

2023 IN-PERSON

PACT CONVENING

Redefine

Reflections on the SB 855 Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Program

CDSS

CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES



Where We Started

Senate Bill 855 was passed in 2014 implementing the CSEC Program

Optional funding for county child welfare agencies to implement a CSEC Program within their agency

Establishment of the PACT Grant to serve a pilot 10 county child welfare agencies

Formation of the Child Trafficking Response Unit to provide technical support and assistance

Partnership with the CSEC Action Team



Where We Are Currently

47 counties opted in to receive CSEC Program funding
\$19M allocated annually

Additional \$25M granted in FY 22-23 to both continue and implement placement pilots and additional training

Shift to biannual county calls

5 statewide training contracts/curriculums with 1 pending

2 Placement Pilots with 1 pending

3 Subvention Contracts to provide additional TA and support

Nearly completed SB 855 Evaluation via UCB



What's Coming

Prevention and the intersection with FFP
SA

Improving identification practices

Next steps for MDT's

Targeted multidisciplinary harm reduction
implementation

CSEC Program evaluation findings

CDSS

CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES