

The Catalyst Center

An Affiliate of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services



The Catalyst provides training, technical assistance, research, and analysis to the field of child and family services to increase individual and agency capacity to ensure the health, well-being and safety of all children.

What the Catalyst can do for you...

Research and Analysis

We articulate experiences. We amplify voices.

We identify promising practices, lift up community stories, and develop briefs, reports, and papers that articulate findings and outcome analyses to formulate recommendations that advance policies to resource California's children to reach their highest potential.

Training

We teach skills. We cultivate leadership. We invest in community-centered wisdom.

We provide opportunities for capacity building, peer learning, and fueling movements through trainings, community forums, and learning communities. We broaden community capacity to implement evidence-based practices to ensure highest quality of care.

Technical Assistance

We facilitate conversation. We catalyze systems in communities. We co-create.

We bring diverse stakeholders together to reach common goals, facilitate collaborative efforts to identify solutions, and advance the ongoing cycle that informs policy, implementation, and sustenance.

Resources

We share information. We resource providers to access their best selves.

We maintain an extensive network of state, local officials, providers, counties, educators, and advocates to strengthen a movement for advocacy. We translate policy into actionable briefs, and identify and catalog promising practices in service and organizational development strategies.

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Menu of Training, Technical Assistance, Research, and Field Support Services



The Catalyst provides technical assistance and training customized to meet the unique needs of individual agencies, counties, or communities in areas impacting children and families in the context of programs, policy, and organizational development. Issues areas include: foster and adoption care, behavioral health, prevention, juvenile justice, residential care, transition aged youth, substance use, early childhood, and education.

TTA Service	Details	Methods
Policy and Practice Specific TTA	TTA to raise the capacity of providers to better understand state and local policies, translate them into the context of service provision and nonprofit structures, and connect to best/promising practice integration.	In-person, virtual, and onsite trainings, and ad-hoc tailored consultation
Organizational Development TTA	TTA to support organizational advancement in financing, fund development, community partnerships, and equity initiatives.	In-person, virtual, and onsite trainings, and ad-hoc tailored consultation
Learning Communities	Convenings for providers to share experiences, reflections, and discuss opportunities.	In-person, onsite
Trauma-informed collaborations TTA	TTA to advance agency efforts toward trauma-informed collaborations, including strategies to map and bridge systems, community relationship building, service diversity and availability, and policy considerations.	In-person, virtual, and onsite trainings, and ad-hoc tailored consultation
Dialogue Facilitation and Strategic Planning	Facilitating cross-sector dialogue to deepen relationships, identify opportunities, and develop actionable steps toward achieving common goals.	In-person and ad-hoc tailored consultation
Marketing and Outreach	Implementation of direct marketing via social media campaigns, newsletters, and public relations to engage comprehensive network of providers, elected officials, and allied fields.	Virtual
Publications	Contributions to publications on issues such as foster care, behavioral health, Medicaid financing, and managed care.	Ad-hoc tailored consultation and content development