



Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking Convening

Conference Website: <https://pact.cfpic.org/pact-annual-convening-2022/>

Tuesday May 17th, 2022

Arrival and Registration

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Lodging Check-In: Social Hall anytime after 3:00 pm

Conference Check-In: Fred Farr Room, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm or 8:00 am - 9:00 am (next day)

Evening Networking Reception

Join us in the Fred Farr Room for an optional informal networking reception and cocktail hour. Non-alcoholic beverages and dessert bar available. No host beer and wine available at your own cost.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Welcome and Opening Message

Presenters:

Melissa Gomez, PACT Project Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of California
Suzanne Garcia, Tribal Legal and Child Welfare Specialist, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Opening will include welcoming remarks and a land acknowledgement, followed by a setting of key convening themes and honoring of guests.

Session 1: A: Reflections: The CSEC Opt In Program

Presenters: Cheryl Treadwell, Branch Chief, Safety, Prevention and Early Intervention Branch, Kelly Winston, Bureau Chief, Family Centered Safety and Support Bureau, California Department of Social Services

Session 1B: Exploration of the Multidisciplinary Teaming Approach

Presenters: Ashley Bray, Corene Seaver, Lee Turner (Child Trafficking Research and Policy Unit), Kelley Hartman-Barr, Josie Feemster (Child Trafficking Program and Support Unit), California Department of Social Services

The Child Trafficking Response Team will focus this session on an exploratory conversation relative to MDT processes - identifying what's working, what is challenging and what is needed.

Session 2: An Approach to Community Prevention and Awareness

Facilitator: Jessica Pittman, PACT Regional Coordinator

Panelists: Angela Look (Kern), Gloria Carroll (Alameda), Melissa Chacon (Fresno)

A community prevention approach starts early, is collaborative and comprehensive. It addresses the underlying roots of exploitation, acknowledging the individual and societal vulnerabilities which traffickers exploit. To be effective it also must relate to and be informed by the diversity of local culture, populations and geographic region. During this session hear from a panel of PACT County Coordinators and advocates as they uplift strategies and key learnings around a local prevention approach. Session will include discussion on public awareness campaigns, youth education and implementation of prevention curriculum in varied settings, and more.

Session 3: Thriver Panel

Facilitator: Josie Feemster, Analyst, Child Trafficking Program and Support Unit, CDSS

Panelists: [Jamelia Hinds](#), [Jess Torres](#), [Russell G. Wilson](#), [Ummra Hang](#)

Exploring diversity and promoting the inclusion of a wide range of lived experience expertise is crucial to inform a county and state level child trafficking response. Understanding a broader spectrum of complexity, sheds light on how varied individuals may experience trauma within systems. Hear from a panel of PACT Consultants as they share their thoughts on a variety of topics. Followed by Q&A.

Session 4: Trauma Stewardship

Presenter: Sarah Johnston, PACT Regional Coordinator

“By developing the deep sense of awareness needed to care for ourselves while caring for others and the world around us we can greatly enhance our potential to work for change, ethically and with integrity, for generations to come.” Laura van Dernoot Lipsky

This session will provide an overview of the book *Trauma Stewardship*, by author and advocate Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, to re-think self-care and program sustainability in the face of vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout. It will be followed by table discussion on strategies to promote well being of program staff and providers serving youth and communities impacted by human trafficking.

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Session 1: Cross-County Coordination

Facilitator: Sarah Johnston, PACT Regional Coordinator (Bay Area, Southern)

Panelists: Bilee Hernandez (Sacramento), Lisa Delamater (Orange), Suzanne Garcia (Alpine)

In 2020 the Preventing and Addressing Child Trafficking Project expanded its original ten county pilot, to support a network of over 46 participating counties. A central goal is to build capacity to improve a statewide response to support youth at risk of or experiencing trafficking. In its first year of expansion, PACT provided a dynamic forum for addressing concerns elevated by cohort members, including establishing the Out of County Protocol Working Group. The working group met to address the challenges related to youth recovered out of their home county including: unique safety and service needs of CSE and labor trafficked youth and the importance of collaboration. During this session hear from a panel of working group representatives as they share key learnings and introduce the Out of County Protocol Matrix Tool.

Session 2: Collective Cafe, SB 855 Table Talks

Facilitators: Andrea Sobrado, Associate Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of California & Jessica Pittman, Central Valley Regional Coordinator, PACT Project

Engage in dynamic conversations around SB 855 program topics during the Collective Cafe activity. This workshop will engage participants in conversations that matter, during three rounds of table discussion. The activity will be followed by a “harvest” of the collective wisdom and insights learned.

Topics will include placements, harm reduction, service provision and screening/identification.

Session 3: An Integrated Approach to Child Labor Trafficking

Presenters: Melissa Gomez, PACT Project Director, [Jamelia Hinds](#), PACT Consultant

Like the nation overall, California’s efforts have focused on preventing and addressing CSE, while the trafficking of youth for their labor or services, has received comparatively little attention. Yet, from 2016-2018, 13% to 17% reported child trafficking cases in California, involved labor trafficking or both sex and labor trafficking. During the national pandemic, counties shared stories of young people “having to work” to provide for families impacted by income loss or illness. Rates of identified California immigrant youth eligible for human trafficking services by the Office of Trafficking in Persons increased and youth with experience in foster care or the juvenile justice system remain at particularly high risk. County agencies are in a unique position to identify youth, provide specialized interventions and bridge the gap to local resources.

During this session hear findings from PACT’s initial 10-county pilot project research brief and mini-desk guide. The session will outline a pathway towards an integrated approach and highlight initial county level efforts.

Closing Reflections & Acknowledgements

Presenters:

Stuart Oppenheim, Executive Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of California
Melissa Gomez, PACT Project Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of California
Russell G. Wilson, PACT Consultant, Researcher, Subject Matter Expert