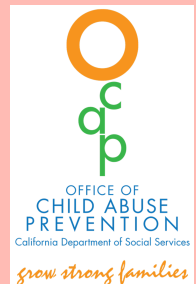


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ACTS Project Summary

**Los Angeles County Department
of Children and Family Services**

Advancing California's Trauma-
Informed Systems Project
(ACTS)



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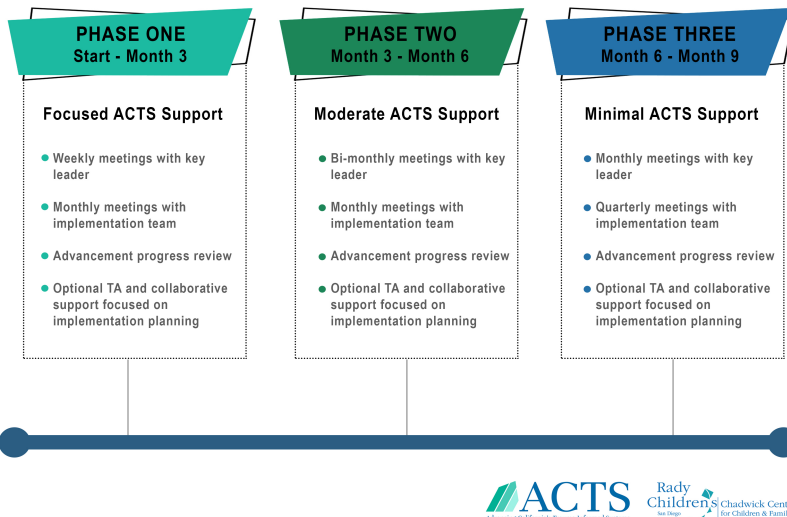
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About ACTS

The ACTS project is a collaboration between the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse and Prevention (OCAP).

We work with child welfare counties across the state of California to help systems implement and sustain trauma-informed change practices.

ADVANCING CALIFORNIA'S TRAUMA-INFORMED SYSTEMS (ACTS)



We partnered with Los Angeles County from April 2019 to December of 2020

ADVANCING CALIFORNIA'S TRAUMA-INFORMED SYSTEMS

TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE MENU



Leadership in Los Angeles County chose the area of **Trauma Training & Awareness** as their focused area of TIC for this partnership

Implementation Team

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Overarching Goal

Create a systematic, evidence-informed framework to implement, sustain, and infuse trauma-informed interviewing practices into LA DCFS.

OBJECTIVES

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Objective One

Review the Child Interviewing Best Practices training and develop recommendations, in collaboration with the Training consultants, to either develop supplemental trauma-informed content or develop additional trauma-informed training (if applicable).

2

Objective Two

Develop a Toolkit of complimentary materials and trauma-informed engagement strategies.

3

Objective Three

Develop a plan for implementation to test the use of implementation supports and guide LA DCFS in their efforts to apply trauma-informed interviewing practices throughout the department.



Partnership

- Collaborative meeting held with PCT team in August 2020.
- Resource sharing meeting held with DC 0-5 team in September 2020.
- Met with ODAT to share updates in October 2020.

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Resources

4 Micro learnings

4 Summary Sheets



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Staff

Accomplishments

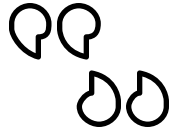
- 37 resources curated for the Toolkit cover the following trauma-informed domains:

- 1) Diversity considerations when talking about trauma
- 2) Trauma-informed rapport building
- 3) Trauma-informed language
- 4) Recognizing, monitoring, and managing distress

- 13 staff piloted the toolkit and provided feedback through an online survey.

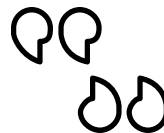
A monarch butterfly with vibrant orange and black wings is perched on the toe of a worn, light-colored sneaker. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

Changes in LA DCFS



"The conversations and structure we have created is very important and trauma-informed care is becoming common language."

"Having these resources helps people feel less alone and we can find comfort in really supporting our staff in a different way."





Future Goals and Next Steps

- Determine where the Toolkit will be stored.
- Determine who holds responsibility for future changes.
- Disseminate the Toolkit agency wide across LA DCFS.

Thank you!

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