

Continuum of Care Reform

Progress in the County of Ventura as of December 2017

Guided by 5 "We Believe" principles, Children & Family Services is implementing Continuum of Care Reform system changes to ensure that more children experiencing abuse or neglect receive care in family settings, with early access to services and a voice in key decisions, until they reunite with their parents or enter a permanent home. Early results show these changes make a positive difference in lives of children and families.

What We Believe helps us create... positive outcomes

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Safe at Home

We Believe families can keep their children safe with support and if they can't...

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Caregiving

We Believe children should be cared for in a familiar, nurturing, and safe environment and while they are in care...

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Child's Experience

We Believe every child is entitled to thrive through stability, family connections, quality treatment, and a voice in planning.

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Parental Support

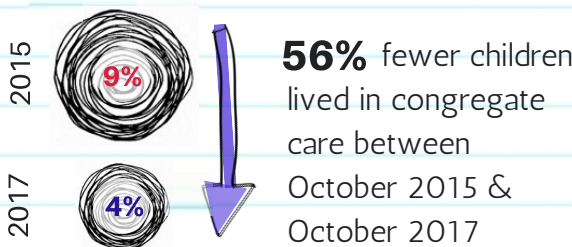
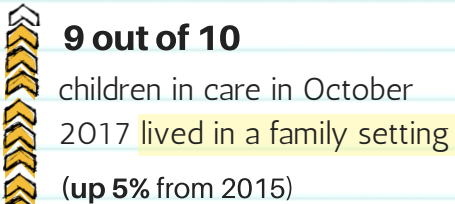
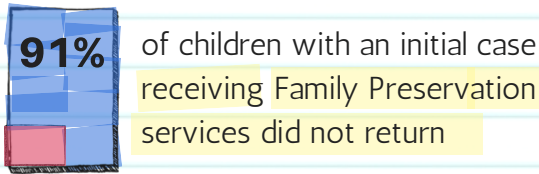
We Believe through partnership and support, parents can grow and change in order to safely parent their children and if the children cannot return home...

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Permanency

We Believe all children deserve a sense of belonging, and a permanent, unconditional commitment in a lifelong family.

10% decrease in the number of children in care within 2 years



System Improvement

To develop a system of care that promotes positive outcomes for families and children, performance improvement activities occur regularly.

To date, the following topics have been explored:

- Psychotropic Medication monitoring for foster youth
- Early access to mental health services for foster youth
- Child Family Team Meeting structure

To build capacity to serve local youth at the most appropriate level of care, Casa Pacific and Seneca were among the first to obtain an STRTP license as others move toward certification.

Child Family Team Meetings

These meetings with the child and family, members of their support network and service providers foster a shared understanding of the family's strengths, needs and wants and identify solutions to challenges. Here, the family's voice is honored in a caring and responsive environment.

Between April 2017 and October 2017 **1,182** Child Family Team Meetings were held

Anonymous feedback from 348 parents, children, family and friends showed on average they agreed or strongly agreed that they...

- Understood the reason for meeting
- Felt listened to and that their input made a difference in the decisions reached in the meeting
- Knew what their next steps would be

Over 150 meetings each month