



CPOC FOUNDATION

FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE

Anaheim Marriott, 700 West Convention Way, Anaheim, CA 92802

APRIL 1-2, 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM **REGISTRATION** ◊ PLATINUM FOYER

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** ◊ PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6

Welcome: Chief Steve Jackson, San Joaquin County Probation; President, Chief Probation Officers of California

Honor Guard: Orange County Probation Department

8:40 AM - 10:00 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6

Resilience, Opportunity, and the Transformative Power of Positive Engagement

Lucas' powerful story is one of resilience, opportunity, and the transformative power of positive engagement. Having experienced foster care and adoption, he will share how supportive adults shaped his path—while also reflecting on what other family support opportunities could have been explored. His insights will challenge and inspire all of us working to improve outcomes for youth and families.

SPEAKER: Lucas Daniel Boyce, MBA, Author

10:00 AM - 10:20 AM **BREAK** ◊ PLATINUM FOYER

10:20 AM - 11:00 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6

The Importance of Connections: Voices of Former Justice Involved Youth

This general session will highlight the voices of former probation youth in foster care and what was most impactful to them that led to their path to wellness and success. We will hear their important messages which can improve our work with young people today.

SPEAKERS: Youth Panel

11:00 AM - 12:05 PM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6

Foster Care Rate Structure and How Do Counties Prepare

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will provide an overview of the state's new Permanent Foster Care Rate Structure and will share the next steps for departments to consider to better prepare for implementation. The first phase of implementation will begin July 1, 2025, requiring the use of standardized high-fidelity Integrated-Practice Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (IP-CANS) assessment for all youth and non-minor dependents (NMDs) in foster care. The new tiered rate structure will be effective July 1, 2027.

SPEAKERS:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- Daniel Wilson, Chief, Integrated Practice and Resource Development Section
- Emily Smallson, Project Manager, The Children and Family Services Division
- Erin Thuston, Chief, Permanency Policy Bureau





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12:05 PM - 1:15 PM **LUNCH** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

1:15 PM - 2:45 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

The Right Services and Support: Implementing CANS and CFT Practices to Support Comprehensive Case Planning for Youth

County probation departments will have new requirements for the upcoming implementation of the Permanent Foster Care Rate Structure. If you would like to dive deeper to learn more about the high fidelity Integrated-Practice Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (IP-CANS) implementation that will go into effect July 1st, this is the breakout session you don't want to miss. This session will share a high-level overview of IP-CANS, provide information to help counties prepare for the operation of the tiered rate structure, and attendees will learn how to incorporate the IP-CANS into Child and Family Team meetings to better support youth and families.

SPEAKERS:

- Daniel Wilson, Chief, Integrated Practice and Resource Development Section, California Department of Social Services
- Emily Smallson, Project Manager, The Children and Family Services Division, California Department of Social Services
- Dana Androsky, Analyst, Integrated Services Unit, California Department of Social Services
- Chris Van Orden, Senior Probation Officer, Napa County Probation

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4*

Fostering Partnerships: Tribes and Probation Working Towards Family Preservation

This presentation will provide an overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the requirements and protocols for working with Indian children, their families, and tribal leaders. San Diego County Probation will share their approach to working with tribal families and representatives through engagement, collaboration and partnership while adhering to ICWA mandates. Attendees will explore new strategies to strengthen their current family preservation efforts through engagement with Indian Children and their tribes.

SPEAKERS:

- Yvonne Salgado, Supervising Probation Officer, San Diego County Probation
- Clara Lapastora, Supervising Probation Officer, San Diego County Probation

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10*

Supporting the Education of Youth: Partnering with Your Local Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program

This session will provide information about the Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program (FYSCP) and how it supports youth on probation who are at risk of entering or in foster care. Join us and learn about what services are available, who is eligible under the recent changes made in AB 3223, and how County Offices of Education, Probation and other stakeholders can partner together to support youth and families.

SPEAKERS:

- Michelle Lustig, Program Director, Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Mindy Corless, Program Coordinator, Los Angeles County Office of Education





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2:45 PM – 3:05 PM **BREAK** ◊ *PLATINUM FOYER*

3:05 PM – 4:35 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

A Forever Home: Process and Strategies to Achieve Permanency

Every child that comes into care has an urgent need to be restored by loving, healthy, committed, and consistent connections; whether it is their biological family, a resource family, or a willing person who has stepped up to love, care for, and nurture them. Data shows that children thrive when they know they are loved and have a sense of belonging. Come listen to Los Angeles County Probation Department share their strategies to support youth and families to establish permanency as well as learn about the permanency process. Family reunification, legal guardianship, adoption, and Kinship-Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) are some topics that will be covered in this session.

SPEAKERS:

- Lisa Campbell-Motton, Director, Los Angeles County Probation
- Kendra Hamilton, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Los Angeles County Probation

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 1-4*

Engaging Youth with a Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Harm Reduction Approach

Join staff from the CDSS Child Trafficking Research and Policy Unit as they present information on Harm Reduction strategies. This will include a general overview of Harm Reduction principles, how Harm Reduction has been applied with youth impacted by CSE, what has been learned, and how these same principles can be applied to all children with complex needs. The session will provide an opportunity for attendees to engage and discuss potential harm reduction strategies with the presenters as they review a series of scenarios that youth impacted by CSE often experience.

SPEAKERS:

- Darrin Holt, Manager, Child Trafficking Research and Policy Unit, California Department of Social Services
- Leeland Turner, Analyst, Child Trafficking Research and Policy Unit, California Department of Social Services

◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 7-10*

Across the Continuum: Expanding Wraparound Services to Youth Served by Probation

It is well established that the wraparound program and services are effective in meeting the unique needs of youth at risk of entering or exiting foster care. This session will focus on two county probation departments' use of the wraparound model as an intervention across their continuum of services. Learn about their successes and challenges as a preventative measure and as a model to assist youth with transitioning from an STRTP into aftercare.

SPEAKERS:

- Kyle Borg, Division Director, San Bernardino County Probation
- Ivy White, Division Director, Orange County Probation

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM **RECEPTION** ◊ *ELITE BALLROOM*





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7:30 AM - 8:30 AM **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

Welcome: Chief Tracie Neal, Shasta County Probation; Juvenile Services Committee Chair, Chief Probation Officers of California

8:40 AM - 10:10 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

Understanding Juvenile Justice Trends and Adolescent Development to Help Inform Positive Youth and Family Engagement

Why do intelligent adolescents engage in risky, sometimes reckless behaviors? What differences in adolescent development have been identified in youth involved in the juvenile justice system? Dr. Cauffman will explore how cognitive and emotional development follow different timelines; why these differences affect impulse control, judgment, and decision-making; and what probation officers and youth professionals can do to improve youth engagement and outcomes.

SPEAKER: Elizabeth Cauffman, Ph.D., Professor of Psychological Science, Education and Law; University of California, Irvine

10:10 AM - 10:25 AM **BREAK** ◊ *PLATINUM FOYER*

10:25 AM - 11:30 AM **GENERAL SESSION** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

The Power of Connection in Schools for Engaging System-Involved Youth to Ensure Belonging, Wellbeing and Success

During this insightful concluding session, Dr. Faris Sabbah will highlight how intentional engagement of foster and justice-involved youth can transform lives and communities. Drawing on examples from Santa Cruz County's standout Alternative Education and FosterEd programs, as well as a comprehensive, new diversion initiative, the session will illuminate how – and why – schools are evolving into hubs of services, safety, and support, and provide actionable insights into how to form partnerships and practices spanning probation, child welfare, and education that can drive lasting positive outcomes for system-involved youth.

SPEAKER: Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent of Schools, Santa Cruz County Office of Education

11:30 AM **CLOSING** ◊ *PLATINUM BALLROOM 5-6*

