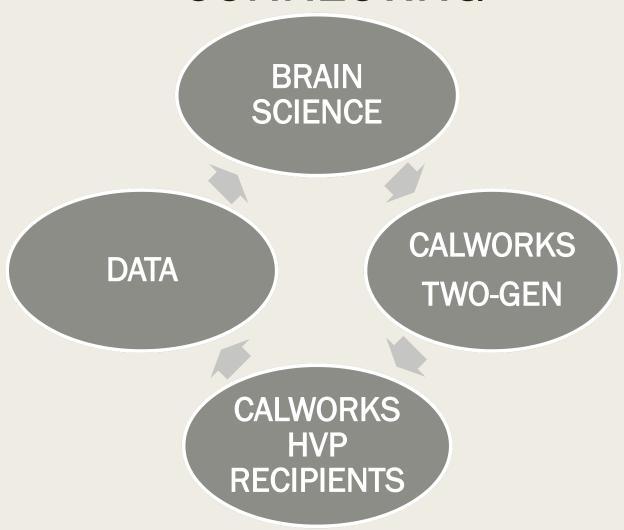


#### CALWORKS HOME VISITING PROGRAM CONNECTING



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# BRAIN SCIENCE & **THE SCIENCE OF PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT**

#### **CDSS The Science for Program Improvement**

**Brain science** is being used to develop new approaches for service delivery, including:

- Recognizing the toll poverty takes on adult capabilities;
- Redesigning employment and human service programs to achieve better outcomes;
- Designing environments that streamline access to support and services; and,
- Addressing issues that impair executive functions such as stress, lack of connections, and lack of exercise.

#### **CDSS The Science for Program Improvement**

The intent of brain science for program improvement is:

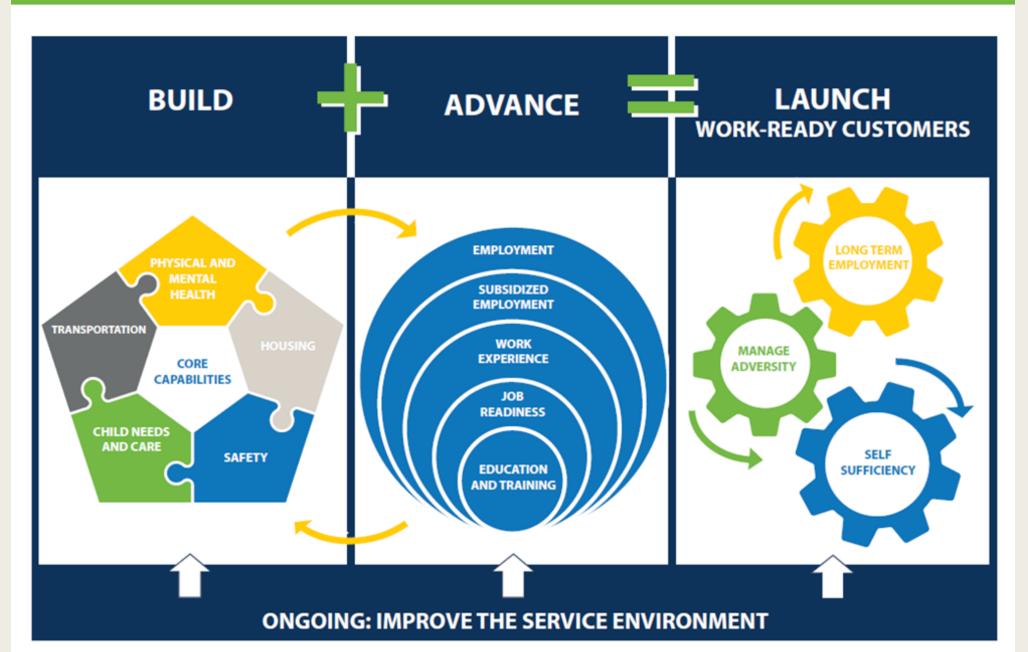
- To explore the evidence base that underlies better programs and see how it applies to everyday work.
- To look at key concepts related to adult capabilities and behavioral science in order to broaden perspective on the CalWORKs participant experience and how to reduce burden.





# CALWORKS TWO-GEN

#### **INTENTIONAL SERVICE SELECTION:** THE RIGHT SERVICES FOR THE RIGHT CLIENTS





## **CalWORKs - Next Generation**

#### Vision:

- To inform, inspire, and support counties in their work to strike a balance between addressing families' diverse needs and meeting federal work participation requirements.
- To create tools and resources for administrators, front line staff and clients, to streamline and simplify policies and processes, and to maximize the effectiveness of new and existing CalWORKs approaches.
- To set families on a path to self-sufficiency by better integrating legislative initiatives.





#### Home Visiting for CalWORKs Recipients



## Projected Data For CalWORKs Recipients

Key Assumptions for the CalWORKs HVP:

- The projected caseload for CalWORKs eligible cases in FY 2019-2010 was 21,757.
- 75 percent of the eligible CalWORKs cases will voluntarily participate in home visiting.
- Five percent of non-participating CalWORKs exempt cases will become exempt-volunteer due to their participation in home visiting.



## Home Visiting Goals for CalWORKs Recipients

CalWORKs HVP Program Goals:

- Helping young families reach self-sufficiency by improving family engagement practices
- Supporting healthy development of young children living in poverty
- Preparing parents for employment.



## Importance of Home Visiting for CalWORKs Recipients

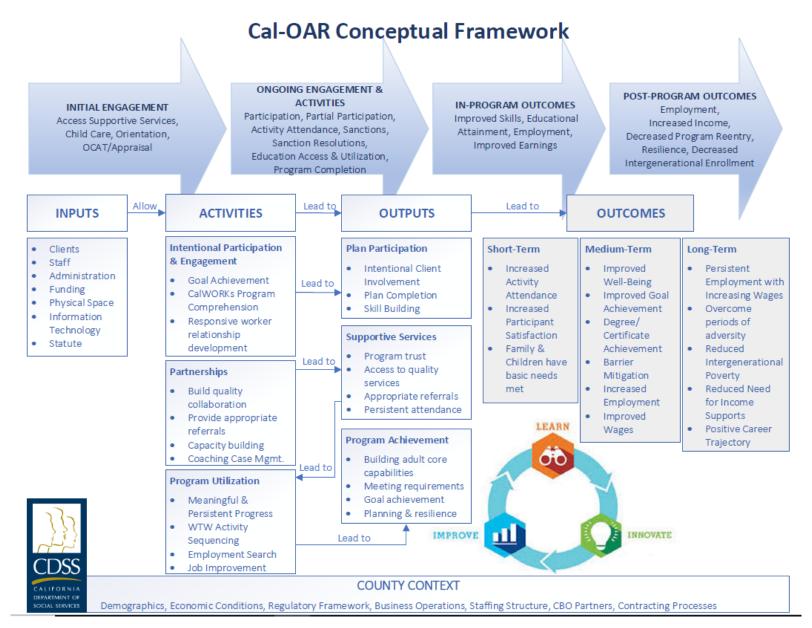
The CalWORKs HVP helps:

- To develop two-generational policies that meet the needs of both parents and their children.
- To connect WTW exempt clients with the supportive services they need and removing barriers preventing them from employment opportunities.





#### CALWORKS HVP AND CALWORKS OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW (CAL-OAR)



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#### CalWORKs HVP & CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR)

Cal-OAR is a local, data-driven program management system that facilitates continuous improvement of county CalWORKs programs by, collecting, analyzing, and disseminating outcomes and best practices.



#### CalWORKs HVP & CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR)

Three Core Components:

- Performance Measures
- County Self-Assessment
- System Improvement Plan



#### CalWORKs HVP & CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR)

CalWORKs HVP Data Collection in the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS):

Case Flags/Special Indicators:

- HVP Offered
- HVP Received/Participant



#### CalWORKs HVP & CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR)

HVP Data Uses:

- Programmatic Administration
- Legislative Requests
- Research and Evaluation





# **QUESTIONS?**