

## **California Independent Living Program Transformation Breakthrough Series Collaborative**

If your agency is interested in applying to participate in this innovative Breakthrough Series Collaborative detailed information and Application can be found on the Child and Family Policy Institute website (Highlights Section) at [cfpic.org](http://cfpic.org)

### **The Work During the BSC**

Following a formal application process, up to twenty California counties will be selected to participate in this Collaborative through June 2010. Each county team will work individually, guided by the project staff, faculty, and co-chairs. They will begin the BSC by collecting and reviewing baseline data, completing a self-assessment, and determining their primary goals and priorities. Over the course of the 2 years of the BSC, there will be a total of four in-person trainings called "Learning Sessions." bringing together project staff, faculty, and co-chairs with members of all teams. Learning Sessions serve as forums to provide instruction on the rapid-cycle change model for improvement and the framework for change. Each Learning Session provides teams with an opportunity to report on their progress, share lessons learned, and do collaborative problem solving with colleagues from other systems and counties. The most critical part of each Learning Session is the time each team spends together, planning for real changes within its system, coached and facilitated by the experts in content and process.

Between each Learning Session, the teams are involved in testing and making actual changes within their systems. This is the time for each team to test approaches discussed during the prior Learning Session and to document the results. These periods of intense work and applied learning are supported by ongoing communication between teams and experts via all-collaborative conference calls and an interactive website. The teams also submit monthly reports to track their progress and share knowledge in close to real time.

A final component of the BSC methodology is ensuring that positive changes are spread and sustained. To this end, a high-level senior leader supports each core team and the work of an "extended" county team. Extended teams allow a broader representation from caregivers, youth, employment/workforce, education, probation, the courts, and others, expanding the partners engaged in testing ideas, spreading successes, and working on sustainability. Through training and facilitated conversations, the senior leaders from the participating teams work together to identify and address challenges, learnings, and successes related to replicability and sustainability.

### **Anticipated Timelines**

Application Disseminated	Aug 11, 2008	Team Selection	September 30, 2008
Learning Session 1	Jan. 7&8, 2009	Learning Session 2	June 16&17, 2009
Learning Session 3	Nov 17&18, 2009	Learning Session 4	May 4&5, 2010

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