

Information You Can Use

Led by a public-private partnership between the Orange County Social Services Agency and the Orangewood Children's Foundation (OCF), the Families and Communities Together (FaCT) program was established in 1994. The FaCT network is comprised of 12 Family Resource Centers (FRC) located throughout Orange County's highest-risk communities. FRCs provide essential family support services, parent education, and community resources to isolated families.

The 2006-2011 funding cycle was the first time in FaCT's history that 12 FRCs were provided with continuous funds for a 5 year term. This allowed a number of achievements, both at the direct service and network levels, including enhanced family strengthening services, improved measurement and evaluation of outcomes, and longer term sustainability efforts within the FRC platform.

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Pathway Goal 1: Child Safety

WELCOME to the Matrix Outcomes Model Newsletter. This first newsletter focuses on Child Safety. We are showcasing Pathway project evaluation data, the associated interventions, and field-based practices from our project agencies. Our website has so much more for the reader and we plan to continue sharing these accomplishments from our community-based agencies.

CONFIRM SAFETY OF CHILD

Family workers ensure that the child is safe in the family environment by assessing the specific characteristics, including but not limited to: child has stable, secure adult relationships; parents establish appropriate boundaries for children, children have regular, consistent routines that provide a sense of security and control to children that helps them with self confidence.

What's New?

The American Humane Association, the oldest child abuse prevention organization in the United States, has selected our Family Development Matrix Pathway to Prevent Child and Neglect project to present at its Differential Response in Child Welfare Conference, November 14-16, 2012.

Funded by the California Office of Child Abuse Prevention the Family Development Matrix (FDM) database has over 7,000 assessment cases for at-risk families. One-third of the cases are differential response referrals with child welfare partners. In a workshop experience hear from San Francisco, Orange and Santa Barbara counties their steps to improve evaluations across funders and how their family resource centers use the FDM assessments with positive results. And

a presentation of evaluated outcome data across 18 counties that demonstrates the effectiveness of family engagement variables in both differential response and non-referred cases. Become familiar with the assessment format, collaborative protocol and the database that records the FDM outcomes. Time for participation and discussion with a packet of take home materials.

We are pleased to receive a three hour presentation on Thursday the 15th. Below is a description of the presentation and a link to the event program

"A collaborative outcomes model for differential response, family engagement and interventions to prevent child abuse and neglect in California Jerry Endres, FDM/Pathway to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect; Ignacio Navarro, California State University, Monterey

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Bay, Seaside, CA; Cynthia Miller, FACT, Orange, CA; Theresa Zighera, First5, San Francisco; and Teresa Rodriguez-Johnes, First5, Santa Barbara, CA."

Want to learn more?

If you are interested and would like to learn more about our project, click the register button below for our online demonstration.

Wednesday, October 24, 2012
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM PDT

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#)

New Agencies

We are happy to welcome new FDM Pathway programs in 2012.

The new collaboratives bring our total FDM projects to twenty-two collaboratives.

The newest are:

- Alpine
- Humboldt
- Los Angeles
- Santa Clara
- Stanislaus
- Yolo
- Yurok Tribe

[CLICK HERE](#) to see these showcases.

WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILD WELFARE

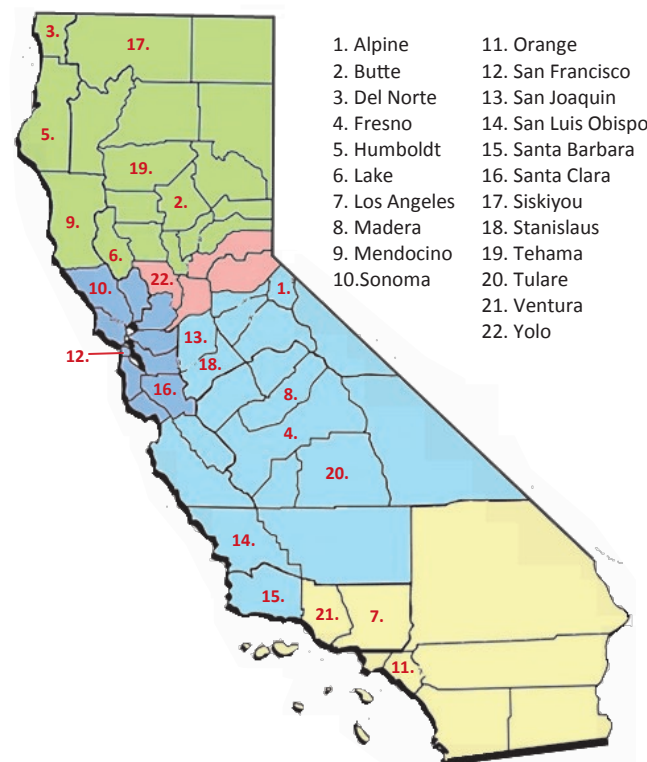
State and county child welfare agencies implement "differential response" protocols to connect families that do not meet abuse or neglect criteria to community resources. Although the immediate risk of abuse or neglect is low, these families can likely benefit from the supports and services. Child welfare agencies partner with community groups in neighborhoods that have a high concentration of families involved with child welfare system, to make their services more effective and acceptable and to build a "community presence."

CONNECT TO CHILDCARE OPPORTUNITIES

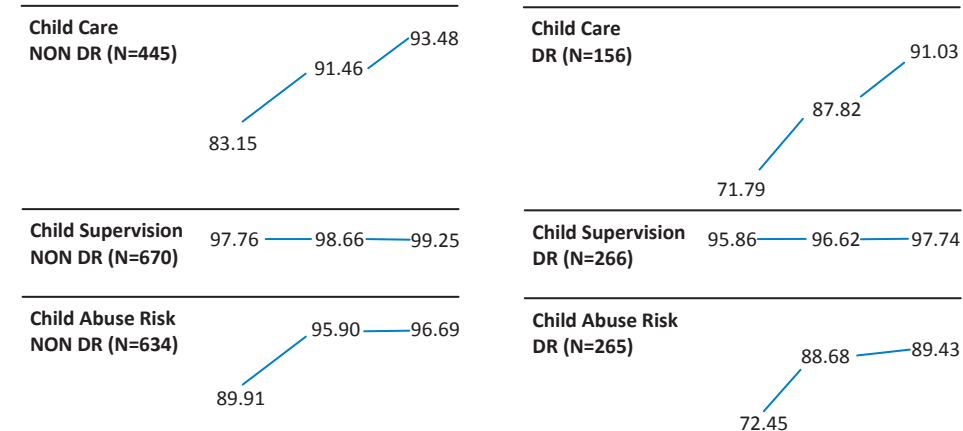
Promote high-quality child care environments and culturally appropriate practices. Meet families work-related needs for care during nights, weekends, summers, and holidays.

Click [HERE](#) to view agency practices across California.

Participating Counties



Percent of clients (with 3 or more assessments) at stable or self-sufficient status by assessment DR (Differential Response) vs. NON DR (Non Differential Response)



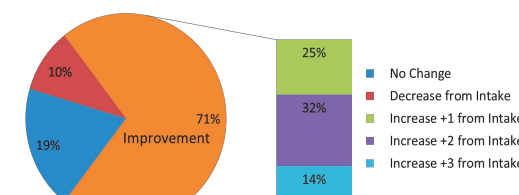
Example collaborative with 75% Improvement in Child Safety

Intervention	%
Refer to counseling	49%
In-home parent education classes	20%
Refer to PEP classes	14%

What were the most prevalent interventions within the improved families?

Intervention	%
Connect to child care opportunities	30%
Confirm Safety of Child	25%
Positive parenting education	23%

What change was seen from intake to last follow-up?



Child Safety

Families who scored 1 or 2 in crisis or at risk from intake