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## **PARTNERSHIPS FOR FAMILIES (PFF)**

Effective January 1, 2023 the Partnerships for Families (PFF) Program will start a new contract. The new contract continues to include eight SPA-based contracts and two countywide contracts providing services to American Indian (AI) and Asian Pacific Islander (API) families. PFF continues to serve all Los Angeles County zip codes.

### **Who is eligible for PFF? NEW!**

- Families assessed as "Moderate" to "Very High" via the Structured Decision Making (SDM) Risk Assessment Tool with an inconclusive or substantiated closed ER referral, and at least one child age five or younger.
- Expectant and Parenting Youth (EPY) in foster care who are pregnant or have a child age five or younger, as long as the child does not have an open DCFS case.

PFF is a voluntary program, and eligible families can participate for up to 12 months, with possible extensions. Please follow all required procedures and obtain all necessary approvals for closing ER investigations per policy guidelines. Ensure that the children of EPYs do not have an open DCFS case.

### **PFF agencies provide the following free services:**

A Masters level home visitor who provides case management services and assess the family for additional services including; concrete services for basic family needs, therapy services, health related services, parenting, and/or education programs or resources, structured parent-child and/or family centered activities, and access to early care and education.

Intensive services for families with domestic violence and mental health may also be available. Home visits take place a minimum of three times per month until a clinical supervisor allows a reduction to two times per month.

### **How do you access these services?**

Similar to the existing Family Centered Services referral processes, if a family agrees to being referred, have the family sign the DCFS 802 consent form and then create the referral via the Family Centered Services portal located on the right hand side on LA Kids. Once in the portal, select the PFF tab to create the referral.

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The completed PFF referral and signed 802 should then be submitted to the office Community-Based Liaison or designee along with supporting documentation (copy of SDM risk assessment and Investigative Narrative) for review to ensure the family meets PFF eligibility criteria. Once eligibility is confirmed, assign the redacted referral to the corresponding PFF provider, based on the families' SPA of residence. Once the PFF agency receives the PFF referral, the agency has five business days to make three contact attempts including one in-person contact.

### **PFF AGENCIES:**

SPA 1- Children's Bureau

SPA 2- The Help Group Child and Family Centers

SPA 3- SPIRITT Family Services

SPA 4- Para Los Niños

SPA 5- The Help Group Child and Family Centers

SPA 6- Children's Institute, Inc.

SPA 7- Human Services Association

SPA 8- Children's Institute, Inc.

AI Countywide- United American Indian Inv

API Countywide- Koreatown Youth and  
Community Center

Please use the QR code to scan for agency contact information.



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