CALIFORNIA SDM® CORE TEAM MEETING

June 28–29, 2023

SESSION 1

June 28, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topic: State and County Trends in SDM Data and Child Welfare Decision Making: 2022 Critical Trends and Opportunities

Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd-murjgvHdY31JULvkT2bSOpu5y80_LX#/registration

TIME	ACTIVITIES
SESSION 1 AGENDA	
9:00–9:20 a.m.	Welcome and overview of the two-day SDM Core Team meeting
9:20–10:30 a.m.	**SDM data for continuous system improvement: Reviewing trends in child welfare decision making** • Review and discussion of statewide SDM data across programs • Breakout groups: Review of county-level data
10:30–10:45 a.m.	**Break**
10:45–11:35 a.m.	**SDM system updates** • Review of California SDM manual V 3.5 updates • August 2023 release: Training and communication needs
11:35–11:50 a.m.	**Collaboration and connection** • SafeMeasures® Core Team • Training and Staff Development Team • Workgroups with tribes • CARES/SDM integration and consultation
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Next steps and closing

Materials

- California SDM Core Team Description
- 2022 statewide SDM management report and 2022 county-level SDM report
- SDM trainers' engagement and SafeMeasures online-course flyers

SESSION 2

June 28, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Topic: Deep Dive Into SDM Data and Decision Making at the Hotline

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TIME	ACTIVITIES
SESSION 2 AGENDA	
1:00–1:20 p.m.	Intro activity and discussion
1:20–1:40 p.m.	**Data deep dive** • High variance of statewide screen-in rates • Discussion: Information & referral calls and preliminary screening Items
1:40–2:30 p.m.	**Screening practice and assessment updates** • Use of Hotline Tools during a call • Updated statewide curriculum: Advanced SDM training at the hotline • Screening allegations in congregate care • Tribal collaboration at hotline • Interviewing reporters about the role of culture and context at screening
2:30–2:50 p.m.	**Prevention at screening** • Differential response and use of hotline path tools • Referrals to prevention at hotline/connection to FFPSA
2:50–3:00 p.m.	Next steps and closing

Materials

• 2022 SDM management report and 2022 county-level SDM report
• All County Letter 17-91
• Interviewing Reporters About the Role of Culture and Context

SESSION 3

June 29, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Topic: The Structured Decision Making® (SDM) System in Investigations

- SDM safety assessment: Untangling poverty from neglect; assessing safety in out-of-home care
- SDM risk assessment: What it does and doesn't tell us; changes aligned with serving families through community-based supports

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SESSION 3 AGENDA	
TIME	**ACTIVITIES**
9:00–9:15 a.m.	Welcome and introductory activity

9:15–10:00 a.m.	**Safety: Our primary mandate**
	• Safety outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect; children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate
	• Safety in out-of-home care
	    » Foundational policy and SCP safety assessment
	    » Congregate care safety assessment: Planning for implementation
	• Reasonable and active efforts
	    » Collaborative assessment and safety planning with tribes
	    » Untangling poverty from neglect, AB 2085, updates to safety threat 3 (child's immediate needs are not met)
	    » Domestic violence updates: Strengthening survivor-centered practice
	    » Safety planning: Updated statewide curriculum

10:00–10:45 a.m.	**California's expanded case promotion guidance** • Substantiation versus risk • Updated case promotion guidance • Discussion: Supporting safe and high-risk families through preventive services
10:45–11:00 a.m.	Closing and next steps

Materials

- 2022 SDM management report and 2022 county-level SDM report
- Safety plan CQI tool and Essential Elements of a Safety Plan checklist
- Congregate care implementation planning brief

SESSION 4

June 29, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Topic: Supporting Safe Transitions Home Through Use of the SDM Reunification Reassessment

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SESSION 4 AGENDA	
TIME	**ACTIVITIES**
1:00–1:15 p.m.	Welcome and introductory activity
1:15–2:00 p.m.	**Reunification reassessment** • Research and foundations • Celebrating successes: Counties above 70% completion • Review of peer learning themes • Updated SDM completion policy
2:00–2:20 p.m.	Practice labs: Deepening practice across counties and understanding current barriers
2:20–2:35 p.m.	**FSNA phase-out and CANS/SDM system alignment** • Data on current FSNA use • Discussion and county phase-out dates • CANS/SDM system alignment
2:35–2:50 p.m.	Case closure
2:50–3:00 p.m.	Next steps and closing

Materials

- 2022 SDM management report and 2022 county-level SDM report
- Tracking reunification through SafeMeasures
- CANS and SDM system alignment considerations