Healing and Transforming Children’s Health

A collaboration between Our Children Our Families (OCOF) Council and The California Children’s Trust

Bringing San Franciscans and their child-serving systems together to respond to the youth mental health crisis by centering equity and justice, transforming service design and delivery, and improving policy and financing.

The California Children’s Trust (CCT) is a broad-based initiative to reimagine California’s Behavioral Health System to achieve equity and healing for children and families. Our Children, Our Families Council San Francisco (OCOF) has partnered with the CCT to engage San Francisco stakeholders in a two-year process of uniting families, community-based organizations, and public systems around an ambitious vision for the transformation of local supports for children’s social, emotional, developmental, and mental health and wellbeing.

The goals of the partnership are to:

- **Strengthen Collaboration**: Strengthen cross-system collaboration and enhance mutual accountability to improve outcomes for children, youth and families.

- **Expand and Optimize the Children’s System of Care**: Conceptualize and plan how to best utilize existing funding to improve and expand a coordinated system of care for all San Francisco children, youth and families in the context of their family, community and culture, while simultaneously identifying new public funding to support expansion of the behavioral health system.
The collaborative planning process will consist of the following three phases:

**PHASE 1: Landscape Analysis: Mapping Existing Systems and Supports**  
JANUARY–SEPTEMBER 2020

1. Develop a quantitative analysis of current child-serving systems, including design, performance, quality, financing, access, and evaluation.
2. Engage existing organizations, groups, and advisory bodies to document the experience and needs of children, youth, and families.
3. Engage stakeholders to review data and identify gaps and inequities in service.

**PHASE 2: Community Engagement: Centering the Voice of Children and Families**  
APRIL 2020–MARCH 2021

1. Engage with existing organizations and projects to document the recommendations of families served by child-serving systems regarding what those systems should look like and how they should feel.
2. Engage nonprofit providers, city & county staff, community leaders, and advocates to document and understand current challenges and establish a consensus vision for reform.
3. Facilitate the engagement of local youth and families with the local and statewide planning processes in which the CCT participates.
4. Recommend an ongoing process to center the voice and experience of children and families in local planning and oversight.

**PHASE 3: Co-Creation: Uniting the Community around an Ambitious Vision of Reform**  
APRIL–SEPTEMBER 2021

Integrate data and insights from Phases I & II above to:

1. Develop recommendations to redefine, redesign, and expand the nature and scope of services and support across child serving systems.
2. Recommend metrics that are consistent across systems and accountable to children and families.

OCOF has contracted with CCT to co-lead a 20-month process, beginning in January 2020. OCOF will serve as primary convener of collaboration with local leadership, and will support CCT in identifying and engaging with local stakeholders.

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