

From Irma Munoz, Office of Child Abuse Prevention (March 25, 2013)

As we discussed during our conference call, as the county is in the process of developing their CSA which will lead into the SIP, the county along with the core stakeholders will be able to determine which services, activities, programs can address unmet needs or gaps in services as identified in the CSA. The county may choose to fund the current providers and/or enhance services, or may select new providers if the unmet needs are identified as priority needs outlined in the county's CSA.

The only current provider that will need to change will be the CAPC funded by the CAPIT, since as we discussed earlier today the services provided by the CAPC as described in the Scope of Work Program Description does not meet the statutory requirements.

As you may be aware **the priority use of CAPIT funds are to provide services to isolated families which includes children at greatest risk, including those being served by child welfare agencies. Priority is given to children less than age 5 and children under the age 14, priority shall be given to high quality home visiting programs based on research-based models of best practice, and services to child victims of crime. Although priority shall be given to private, nonprofit agencies, CAPIT funds may be used in-house by the county.** A county is no longer required to utilize a competitive bid process to fund a program. In addition, **no more than ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs, and applicant agencies must demonstrate the existence of a ten (10) percent cash or in-kind match that will support the goals of child abuse and neglect prevention and interventions. Funding shall be used to supplement (enhance), but not supplant child welfare services.** The OCAP is in the process of updating the CAPIT factsheet but the following CAPIT services may include, but is not limited to:

Counseling services	Parent education and support programs (classes)
Cay care	Parent Mutual Support Group or Self-Help
Domestic violence services	Peer Counseling/Mentoring
Disability services	Respite Care/Crisis Nursery
Drop-In Center (FRC, other)	Services provided through home visiting programs
Early developmental screening and assessment	Teaching and Demonstrating
Health	Temp In-Home Caretakers
Mental health services	Transportation
Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Family, Group, or Team Decision Making)	

Since the CAPC was previously approved and the contract expires on June 30, 2013, and we would not want to disrupt services, I can work with you on a transition plan in revising your expenditures to align with requirements for CAPIT between now and June 30, 2013. Would this allow sufficient time for Mono County to select a provider (new or current) that will receive the CAPIT funds that are currently provided to the CAPC after the CAPC contract expires? If not, please let me know. Or if the county decides to shift the CAPC's CAPIT funds to a current provider and there is a connection to an unmet need, then please let me know (there will be no need to update the Program Description for a current provider).

CBCAP

OCAP is in the process of updating the CBCAP Fact Sheet, however in the meantime, below is the

information regarding the program requirements for the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP).

The CBCAP funds should support prevention programs/activities to impact families prior to allegations of abuse and neglect, and for programs/activities for families who have been referred to a child welfare hotline for abuse or neglect. Families with an open child welfare case are not eligible for services under the CBCAP program. No more than ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs. Infrastructure costs shall include only costs to implement and support an Evidence-Based and Evidence-Informed Program and Practices such as: technical assistance and training, evaluation and information systems, network collaboration, grants management and monitoring.

The CBCAP target population is the general population and at risk children and families who do not have a child welfare dependency status. These families include parents including pregnant or parenting teens who are dependents or wards of the court and whose child is not in care, parents and/or children with disabilities, racial and ethnic minorities, members of underserved or underrepresented groups, fathers, unaccompanied homeless youth, homeless families and those at risk of homelessness, adult former victims of child abuse and neglect or domestic violence.

The following services listed below are allowable for CBCAP:

Adult Education - application assistance including assistance with paperwork such as MediCal employment, CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program, etc., budgeting, educational Services such as academic tutoring, literacy training and General Education Degree Services, financial Counseling, health/nutrition education, job preparation & employment counseling, job readiness services, legal Services, life or self sufficiency skills, literacy and/or stress coping
Advocacy - immigration services, school advocacy, translation services
Assessment/Screening - intake and assessment
Case Management - Differential Response Worker, Family Resource Center, Family Support Center that provides case management activities
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention - annual public education and awareness campaigns, coordinating or participating in Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities, financing public information activities that focus on healthy and positive development of parents and children and the promotion of child abuse and neglect prevention activities
Community and Social Service Referrals
Concrete Supports - bike helmets, car seats, clothing, emergency food pantry; food, furniture, garbage removal, transportation, utility assistance
Day Care/Child Care
Disability Services
Domestic Violence Services - provide services and treatment to children and their non-abusing caregivers
Drop-In Center (FRC, other)
Early Childhood Education, Care and Intervention
Early Developmental Screening
Health - health assessment, health or dental screening, health or dental treatment, housing services, rental assistance, transitional housing
Home Visiting (Voluntary)
Housing Services

Mental Health Services - assessment/evaluation, family/group/individual therapy, counseling (e.g. play therapy), psychological or psychiatric
Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) - family, group, or team decision making
Parent Support Group
Parent Leadership Services
Parenting Education/Program - classes in parenting, child development, child birth and child safety, fatherhood programs, demonstrative Skills
Peer Counseling/Mentoring
Respite Care/Crisis Nursery
Referrals - services and supports to meet the additional needs of families with children with disabilities and parents who are individuals with disabilities, counseling for adoption services for individuals interested in adopting a child or relinquishing their child for adoption
Substance Abuse Treatment Services - child, parent or family counseling for substance abuse and/or alcohol abuse, inpatient or outpatient treatment
Transportation
Youth Programs - after school programs, mentoring, self esteem building activities, summer programs or teen programs

If the county decides to use the CBCAP funds in-house or contract out with a provider for services, **the county or the provider will be required to report out on the progress achieved with their program, their participation rates, and their quality assurance methods during the OCAP annual reporting process.**

PSSF (Promoting Safe and Stable Families)

Family Preservation (FP), PSSF Family Support (FS), PSSF Time-Limited Family Reunification (TLFR), and PSSF Adoption Promotion and Support (APS).

The (PSSF) Fact Sheet is in the process of being released, in the meantime, below is the information regarding the PSSF program requirements.

The target population is for at risk children and families; children and families involved in the child welfare system. The primary goals of the PSSF Program are to prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children and their families, and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them with their parents, by adoption, or by another permanent living arrangement. Each county that chooses to participate in the PSSF Program shall establish a local planning body. No more than ten (10) percent of the funds may be used for administrative costs. PSSF funds must be expended with a minimum of twenty (20) percent designated under each of the four service components (PSSF Family Preservation, PSSF Family Support, PSSF Adoption Promotion and Support Services, and PSSF Time-Limited Family Reunification), and there is additional twenty (20) percent that can be used toward any of the four components. Failure to not spend twenty (20) percent of the funds on the four components will require the state to provide a strong rationale if the funds are below the required twenty (20) percent in each category.

The four service components include the following:

(1) Family Preservation - refers to services for children and families designed to help families (including adoptive and extended families) at risk or in crisis.

(2) Family Support - refers community-based services to promote the safety and well-being of children and families and are designed to increase the strength and stability of families (including adoptive, foster, and extended families), to increase the parents' confidence and competence in their parenting abilities, to afford a children a safe, stable , and support family environment, and to enhance child development.

(3) Adoption Promotion and Support Services - refers to services and activities designed to encourage more adoptions out of the foster care system, when adoptions promote the best interest of the children, including such activities as pre and post adoptive service and activities designed to expedite the adoption process and support adoptive families which include the following services:

Allowable services for PSSF Family Preservation, PSSF Family Support, and PSSF Adoption Promotion include the following:

Adult Education (application assistance including assistance with paperwork such as MediCal employment, CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work program, etc, budgeting, educational services such as academic tutoring, literacy training and General Education Degree Services, financial counseling, health/nutrition education, job preparation & employment counseling, job readiness services, legal services, life or self sufficiency skills, literacy, stress coping)
Assessment/Screening (intake and assessment)
Case Management (Differential Response Worker, Family Resource Center, Family Support Center that provides case management activities)
Child Care (temporary)
Concrete Supports (bike helmets, car seats, clothing, emergency food pantry; food, furniture, garbage removal, transportation, utility assistance)
Domestic Violence Services (provide services and treatment to children and their non-abusing caregivers)
Drop-In Center (FRC, other)
Early Development Screening
Home Visiting Programs
Housing Services (rental assistance, transitional housing)
Mental Health Services (assessment/evaluation, family/group/individual therapy/counseling, play therapy, psychological or psychiatric)
MDT Services (family, group, or team group decision making)
Parent Education (classes in parenting, child development, child birth and child safety, fatherhood programs, demonstrative skills)
Parent Support Groups
Peer Counseling/Mentoring
Respite (crisis center or nurseries)
Substance Abuse Treatment Services (child, parent or family counseling for substance abuse and/or alcohol abuse, inpatient or outpatient treatment)
Transportation
Youth Programs (after school programs, mentoring, self esteem building activities, summer programs,

teen programs, tutoring, youth leadership program)

Additional services allowable only under PSSF Family Support include:

- early childhood education/care & intervention
- health Services (health assessment, health or dental screening/tx)
- information and referral

Additional services allowed only under Adoptions Promotion and Support Services include:

- adoptive related activities such as Adoptive Parent Recruitment

(4) Time-Limited Family Reunification Services - refers to services and activities that are provided to a child that is removed from their home and placed in a foster family home or a child care institution, and to the parents or primary caregiver of such a child, in order to facilitate the reunification of the child, safely, appropriately and in a timely fashion, but only during the 15-month period that begins on the date the child is considered to have entered foster care.

Allowable services for PSSF Time-Limited Family Reunification Services include the following:

PSSF TLFR is very specific on allowable services. New allowable services were added due to the reauthorization of Title IV-B Programs via Public Law 112-34. These allowable services include:

- peer-to-peer mentoring and support groups for parents and primary caregivers
 - services and activities to facilitate access to and visitation of children by parents and siblings
- other allowable services include:
- childcare (temporary)
 - domestic violence services
 - mental health services
 - respite
 - substance abuse treatment services
 - transportation (to and from services)

As with CAPIT and CBCAP funds, if the county decides to use the PSSF funds in-house or contract with a provider for services, the county will be required to **report out on the progress achieved with their program, their participation rates, and their quality assurance methods during the OCAP annual reporting process.**