

SANTA CLARA COUNTY
Collaborative Prevention Plan

Collaborative Agencies

Gardner Family Care Corporation, Unity Care Group, Department of Family & Child Services, FIRST 5 Santa Clara County.

Philosophy for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Vision: All families in Santa Clara County will have the self-sufficiency, community resources, and support to thrive and keep their children out of the child welfare system.

Goal: Access to needs-driven, family centered, and child focused services for families will be improved using an approach that is collaborative, strength-based, and culturally humble. By increasing families' abilities to access community services and resources, families involved in services will experience improvements in family functioning, family stability, and level of safety. In turn, this will improve child well-being, ensure families remain intact, and reduce further penetration into the child welfare system.

Team Objectives

- Define commonly used terms to increase the validity of comparing data across agencies
- Agree on interventions and services to have available for Santa Clara County families
- Training of FDM tool and database (i.e. Judi Sherman, Strategies and Helen Hale, First 5 SF)
- Create custom indicators and interventions
- Create protocol for unique identifier code
- Create a process and procedures for implementing and maintaining FDM

Action Plan

- Conduct regular meetings, building on strengths of Collaborative;
- Train the Design Team, Family Partners, and Care Coordinators staff;
- Continual improvement of shared information and resources;
- Update and customize FDM tool;
- Go live by October 1st, 2012.

