Challenging Behaviors in Challenging Times

Thursday, August 6, 2009

9:00am – 3:30pm Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn 300 J Street Sacramento, CA

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8:00AM Registration/Continental breakfast – California Room

9:00AM Welcome – David Riester, ARCA Mental Health Consultant

9:15AM Serving Children: The Structure, Strengths and Limits of California's Partner Agencies

- Local Regional Center Paul Billodeau, Valley Mountain Regional Center
- Local Mental Health Matthew Fava, San Joaquin County
- Local Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Jane Plocher, Director, Colusa County
- Local Social Services Janice Maddox, Sierra County
- Local First 5 Karen Pekarcik, Calaveras County
- Local Probation Officer Larry King, San Joaquin County

10:30AM Break

10:45AM Collaboration Success Stories

- Colusa Children's Multi-Disciplinary Team Peggi Cooney, CPS Program Manager, Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services
- San Francisco Chinatown Project *Lisa Rosene, Chief, Social Work Services, Golden Gate Regional Center*
- Fresno Assessment Center Marion Karian, Executive Director, Executive Director, Exceptional Parents Unlimited and Kendra Rogers, Director, Fresno County First 5

12:00PM **Buffet Lunch – California Room**

1:00PM **Breakout Session: Regional Discussions** – Beth Robey, ARCA Mental Health Consultant

- 1) What is currently working?
- 2) What have been some of the challenges, barriers?
- 3) What do we need to improve services for our mutual clients and what are the next steps?

2:30PM Reports from Breakout Groups

- 1) Where do we go from here?
- 2) What are identified next steps on both local and statewide level to address system barriers/solutions?

3:30PM Closing remarks Adjourn