

Tehama Linkages Commitments
TLC

Serving our Sanctioned Parents

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Introduction

- Tehama County is a small rural county
- Target families:
 - families already in both CWS and CalWORKS Employment Services
 - families eligible for AB 429
- All CWS and Employment Services referrals are screened for possible eligibility for TLC services
- TLC coordinates resources rather than duplicates services
- Parents have a larger support system and more resources available

The bad old days

- The intensive services Employment and Training Worker attempted a home visit
- The parent was given a letter at eligibility renewal explaining how to cure their sanction
- If the children were removed by CWS, no additional contact was made by ETW
- No services were offered after sanction
- Little or no coordination with CWS



The TLC Vision

Self-sufficient families and safe
children in a responsible and caring
community

AB 429

- Made CalWORKs services (other than cash aid) available to families who are no longer eligible to cash aid because their children have been removed by CWS.

Who are the agency players?

- Employment services contact - LaDeena Coates
- Child Welfare Services contact - Pia Dubovsky or assigned social worker
- Eligibility contact - Suzy Sargent
- Or, anyone in Employment Services or CWS if the above workers are not available

How do we identify our families?

- All CWS referrals screened for cash aid links
- All Employment Services referrals screened for CWS involvement

What do we do now?

- Joint home visits
- Joint interviews
- Formal case staffings
- Informal “hallway” staffings
- Behavioral health team attends case staffings



In a nutshell,

We identify and coordinate multiple services to meet requirements for several programs,
for example:

What can we really do?

- Case management for Drug and Alcohol participants
- CalWORKs transportation
- Legal services
- CalWORKs supportive services
 - Child care
 - ancillary
- CWS transportation
- and more

But does it really work?

- Large percentage of AB 429 participants get jobs and never come back on aid
- Remainder of AB 429 parents get cash aid for themselves and their children the day their children return to the home
- Less recidivism, fewer repeat referrals

Did they like it?

- Initial resistance due to work load, etc.
- Excitement as workers have mutual cases
- Parents feel more ownership of process
- Can reach other workers if one is not available
- Parents have a different view of agency and workers
- Participants continue to call workers even after they are off programs
- Evaluations by TLC parents were positive

It really works!!!

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