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The CPS Connection

News from Sacramento County Child Protective Services

ER North leads the way in front-end TDM meetings

Child Protective Services has hit a milestone in its use of Team Decision Making (TDM) in cases coming into the child welfare system.

As of Dec. 1, social workers and supervisors in the Emergency Response, Informal Supervision, and Dependant Intake bureaus (the so-called "front end" of the system) participated in 89 TDM meetings involving more than 167 children.

Of these, 83 were for children at imminent risk of removal from their home and six were emergency removal TDM's.

Children and families continue to experience positive outcomes, with 60 percent receiving services from the voluntary Informal Supervision program.

Additionally,

- 21% went to some type of court intervention
- 19% were closed with community or no services.

More than half of completed TDM meetings were scheduled by workers in the CPS Emergency Response North program.

A TDM meeting brings together important people in a child's life -- parents, extended family members, foster parents, service providers, and community partners -- with CPS staff to come up with a plan to keep a child safe. It is used when a child is at risk of being removed from a family, when a change in placement may occur or when the child is ready to be reunified with the family.

TDM has been in the testing phase at the front end since April of 2009.

CPS is looking for additional testing opportunities for emergency removal TDM's. ER staff removing a child under exigent circumstances can call 420-1104 to have a TDM scheduled within the next business day. **This cell phone is reserved exclusively for exigent removals.**

To request all other TDM meetings, call 874-3191 or email cpstdmunit@saccounty.net.



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How are we doing?



CPS interacts every day with child and family service providers, community advocates, law enforcement agencies, healthcare organizations, and other public, private and governmental agencies. If you're one of our partners, you can help us by completing this [survey](#). We want to know how we are doing. Your feedback is important!

Progress reports available online

Happy adoptive families in the spotlight



Sacramento County commemorated National Adoptions Month in November with two events highlighting the need for [adoptive families](#).

On Nov. 3, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of Adoptions Month at a presentation featuring three grateful families, all of whom adopted sibling sets. You can see a video of the program [here](#).

On Nov. 7 the fifth annual Heart Gallery of Sacramento exhibit debuted at the Casa Garden Restaurant in Sacramento. Read what adoptive parents told the Sacramento Bee [here](#)



What would you like to see in this newsletter? Drop a line to the [editor](#).



Sacramento County Child Protective Services produces a bimonthly report to the Board of Supervisors

about the progress of system improvement efforts. Read the November report [here](#). The next report is scheduled to be presented to county supervisors on January 26. It will be available on the Board of Supervisors [website](#) by Jan. 22 and will be included in the February newsletter.

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