

California Partners for
Permanency (CAPP)

Los Angeles County

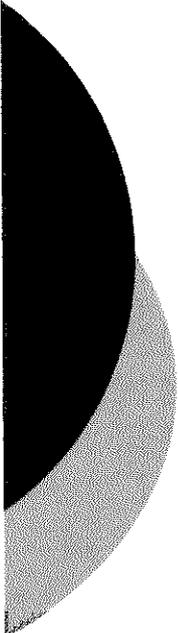
Department of Children and Family Services

July 2012



Background

- \$100 million Presidential initiative
 - 6 jurisdictions across U.S.
 - 4 California Early Implementing Counties - \$14.5 million over 5 years (October 2010-September 2015)
 - 3 Los Angeles County DCFS offices selected based on disproportionality data.

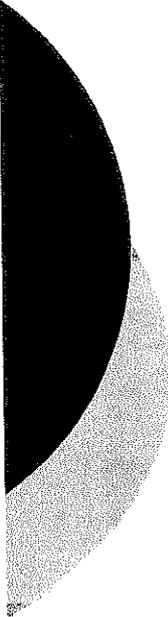


Funding

Children's Bureau and the Administration for Children, Youth and Families

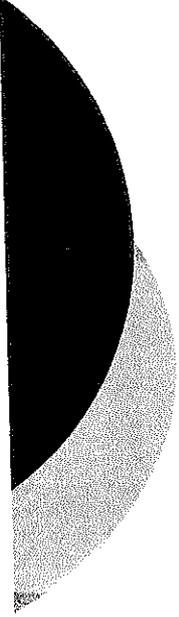
Los Angeles County received:

- \$580,000 in Year 1
- \$1,000,000 in Year 2
- \$970,000 projected for Year 3



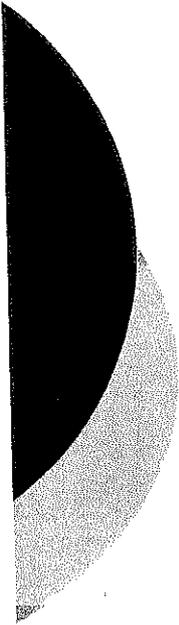
The Goal

Reduce the number of African-American children in Long Term Foster Care and improve well-being.



Core Values of CAPP

- The Power of Family
- Healing
- Community and Collaboration
- Honesty
- Transparency and Trust
- Safety
- Fairness and Equity
- Empowerment
- Accountability and Results



CAPP Approach

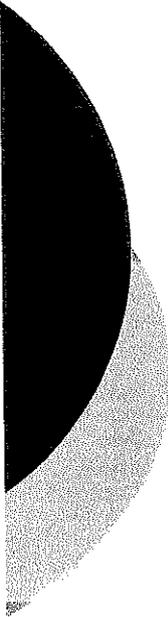
- **County Analysis**

An institutional analysis of local child welfare systems is conducted to better understand and address the barriers to permanency for children and families and inform solutions to reduce long-term foster care.

- **Development of Child and Family Practice Model**

A Child and Family Practice Model has been developed to be utilized by social workers in their day-to-day work that partners with families, communities and thrives in understanding and meeting the needs of their children.

- This model is in alignment with LA County's Shared Core Practice Model.



CAPP Approach *continued*

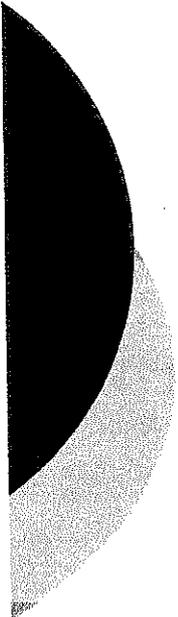
- **Evaluation**
The approach will be tested, refined and evaluated in the four early implementing California counties.
- **Implementation**
The approach will be replicated in other California counties and a plan will be developed to spread statewide.
- **Fiscal and Reinvestment Strategies**
Fiscal strategies are being developed to support implementation of the refined practice model.



In Their Voices...

“Being invited to the table as a partner...to pose the problem and create the solutions...is an important step forward.”

– Youth, African American & Tribal Communities



Practice Model Alignment

- ★ Great alignment with the Shared Core Practice Model
- ★ Core Practice Strategies are consistent with CAPP Core Elements
- ★ CAPP office Social workers and supervisors are being trained and coached on a daily basis.



Community Engagement

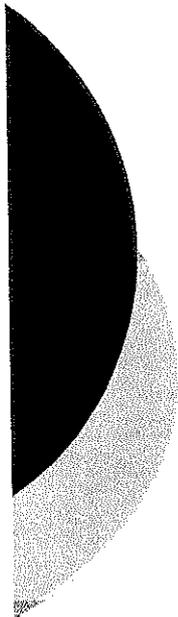
We are involving our communities at the local level:

- Pomona Valley Children and Family Council
- Torrance Community Partnership
- Wateridge Children's Task Force



Broad Outreach

- Members of African American Communities
- Faith-based organizations
- Birth Parents, Youth and Other Family Members
- Non-related Extended Family Members
- Foster Parent Caregivers
- Parents in Partnership
- Parents Anonymous
- Educators, Behavioral Health Practitioners, Community-Based Providers and Probation Officers
- Policymakers, Advocates and Organizations



African American Youth Data

African American youth make-up:

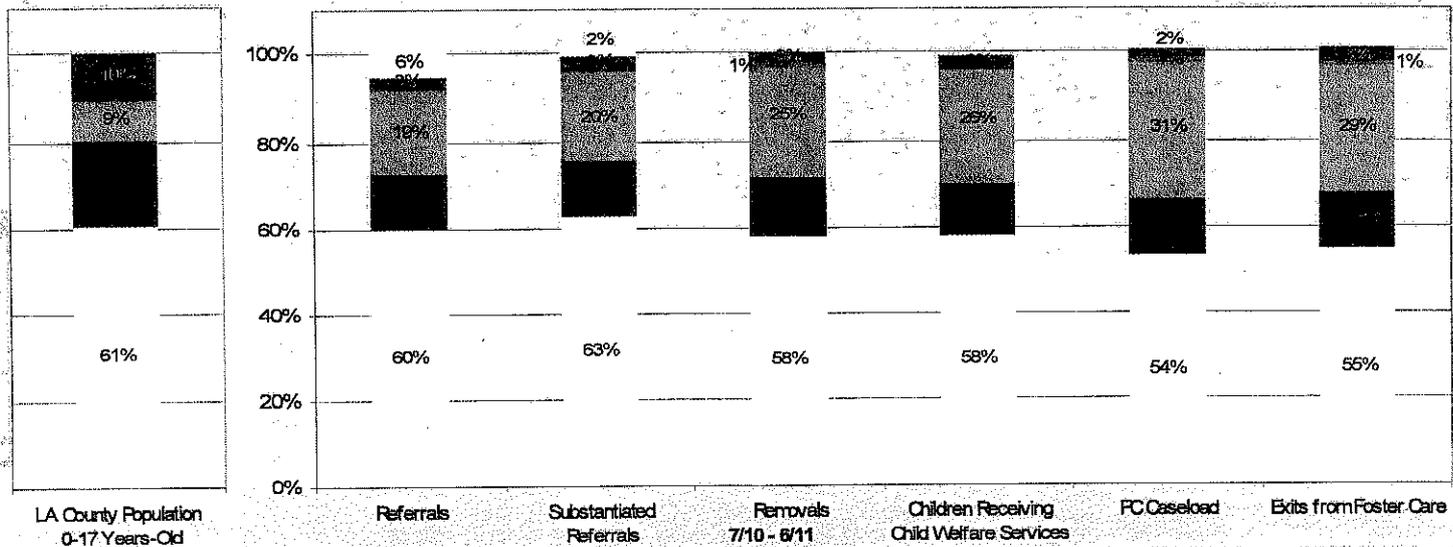
- Pomona
 - 5.6% of the general population
 - 24.7% of the foster care caseload

- Torrance
 - 15.2% of the general population
 - 43.9% of the foster care caseload

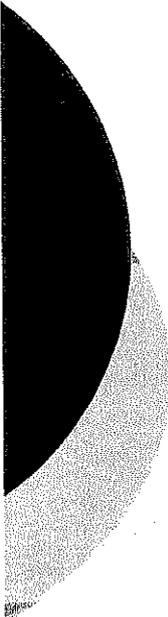
- Wateridge
 - 18.2% of the general population
 - 52% of the foster care caseload

Taken from F2F Report dated Dec
31, 2011

LA County Key Decision Points



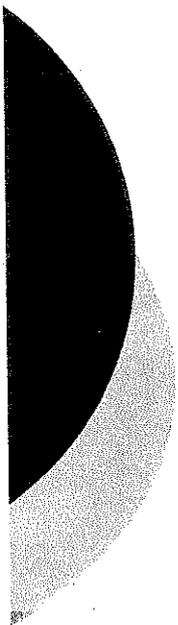
| DCFS | Population | | Referrals | | Substantiated Referrals | | Removals | | Children Receiving Child Welfare Services | | FC Caseload | | Exits from Foster Care | |
|----------|------------|------|-----------|------|-------------------------|------|----------|------|---|------|-------------|------|------------------------|------|
| | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % | Count | % |
| Hispanic | 1,714,650 | 61% | 87,945 | 60% | 21,192 | 63% | 6,352 | 58% | 33,520 | 58% | 8,257 | 54% | 5,960 | 55% |
| White | 546,421 | 20% | 18,300 | 13% | 4,367 | 13% | 1,474 | 14% | 6,975 | 12% | 1,958 | 13% | 1,445 | 13% |
| Black | 243,117 | 9% | 27,983 | 19% | 6,657 | 20% | 2,767 | 25% | 15,224 | 26% | 4,784 | 31% | 3,085 | 29% |
| Asian | 5,573 | 0% | 298 | 0% | 98 | 0% | 82 | 1% | 234 | 0% | 87 | 1% | 58 | 1% |
| Other | 291,944 | 10% | 3,953 | 3% | 1,003 | 3% | 247 | 2% | 1,549 | 3% | 299 | 2% | 279 | 3% |
| Other | | | 8,361 | 6% | 532 | 2% | 33 | 0% | 219 | 0% | 51 | 0% | 13 | 0% |
| Total | 2,801,705 | 100% | 146,840 | 100% | 33,849 | 100% | 10,955 | 100% | 57,721 | 100% | 15,436 | 100% | 10,840 | 100% |



In Their Voices...

Families are powerful and resourceful – it is important to build on their strengths.

“Don’t ever think you can empower families -- families have power. Support the power of families.” (African American communities)



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