

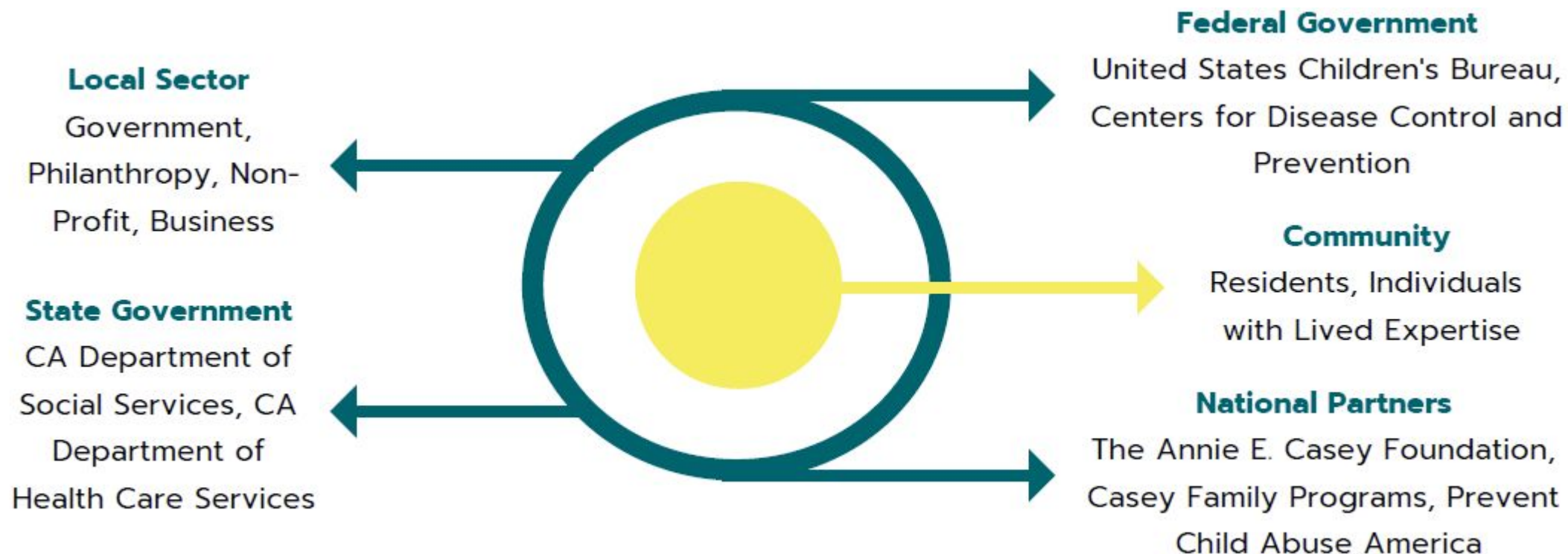


# Thriving Families, Safer Children

Los Angeles County

# What is Thriving Families, Safer Children?

National effort designed to **create proofs of concept for system transformation focused on child and family wellbeing** - 22 sites are participating, LA is part of round 1 receiving additional technical assistance and resources



# The LA Team

**Government** | DCFS, OCP, DMH, DPSS, Youth Commission, First 5 LA, Commission for Children and Families, Poverty Alleviation Initiative

**Philanthropy** | Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, Anthony and Jeanne Pritzker Family Foundation, Center for Strategic Partnerships

**Community** | Para Los Ninos, SBCC, SHIELDS for Families, Individuals with lived expertise in child welfare and probation



# What's our "why"?

LA residents, including people with lived expertise in our systems, are **experts in their own lives and communities**

**They know what is needed** to improve child and family wellbeing

They have **solutions**



$$1 + 2 = 3$$

## Demonstration

Demonstrate **effective community-led innovations** at the local level that can go to scale and be replicated, i.e. proof of concept

**Partnering with community** members using **participatory budgeting and research approaches**

## Community Partnership

Document and build evidence for an **authentic community partnership model** sourced from the best practices of community leaders, residents, and individuals with lived expertise across LA County

**Connecting to other community-led efforts** across Los Angeles **addressing child and family wellbeing**

## Systems Change

Create **anti-racist policy, systemic, and structural changes** at the local, state, and national levels

# Current Demonstration Projects in Planning Phase

## Fatherhood Group

- Focus on building resources in the community that are specific to fathers
- Prevent system involvement

## Youth in Care/Alumni + Birth Parents

- Building a partnership and developing skill sets for advocacy and working with system partners
- Partnership to focus on accountability for system partners and themselves

## Neighborhood Action Councils

- Resident-led advocacy groups, neighborhood-based and countywide
- Choosing priority focus at October event

Two additional projects are currently in development

# Visioning Sessions

Over 450 residents across LA County participated - sharing their vision for child and family wellbeing and what changes they wanted to create in their communities

Notes from visioning sessions were analyzed and 9 key themes about priorities for change came to the surface - many of them related to prevention and promotion

The report presents direct quotes from residents to describe the themes so we could center community voice

***Where do you, your friends, or neighbors go in this community when someone has a problem finding information or locating resources, has a question about their child, or when they need help?***

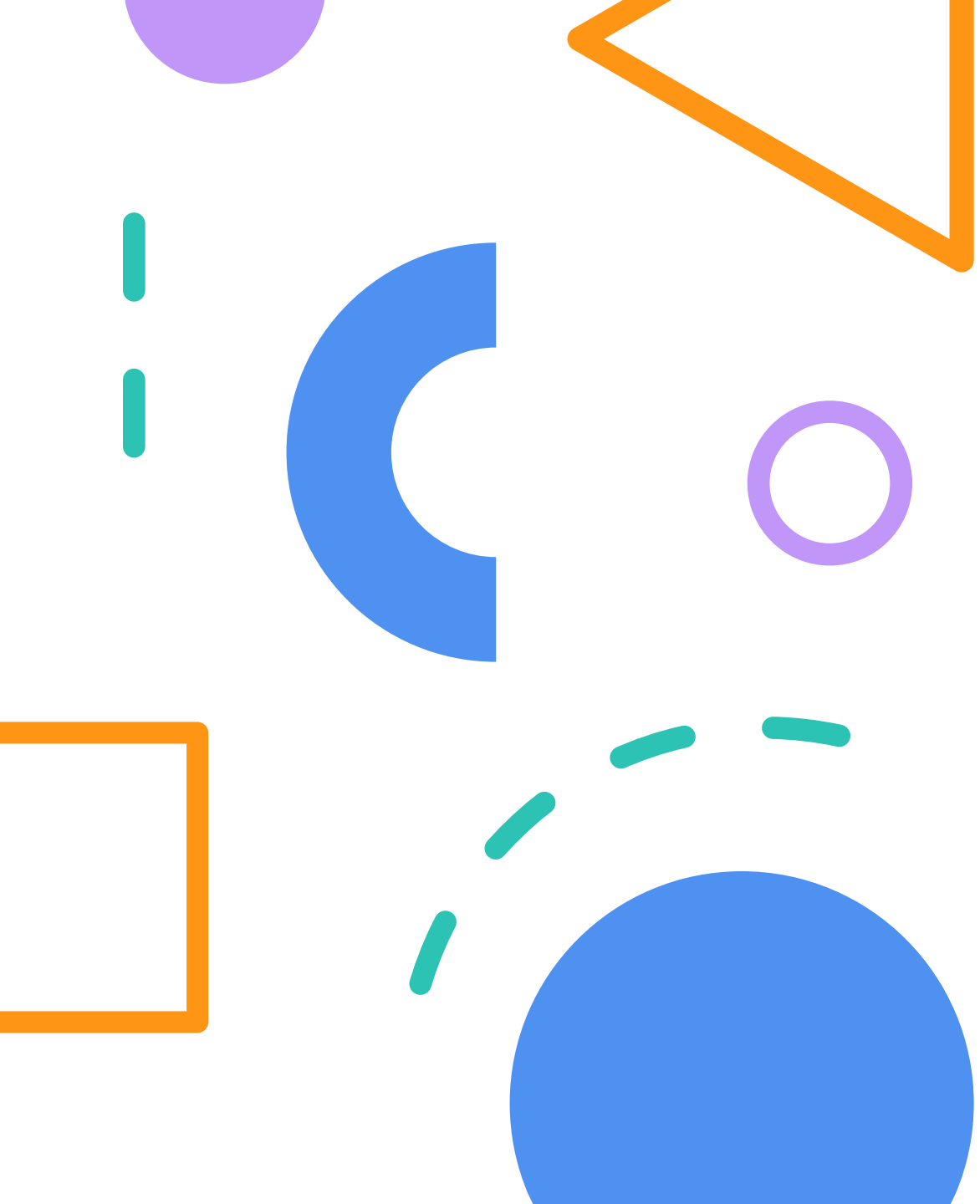
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Visioning  
Session  
Community  
Priorities

Safer Communities  
Affordable Housing  
Free and Affordable Activities  
Good Jobs and Stability  
Affordable Child Care  
Community Resources  
Mental Health  
Family Time  
United Communities



# Discussion