

All Children Thrive

California



WELCOME TO OUR VIRTUAL LAUNCH!

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Where Are You From?

Please take a moment to enter in the “chat box” the city you are joining from.



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WELCOME!

OVERVIEW

- Introduction
- Where Are You From?
- What is ACT-CA?
- The Challenges
- Community Action Areas
- ACT-CA: Join the Movement
- Open Discussions

WHAT IS ACT?

- **Building networks** of people and places across the state that are working together to identify solutions that **transform systems** shaping child wellbeing
- Bringing together residents, youth, city officials and community leaders who know their cities best to **co-design solutions**
- **Healing** the adversities affecting all of California's children today and transform their future.



THE CHALLENGES

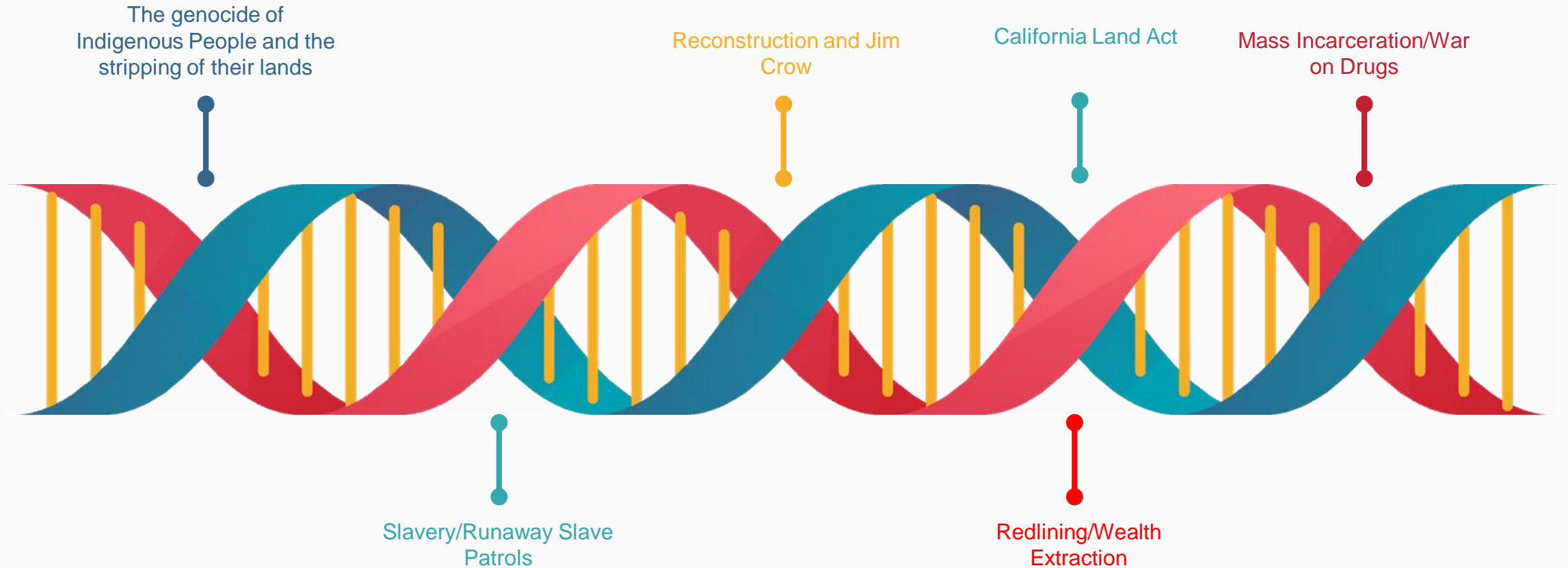
- There are a complex set of systems that shape the places our children live, play, learn, and grow
- There is evidence that these systems are failing to meet the needs of far too many of California's children
- Young people are left with unresolved traumas that often last a lifetime
- The result is poor health, limited educational and job opportunities and fewer opportunities to succeed overall





STRUCTURAL RACISM & TRAUMA

STRUCTURAL RACISM IS WOVEN INTO THE DNA OF THIS NATION



OUR CURRENT REALITIES



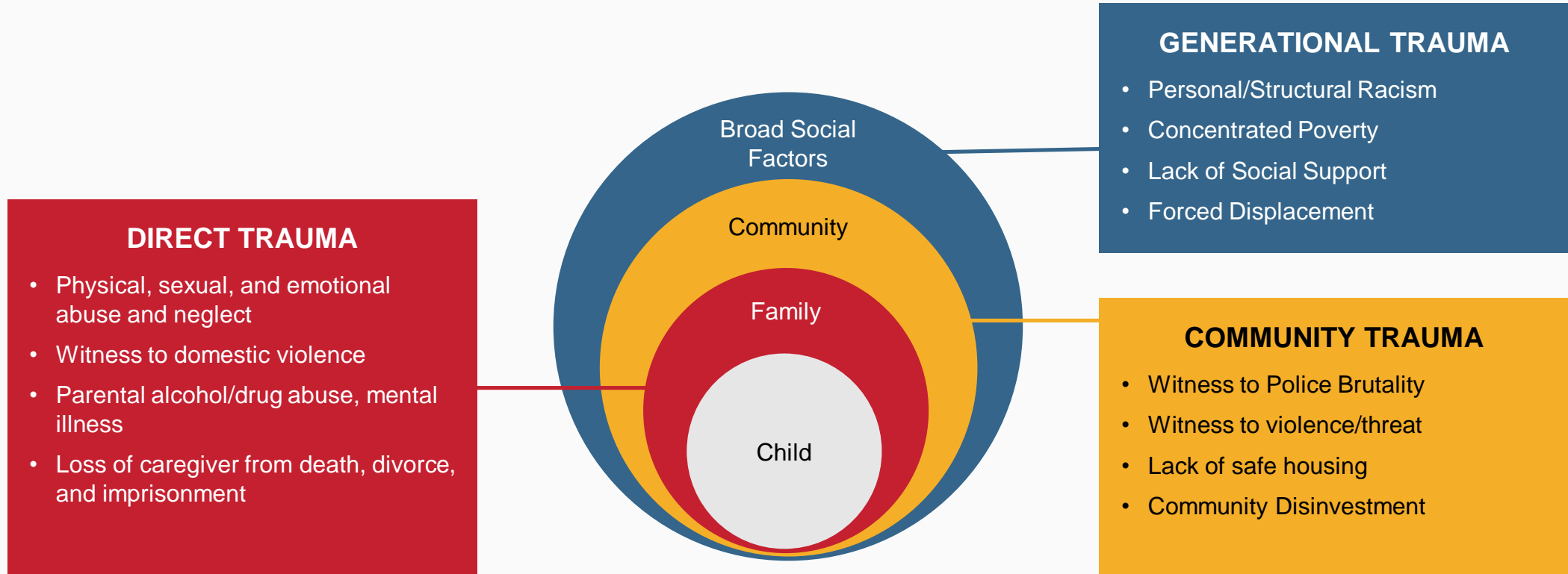
REALITY #1

- COVID-19 is negatively impacting children, particularly those most vulnerable
- COVID-19 has affected individuals and communities unequally -- exacerbated by pre-existing inequities

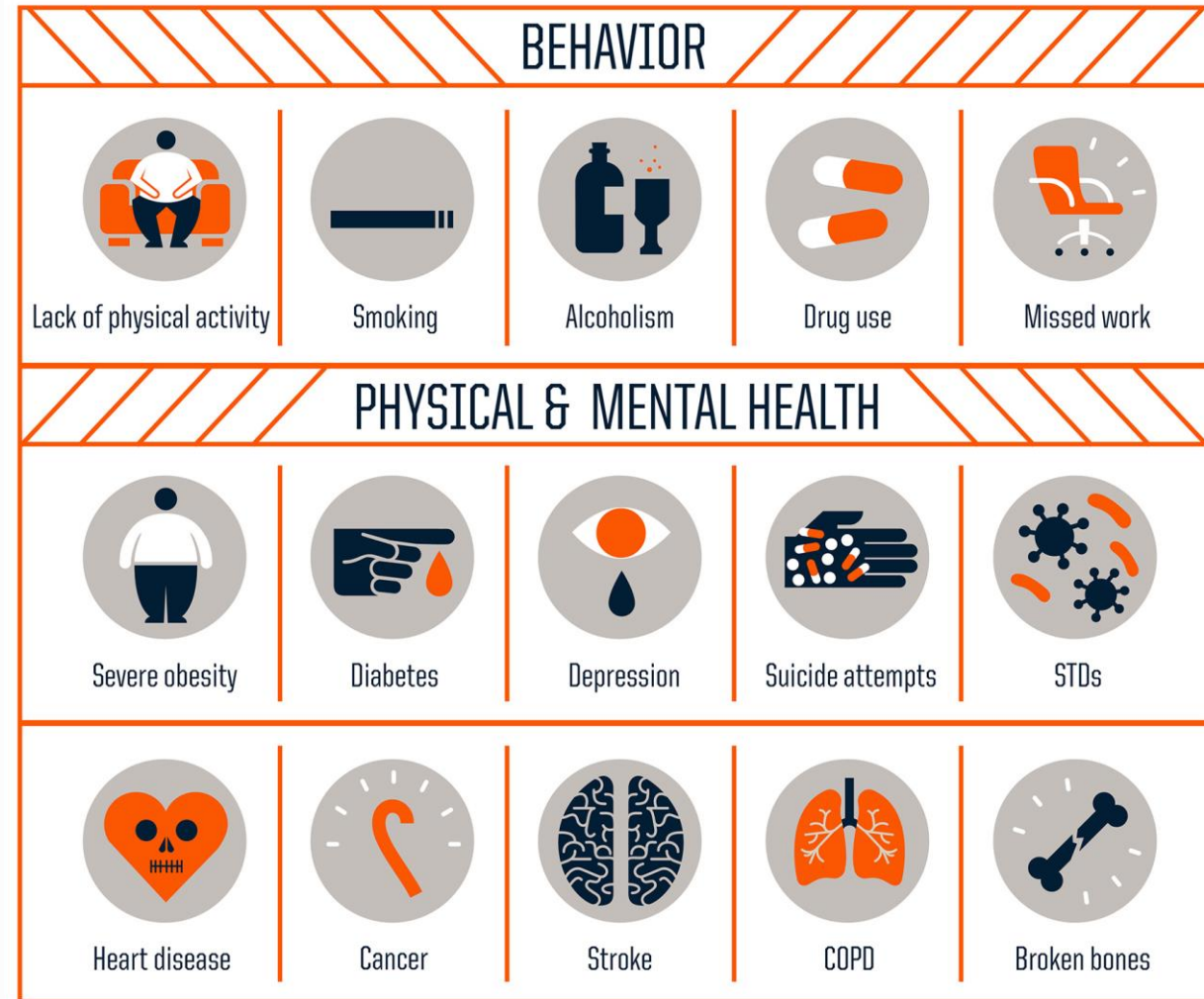
REALITY #2

- Children and families are living in the midst of one of the biggest racial uproars in recent history
- Children of color have been re-traumatized by witnessing constant police brutality against BIPOC

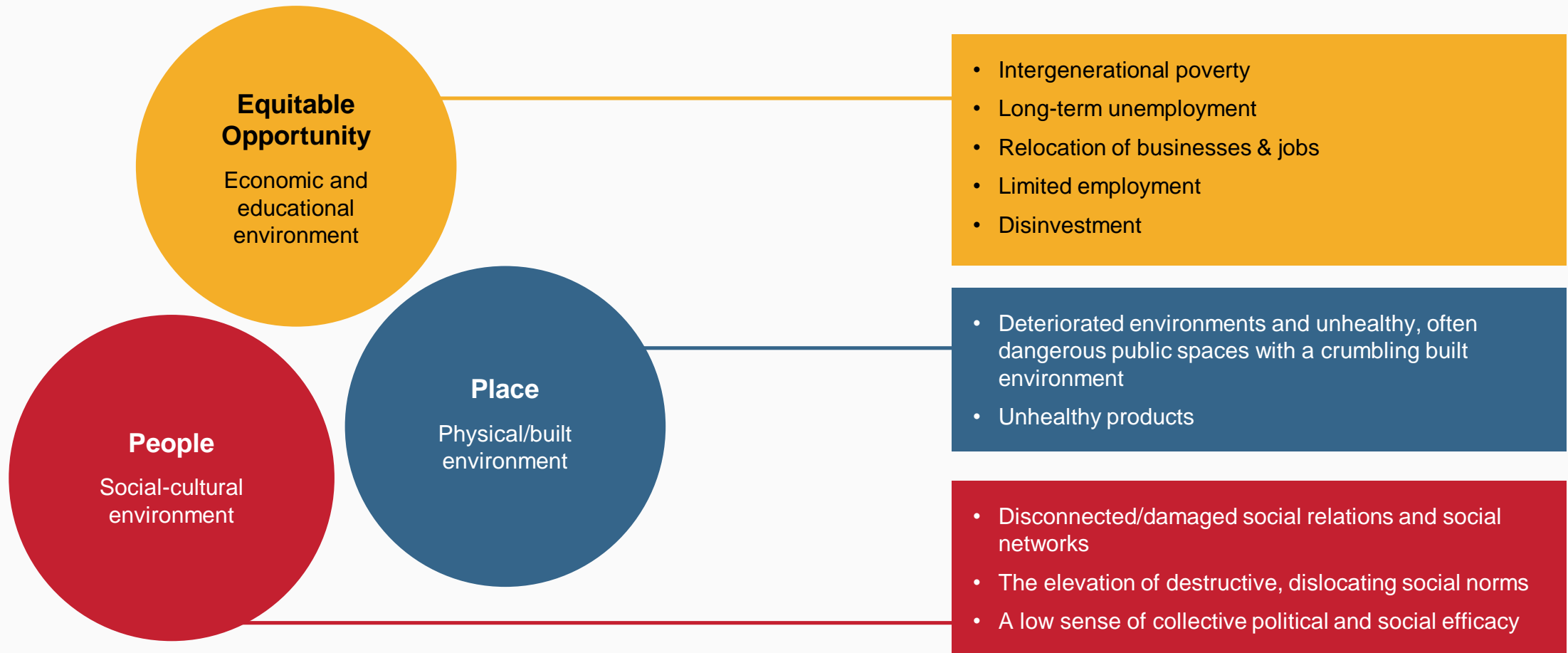
SOURCES OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA



IMPACTS OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA



SYMPTOMS OF COMMUNITY TRAUMA



STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY TRAUMA



ACT-CA COMMUNITY ACTION AREAS:



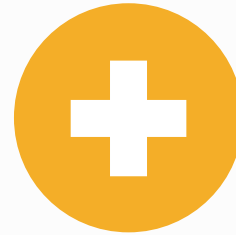
**CREATING PROTECTIVE
ENVIRONMENTS**



**STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC
SUPPORTS**



**PROMOTING HEALTHY CHILD
DEVELOPMENT**



PUBLIC SAFETY
(from a public health perspective)



**ACCESS TO SAFE AND
STABLE HOUSING**



**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

THE STEPS

Engage communities across the state to participate

Help communities assess their data to understand the root causes of child and community adversity

Communities set goals, design a roadmap for success, and adopt plans for action

Through the ACT-CA network, communities learn together and develop new best practices for transformative change

CHILD WELL-BEING



Community Action Area 1: Promoting Healthy Child Development

What this could look like...



Improving the Built Environment

What this could look like...

Community Action Area 2: Creating Protective Environments



Restorative Justice, Community
Centered Crisis Response Teams

Community Action Area 3: Youth Development & Civic Engagement

What this could look like...



**Community Action Area 4:
Strengthening Economic Supports
for Children & Families**

What this could look like...



Community Action Area 5: Access to Safe & Stable Housing

What this could look like...



AND SO MUCH MORE!

WHY JOIN ACT-CA?



OUR CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE...

- Become part of the Movement
- Bolster and unify other city initiatives
- Leverage funding opportunities
- Broadens civic engagement
- Strengthens effective community outreach

All Children Thrive - CA Cities



Fully onboarded cities:

- **Fresno**
- **Stockton**

Community Action Areas:

- **Fresno:** Healthy Child/Youth Development, Mental Health & Wellness Support, and Racial Equity
- **Stockton:** Mental Health & Wellness & Programs for Children and Youth

All Children Thrive - CA Cities

Cities who are in the process of joining:

- Ukiah
- Richmond
- Maywood
- Huntington Park
- Santa Paula
- Modesto
- East Palo Alto
- Contra Costa County



WHAT WOULD PARTICIPATION LOOK LIKE?



- 1. Establish a Core Team**
 - 2 or more residents
 - 2 or more city officials/staff
 - 2 or more Community-based representatives from organizations that advocate/create policy for child wellbeing
- 2. Assigned an ACT-CA coach to help define an Action Area**
- 3. Expand the Core Team to a Design Team of a broad representation of youth, community residents and organizations that support child wellbeing**
- 4. Join a *Learning Community***

YOUTH DESIGN TEAMS



- Central to ACT-CA is ensuring youth voices of the most vulnerable youth are heard
- Each city will have a Youth Design Team to inform the issues that will be addressed
- The Youth Design Teams create a leadership pipeline to better understand and promote policy changes -- so that

ALL CHILDREN THRIVE

DISCUSSION:

What questions do
you have?



What interests you most about All Children Thrive?

Please respond to the poll to tell us what community action area you're most interested in working on in your city.

In your community...

How are children thriving?

What challenges are children facing?



We're offering Bi-weekly, online Information Sessions!

Next Session: September 16th



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WE'RE OFFERING

INFORMATION SESSIONS!

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

12:30 - 1:30 PM

***INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE HELD EVERY TWO WEEKS AT THE SAME TIME**

We want to hear how cities in California are promoting child well-being and discuss how we can partner and support you!

HAVE LUNCH WITH US! We meet online for an hour, every two weeks. The information sessions are intended for city staff, elected officials and community serving organizations.

We hope you will join us!

Imagine a city designed with child well-being at its center that fosters healing and resilience, so that all children, of all backgrounds, can thrive. All Children Thrive-California (ACT) is a community-led movement in cities that: transforms current systems to improve child and family well-being; connects community members with city staff and elected officials to create policies, programs, and resources; builds networks of people and places co-designing innovative solutions and sharing their learning to help all of California's children thrive.

REGISTER BY CONTACTING: Kaytie Speziale at:
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Thank you for joining us!



WE'RE LOOKING FOR CITIES!

If you're interested in becoming an ACT-CA city contact us at:

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