



VENTURA COUNTY
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VC-PACT

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VC-Pact History

Funded by Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health in Jan 2015 as part of the 5 C's Project

Goal:

Establish a sustainable, family-centered, coordinated coalition with existing resources and collaborative relationships to improve Ventura County's local systems of care for children with special health care needs.

Activities:

Monthly meetings:

- Agency presentations that discuss referral process, eligibility criteria, services
- Case presentation with or without family present, to discuss needs of parents and brainstorm agencies that can help serve the child

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of county agencies that provide services to CSHCN and key contacts to assist in streamlining referral process
- Improved understanding of eligibility criteria to prevent family frustration
- Ability of parent/child to see how agencies in the county work together to best serve their child

Agency presentations:

- Strategies: 5 protective factors
- Juvenile Probation Intake
- Foster Care Panel
- Community Coalition United
- Simi Valley Park and Recreation
- Gold Coast Health Care Plan
- 5 C's
- Childhood Obesity Conference
- Life after Brain Injury
- Department of Rehabilitation
- California Children's Services and Medical Therapy Program
- Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- Help Me Grow
- Tri-Counties Regional Center
- Beacon Health Options
- Ventura County Behavioral Health
- Rainbow Connection
- United Parents
- VIPs: Ventura early Intervention Prevention Services
- Ventury County Office of Education
- Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association
- Partners for Children
- Post permanency Services -CFS
- Kids and Families Together
- Casa Pacifica
- Special Education Local Plan Area
- Pathpoint
- Child Development Resources
- Maternal Child Adolescent Health
- California Rural Legal Assistance
- Engaged Community Project
- Westpark Community Center

Key Partners:

Ventura County Public Health:

CCS, CHDP

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care

Maternal Child & Adolescent Health
Rx for Kids

Children and Family Services (HSA)

Ventura County Behavioral health

Beacon Health Options

Pediatric Diagnostic Center

Child Development Resources

Kaiser Permanente

Interface Children and Family Services

First 5 Ventura County

Help Me Grow Ventura County

Gold Coast Health Care Plan

United Parents

Rainbow Connections Family Resource Center

Ventura County Office of Education

Ventura County Probation Agency

Tri-Counties Regional Center

Lessons Learned

- Delays are often caused by misconceptions about services provided by an agency, their referral process, and eligibility criteria
- Access to services is limited by agencies funding requirements/scope of work and limitations
- Parents continue to be the primary care coordinators for their children and navigating the “system” is difficult. Finding a lead agency to “coordinate” needs is essential.
- Listen to the family and what their needs are. Even if your agency offers great services, if it is not a priority to the family, follow through is difficult.

Next steps

Charter

Election of new leadership/division of labor

Evaluation of metrics

Sustainability

Strong collaboration with GCHP/Help Me Grow