

2013 Annual Report for Five-Year Prevention and Permanency Objective 3.2

Reporting Period: January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

(While recognizing information for the annual report will be submitted by October 16, 2013, leads are encouraged to include projected activities that will occur in November and December 2013)

Summary of Plan Activities

Please provide a summary of activities for your five-year prevention and permanency plan objective. For each activity, please identify how they support/promote the Protective Factors.

*The workgroup initially decided to work with the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) definition for **evidence-based** for reducing child maltreatment as the ranking criteria. Members discussed increasing child well-being and reducing child maltreatment as identified outcomes with components that increase parenting skills and family functioning. Further thoughts were to include substance abuse, depression and domestic violence as factors to explore. FRIENDS, National Resource Center for CBCAP served as member of the workgroup. Members of the Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Advisory Council were also members. Initial representation was strong and included representatives from community-based care lead agencies, prevention oriented programs and state agencies.*

This workgroup disbanded with permission of the former executive director based on inconsistency in researching skills and comprehension, and the formats submitted lent themselves to a questionable quality of product. Another barrier was the hardship of keeping the research up to date. Information regarding the status of the programs themselves changed during the period of research. Limited staff time and resources exacerbated the continual need to ensure the accuracy of the reporting. FRIENDS acknowledged this as a barrier when they published their directory in 2009. It was agreed upon to share the listing of national resources for lists of evidence-based programming.

They are as follows:

1. California Clearinghouse on EBP in Child Welfare: <http://www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/>
2. National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices: <http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/>
3. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/>
4. Promising Practices Network: <http://www.promisingpractices.net/>

This listing is intended to be a living tool that will be updated and expanded periodically.

Progress

Please describe the progress towards achieving your objective outlined in the five-year plan. (If your objective focuses on the State Fiscal Year, please report accordingly. If not, report information based on the 2013 calendar year.)

Diligent attempts were made to evaluate programs against the promotion of the Protective factors and to display specific ones endorsed by a given parenting program. However, the research was conducted by volunteers with inconsistent levels of researching skills, which led to inconsistent formats and a questionable quality of product. Additionally, volunteers conducted this research in addition to assigned/designated work duties.

Please identify the percentage of achievement of your objective in the five-year prevention and permanency plan you think your team has achieved, and describe why.

71% See above explanation. CAN 3.2.2.6 and CAN 3.2.2.7 were not completed. We suggest including the list of national registries in the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection annual report.

Do you think your team is on target to accomplishing your objective by June 2015? Why or why not?

No. A directional change has been discussed and approved by former executive director to submit a listing of websites promoting evidence-based parenting programs. Due to lay professionals and volunteers collecting the information, there is concern for consistent application of the review and information presented. Integrity of the process is questioned and there are not sufficient resources to secure qualified reviewers to insure accuracy.

Highlights and Accomplishments

Please describe any highlights and accomplishments connected to your objective's five-year plan.

Please see attached listing of evidence-based registries for publication.

Next Steps

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for 2014 related to the five-year plan.

Submit annually the listing of evidence-based registries for publication.

Please identify what your objective's proposed next steps are for the next five-year plan, to be launched in July 2015.

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Attachment

Through the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Five Year plan as a whole is striving to provide the most effective services to children and families; we hope the information provided here will be of use to those engaged in child abuse and neglect prevention and family support. Provided below is a listing of searchable on-line registries that offer information and the research behind interventions that support not only the protective factors but that support mental health promotions, substance abuse prevention, depression and domestic violence, risk factors associated with child maltreatment. The primary task is to inform the child welfare community about the research evidence for programs available.

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