



TRIBAL VOICES WORKGROUP & TRAINING SERIES

California Structured Decision Making® Training for Tribes

The Structured Decision Making® (SDM) system is a suite of research and evidence-based assessment tools used by social workers to help guide decision making at key points in the child welfare system. Implementing these tools effectively requires bringing diverse voices to the table to ensure that accurate, consistent, and equitable decisions are being made for all families in California.

Toward this goal, Evident Change and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) have been hosting a series of activities to deepen tribal engagement in the overall implementation of the SDM® system in California.

We invite you to review and register for any of the upcoming SDM activities—new representatives and workgroup participants are welcome!

Please also note that ongoing SDM communications and training materials can be found on the California Tribal Partners material site: <https://docs.evidentchange.org/CATribalPartners/>

The upcoming SDM activities are as follows.

SDM TRAINING FOR TRIBAL PARTNERS

A series of SDM trainings are being offered specifically for interested tribal partners.

Rigorous and Family-Centered Safety Planning

Partnering With Families to Prevent Child Welfare Removal

Thursday, July 29, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PT

Please register in advance:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrc-qqrz4vH9DTsjkzAYfZKiSaVzp--ZZ7>

SDM TRIBAL VOICES WORKGROUP

Statewide workgroups with California tribal partners are being held to develop a series of targeted recommendations for strengthening current child welfare practice, SDM implementation, and shared decision making across county representatives and tribes.

SDM Safety Assessment

Recommendations for Statewide SDM System Improvements

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. PT

Please register in advance:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEofuGgqzkuHtdgcRkyaC5Bkj9AfmUI-sLx>

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT IN STATEWIDE SDM CORE TEAM

California's SDM Core Team serves as a statewide steering committee tasked with supporting the high-fidelity and sustainable integration of the SDM system into child welfare practice across the state. The SDM Core Team consists of representatives who lead and support child welfare decision making and SDM implementation within each of the 58 counties, CDSS, and other key child welfare stakeholders. More information on the overview and responsibilities of the California SDM Core Team can be found [here](#).

Tribal representatives can let us know preferred level of involvement in ongoing communication about statewide SDM activities such as the California SDM Core Team through this [quick survey](#).

Please reach out to Claire Crowley at ccrowley@evidentchange.org with any questions or for more information about how to get involved.