



## San Benito County's Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) Trauma Informed Care Project

CAPC of San Benito's actions and efforts are guided by our mission to ensure all children in San Benito County are safe, healthy, loved and have the opportunity to reach their full potential in life. We do this by coordinating the community's efforts to prevent and respond to child, family, and community violence.

CAPC plays an important role in the community, fulfilling key functions such as:

- Provide a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- Promote public awareness of abuse and neglect and the resources available.
- Encourage and facilitate training of professionals in detection, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- Recommend improvements in services to families and victims.
- Encourage and facilitate community support for child abuse and neglect programs.

CAPC's Strategic Plan for 2018-2021 identifies the following priorities:

- **Community Outreach & Engagement:** Increase community awareness about contributing causes and impacts of all forms of child abuse and neglect.
- **Culturally Competent and Trauma-Informed Systems:** Enhance service providers' knowledge, skills, and commitment to provide culturally competent, trauma-informed services that are accessible, responsive, and strengths-based.
- **Child Welfare Outcomes:** Support existing efforts to improve timeliness of non-emergency child abuse investigations and decrease the number of children in foster care.
- **Strategic, Communitywide Response to Child Abuse, Neglect & Domestic Violence:** Engage community members and system partners in achieving a common goal of eliminating all forms of child abuse and neglect in San Benito County.

To accomplish this the CAPC is working on developing a long-term strategy to enhance our system and community knowledge of trauma informed care. Our ultimate goal after our project is to create a trauma-informed community. To accomplish this the CAPC will work in multiple stages:

### Year 1: 2019

- Trauma Informed Trainings to professionals in the community – Launch Date February 2019
  - Trainings to focus on trauma informed care and awareness and secondary traumatic stress
- Organizational assessment of systems partners – Launch Date April 2019
  - Pilot sites: Child Welfare and Probation
  - Agency-based assessment where each agency is assessed for their environment (is it a welcoming place), physical and psychological safety, organizational policies and procedures, knowledge of cultural, trauma, diversity, how they partner with youth and families, and assess the agency as a whole.
- Implement changes based on Assessment recommendations – Launch Date October 2019



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### Year 2: 2020

- Trauma Informed Trainings to community members using *Resilience* film – Launch Date February 2020
- Organizational assessment of systems partners – Launch Date April 2020
  - Launch at least 2 more sites within the County: TBD\*
  - Agency-based assessment where each agency is assessed for their environment (is it a welcoming place), physical and psychological safety, organizational policies and procedures, knowledge of cultural, trauma, diversity, how they partner with youth and families, and assess the agency as a whole.
- implement changes based on Assessment recommendations – Launch Date October 2020

*\* Partners could include the following: Law Enforcement, Behavioral Health, Office of Education, Child Protective Services, District Attorney's Office, Board of Supervisors, School Systems, etc.*

### Year 3: 2021

- Organizational assessment of systems partners – Launch Date January 2021
  - Launch at least 2 more sites within the County: TBD
  - Agency-based assessment where each agency is assessed for their environment (is it a welcoming place), physical and psychological safety, organizational policies and procedures, knowledge of cultural, trauma, diversity, how they partner with youth and families, and assess the agency as a whole.
- implement changes based on Assessment recommendations – Launch Date October 2021