

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AREA SOCIAL SERVICES CONSORTIUM  
ANNUAL PLAN 2012-2013**

**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 12-13 fiscal years:

- Ana Pagan, Director and Michele Rowe, Deputy Director- Merced County Human Services Agency
- Howard Himes, Director Fresno County Department of Social Services
- 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
- Kathy Harwell, Director-Stanislaus County Community Services Agency
- Daniel Nielson, Director -Santa Barbara County Social Services Department
- Jim Rydingsword, Director-Mariposa County Human Services Department

**UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**

University partnerships during the 2012-2013 fiscal years:

Virginia Rondero Hernandez, Director CSU, Fresno Department of Social Work Education  
Jong Choi, Director CSU, Bakersfield Department of Social Work  
Robin Ringstad, Director CSU, Stanislaus Social Work Program

## **STATE RELATIONSHIPS**

State relationships during the 2012-13 fiscal years:

Will Lightbourne, Director, California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

## **CCASSC STAFF**

Staff who will support the program for the 2012-2013 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/DISCUSSION AND RESEARCH TOPICS**

Poverty within the region

Health Reform

Katie A

Welfare to Work

Call Centers

Fiscal Issues

Cal Fresh

Automation

Child Welfare...Outcomes, Evaluate Out data

## **RESEARCH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

During the FY 2012-2013, CCASSC Staff will perform action research on the prioritized topics.. 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

- Continue to develop further 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 2012 quarterly meeting and provide them with an update on poverty reduction efforts.

### October to December

- Provide a summary of work to date on poverty reduction efforts.
- Begin to update previous fact sheets on poverty
- Present poverty research information to CSU Fresno students
- Work on improvements to the CCASSC website

### January to March

- Obtain further direction from Directors at the quarterly meeting Jan. 2013
- Provide an update to the Directors on research activities to date
- Continue to work with any student who is researching poverty
- Continue to update previous fact sheets
- Review the annual plan template with the directors

### April to June

- Update work sheets including unemployment charts
- Begin to obtain information related to newly established critical issues
- Meet with the directors at the quarterly meeting and provide them with an update of poverty reduction efforts