewide advocacy on youth and child welfare issues.



CHIEF STEVE SENTMAN

Orange County Probation Department and CPOC President

Steven Sentman is the Chief Probation Officer in Orange County. He has been with the department for 35 years and has served in multiple line supervision and management assignments ranging from Juvenile Facilities, Field Supervision, Sex Crimes, and Gang Violence Suppression. In 2010, Chief Sentman was sworn in as Orange County's 14th Chief Probation Officer. He is an active member and current President (2021) of the Chief Probation Officers of California, participating in several state-wide working committees. He also engages in such groups as the Golden West College Executive Advisory Board, Saddleback College Human Services Advisory Committee, and the State Board of State and Community Corrections Executive Steering Committees.

GENEVA SHAW

Training and Curriculum Development Director, California Tribal Families Coalition

Geneva Shaw (Karuk, Yurok, Apache, Hoopa Valley Tribal Member) serves as the Training and Curriculum Development Director for California Tribal Families Coalition (CTFC). Geneva leads CTFC's efforts in developing curriculum and providing virtual training to tribal, state, and county social workers about all aspects of Indian child welfare. Geneva is a full-time faculty member of the Social Work Department at Humboldt State University. She has spent the last seven years primarily teaching graduate students practice courses grounded in Social Work with Indigenous Communities. Geneva has extensive practice and supervisory experience in a wide range of Tribal Social Services programming, thanks mainly to her years of service for the Yurok Tribe.

CHRISTINE STONER-MERTZ

Chief Executive Officer, California Alliance of Child and Family Services and the Catalyst Center

Christine Stoner-Mertz, LCSW, is the Chief Executive Officer of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, a 150 member association that serves as the collective voice for organizations that serve children, youth and families throughout California. Ms. Stoner-Mertz served as President and CEO of Lincoln, an agency delivering a range of community-based behavioral health services in the San Francisco Bay area, from 2005 – 2019. She has served on state and national boards of behavioral health associations, and has worked as a consultant to numerous nonprofits, county departments of behavioral health and the state. As a sought-after expert on MediCal EPSDT program design and implementation, Ms. Stoner-Mertz developed one of the first Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services manuals.



BIOGRAPHIES

KIM SUDERMAN, LCSW

Consultant, County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) of California

Kim Suderman is a retired Behavioral Health Director of Yolo County and a previous Deputy/Chief of Mental Health Children & Youth Services at San Joaquin, Yolo, and Sutter/Yuba Counties. Her professional background includes provider agency work in a foster family agency & residential program, Child Welfare Adoptions, and a high school counselor. Currently, Ms. Suderman is a Consultant for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), assisting Mental Health Plans to implement CCR, AB 1299, AB 2083, FURS, FFPSA, and other related child and youth issues. Ms. Suderman received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Fresno Pacific College; her Master of Social Work from California State University, Fresno; and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) since 1988.

PAUL VINETZ

Bureau Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Paul Vinetz is a Bureau Chief for the Los Angeles County Probation Department and currently provides executive oversight of the Department's Placement and Child Welfare Bureau. In addition to his current assignment, he has had executive oversight responsibility for adult and juvenile field services and operations, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, which placed probation officers in over 100 schools, housing developments, parks throughout the county, and oversight of Juvenile Court operations. His experience includes tenure as a Director in the Probation Department's Juvenile Special Services Bureau, establishing the Department's first Juvenile Day Reporting Center, local multi-disciplinary teams, juvenile halls, detention camps, prevention initiatives, intensive gang supervision, after-school programs, and as a court officer. He is a past-President of the California Probation, Parole, and Correctional Association and has served on its Legislative Committee for fifteen years.

ALEX VOPE

Program Manager, Catalyst Center

Alex Vope is the Program Manager for the Catalyst Center. She has been working with underserved youth and families for over 15 years. Alex is committed to the principles of trauma-informed care and providing culturally relevant services to young people and their families. Following her term at Bay Area Youth Center and before her position at the Catalyst Center, Alex served in a number of contract and interim roles, including working as the interim Chief Operating Officer at Unity Care Group and the Executive Director at the Ann Martin Center. Before becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Alex received her JD from the University of Texas in Austin and worked as a corporate and securities attorney in San Francisco and Austin.

PETER WATSON

Senior Director, Technical Assistance Unit, Casey Family Programs

Peter Watson is a Senior Director in the Technical Assistance Unit at Casey Family Programs and has more than 25 years of experience in child welfare administration, research, and systems change initiatives. He has engaged in a variety of technical assistance and systems change work at Casey, including managing and facilitating national meetings and learning collaboratives, such as the Family First Learning Collaborative. Peter also directed the National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement (NRCOI) from 2004-2015 and served as the Director of Quality Assurance at the Massachusetts Department of Social Services (DSS) from 1996-1999. Much of his work has focused on helping child welfare agencies develop and implement CQI systems and providing leadership coaching for change efforts. He also has worked closely with numerous states to define and implement systemic program improvement initiatives and measurement strategies and tie them to key agency priorities.



KELLY WINSTON

Bureau Chief, Child Welfare Policy & Program Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Kelly Winston has 20+ years of experience in the field of Child Welfare. After earning her Master of Social Work degree, Kelly spent ten years in direct practice helping families navigate the child welfare system. With a desire to support system change and improve outcomes for children and families, Kelly joined the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in 2009. Her work there has included both policy development and technical assistance to counties focusing on system improvement. Kelly currently oversees the Child Welfare Policy and Program Development Bureau at CDSS, supporting county child welfare agencies, probation departments, and Indian Tribes to deliver early intervention strategies, including Emergency Response and Family Maintenance services to at-risk, abused, and neglected children and their families. Kelly is currently leading CDSS's efforts to implement California's five-year Prevention Plan as part of the Family First Prevention and Services Act of 2018.

LISA WITCHEY

Bureau Chief, Integrated Practices & Resource Development Bureau, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Lisa Witchey is the Chief of the Integrated Practice and Resource Development Bureau at the California Department of Social Services. In this role, she is responsible for collaborative policy and program development to uplift family engagement; teaming; coordinated assessment, service delivery, and transition; and integration across child and family serving systems. Having a passion for supporting and strengthening families, Lisa brings years of experience working on social welfare policy, program development and implementation with stakeholders. In her spare time Lisa enjoys doing just about anything with her two boys, taking road trips with her family, attempting DIY home improvement projects, and spending time at the beach and in the mountains.



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