

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES CONSORTIUM ANNUAL PLAN 2010-2011

MISSION STATEMENT

CCASSC's mission is to develop strategies to address pressing regional human service needs by working with regional and state policymakers and institutions to develop solutions. University partners support the mission of CCASSC through research; analyzing and developing data and information to better inform membership. Ultimately, this regional university-community partnership aims to improve the quality of life for all residents in the Central California region.

MEMBERS AND MEMBER ALTERNATES

CCASSC members for the 10-11 fiscal years:

- Ana Pagan, Director and Scott Pettygrove, Deputy Director - Merced County Human Services Agency
- Cathi Huerta, Director Fresno County Department of Social Services
- John Davis, Director - Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency
- Jason Britt, Director Tulare County Human Services
- Kelly Woodard, Director- Madera County Department of Social Services
- Lee Collins, Director- San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services
- Joe Chelli, Director of San Joaquin County Human Services
- Mary Sawicki, Director- Calaveras County Works & Human Services Agency
- Pat Cheadle, Director-Kern County Department of Human Services
- Peggy Montgomery, Director-Kings County Human Services Agency
- Christine Applegate, Director-Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
- Kathy Gallagher, Director and Ken Jensen, Assistant Director-Santa Barbara County Social Services Department
- Jim Rydingsword, Director-Mariposa County Human Services Department

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

University partnerships during the 2010-2011 fiscal years:

Jane Middleton, Director CSU, Fresno Department of Social Work Education
Madhavappallil Thomas, PhD, Interim chair CSU, Bakersfield Department of Social Work
Robin Ringstad, Director CSU, Stanislaus Social Work Program

STATE RELATIONSHIPS

State relationships during the 2010-11 fiscal years:

John Wagner, Director, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
Kevin Gaines, Local Government and Community Relations Deputy Director, CDSS

CCASSC STAFF

Staff who will support the program for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

David Foster, Director Central California Training Academy (CCTA)
Stephanie Pearl, Administrative Staff
Sal Montana, University Liaison
Patricia Poulsen, Research Associate

GOAL

Provide a forum for directors to share issues that they are currently dealing with and to discuss potential strategies for addressing those issues.

PROCESS OBJECTIVES

Rotate quarterly meetings throughout the Central California Region

OUTCOME OBJECTIVES

Conduct action research to inform planning, goal setting, decision-making and project management regarding critical issues as identified by the members.
Coordinate efforts with other consortia with research objectives throughout the state.
Develop strategies to address mutual concerns.

CRITICAL ISSUES

Poverty within the region
Fiscal Issues

DISCUSSION/RESEARCH TOPICS

Regional poverty reduction strategies

RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

During the FY 2010-2011, CCASSC Staff will perform action research on the prioritized topics listed below. The research questions aim to inform planning, goal-setting, decision-making, and project management around CCASSC discussion critical topics. CCASSC Staff will also continue conversations with CSU Fresno, CSU Stanislaus, and CSU Bakersfield to see if any of their faculty or thesis students are interested in addressing one or more of the CCASSC research priorities. CCASSC will also make efforts to coordinate research with other Regional Training Academies.

July to September

- Develop poverty indicators for persons living in this region.
- Identify possible student thesis/projects to facilitate the work on poverty reduction.
- Meet with the Directors at the September quarterly meeting.
- Review the annual plan template with the Directors.

October to December

- Work with any students who have chosen to research poverty for their project/thesis.
- Provide a summary of work to date on poverty reduction efforts.
- Meet with the Directors at quarterly meeting to identify other research topics.
- Receive input from the Directors on the annual plan.

January to March

- Obtain further direction from Directors at the quarterly meeting Feb. 2011
- Provide an update to the Directors on research activities to date
- Continue to work with any student who is researching poverty

April to June

- CCASSC Web site improvement suggestions including poverty reduction links
- Work with Students as they finalize their master's projects on poverty reduction