

Child Care Bridge

An Interactive Three-County Panel on Successes, Challenges, and Lessons Learned

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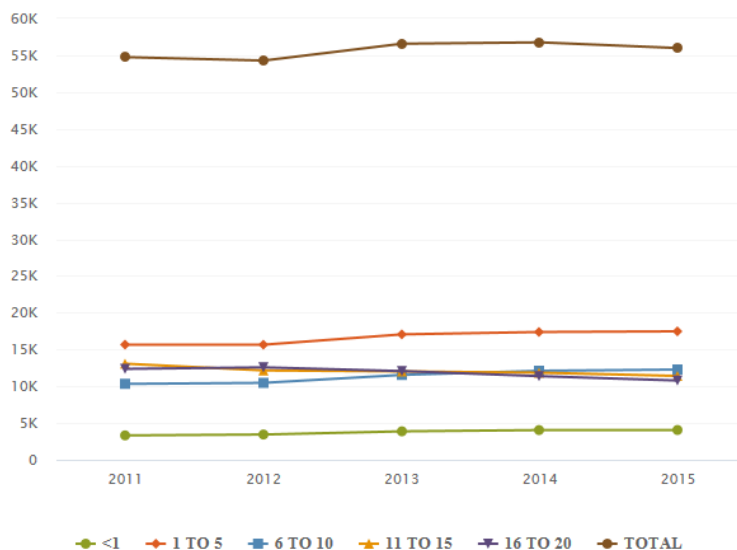


Who's Joining Us?

- County Child Welfare/DCFS/CFS
- R&R/Alternative Payment
- Providers (center/family)
- Others

Child Care Bridge Background

In 2015 the number of children age 0-5 years old in foster care in California was 21,529 and is the largest age group in foster care



CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE BY AGE GROUP: ALL (NUMBER)

Placement in Foster Care

- Given the young age of children detained, child care is a significant barrier to rapid placement with resource families
- Resource families need:
 - Help in finding child care
 - Help in paying for child care
 - Assurance that their children will be placed with a child care provider who has the skills to effectively support these children

Child Care Bridge Background

- SB 89
- 42 counties out of 58
 - More next FY (2018-19)
- Three Components:
 - Voucher: \$11M
 - Child Care Navigator: \$2.5M
 - Trauma-informed Care Training: \$1.75M
 - Double next FY

Child Care Bridge Resources

- All County Letters (ACLs) and County Fiscal Letters (AFLs)
- <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Letters-and-Notices>
 - ACL No. 17-109 (Bridge Program)
 - CFL No. 18/18-45 (Claiming instructions)
 - CFL No. 17/18-50 (Allocations)

Child Care Bridge Resources

- ACEs Connection
 - <http://www.acesconnection.com/>
- Regulation/Statute
 - Senate Bill 89
 - https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB89
 - Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): 309, 361.45, 11461.6, 16519.5
 - Health and Safety Code (H&SC): 1517
 - Education Code (EDC): 8208, 8212, 8250(d)(2), 8351(E)
 - 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): 1356.6
 - Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP): 47-260.3

Panel Questions

1. The eligibility criteria for families and providers are clearly laid out in ACL 17-109 but counties are allowed to make this more restrictive (not broader). Describe your eligibility criteria for children, resource families and providers.

Panel Questions

2. With out-of-county placements the following will happen:

- RMR payment levels will be that of the placement county
- The navigator will be from the placement county
- The CSW will be from the originating county

What is your plan for implementing this?

Panel Questions

3. Relationship building between Child Welfare and R&R agencies as well as regular communication for awareness of the program, the referral process, regular updates, and at the point of reunification will be critical for the success of this program.

What are your plans to ensure strong relationships and regular communication for start-up, referral and ongoing program implementation?

Panel Questions

4. What education is needed caregivers/resource families regarding their available resources and how to best utilize the navigator services? How are the child care needs different for related and non-related resource parents?

Panel Questions

5. What structure will you establish in your county for this program and will it need to differ by county size?

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