

Department of Children and Family Services
Second Public/Stakeholders Conference-April 16, 2015
Request for Proposals: Safe Children and Strong Families–No. 11-053B
Responses to Questions

- Short Doyle Medi-Cal Providers addressed to DMH. Not applicable to DCFS/FP.
- Point of Engagement vs. Core Practice Model – why was POE stopped when it was working and has it been integrated into current practice. The Department has adopted the Core Practice Model as our service delivery system that is inclusive of all parties relevant to a family’s case. CPM values teaming, through our Child and Family Teams and providing the family with voice and choice in directing their service plan. CPM also includes engaging the family in a respectful and culturally sensitive approach. CPM is a component of the Katie A. Settlement and is a requirement of the new Title IV-E Waiver.
- Credentials for Domestic Violence (DV), Anger Management and Substance Abuse services be sufficient or do they have to meet the guidelines of professionals and paraprofessionals? The SOW will be revised to include the specific qualifications for professionals and paraprofessionals and include that DV and anger management can be provided by certified/certificated staff.
- Requesting that DV and anger management be separated from the counseling umbrella and designated as separate supplemental services. Once the cost structure is decided, we will separate both DV and anger management as a separate supplemental service. Substance abuse is already identified as a supplemental service.
- Would T&D be considered paraprofessional. T&D services may be provided by a case aide or higher.

Section 9.2.2 contradicts 9.2.10. In reviewing the most recent posting of the FP SOW 9.2.2 contains the definition of a paraprofessional. Section 9.2.10 was not found. This question may be in reference to the difference between paraprofessionals and professionals. FP Programs already answered this question from the first Stakeholder meeting and made a change in the SOW. It is also clarified in bullet 3 above.

- Must Intensive Family Preservation (IFP) be done in the evening hours, Section 7.2.9 and why? What is the justification? FP Programs has amended the SOW to specify what "evening hours" refers to and to clarify the need for IFP cases to allow for these later visits to ensure that all parties are seen together in their home environment as these cases are higher risk.