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The California Family Partnership Association (CFPA) was established in November 2003 by United Advocates for Children of California (UACC) to provide a coordinated parent/caregiver and youth voice within the state of California that will help shape state public policy, legislation, training, evaluation and education towards making the provision of mental health services effective for children and youth.

Our Vision

All children and youth with mental health, emotional and behavioral challenges in California will have opportunities to be successful, resilient, and able to live at home, attend school, and stay out of trouble in safe and healthy environments. These opportunities will include adequate access to a comprehensive continuum of mental health services, collaboration with other agencies, and community supports.

Our Mission

The California Family Partnership Association will participate in effecting positive systems change in the area of children's mental health through the development and implementation of public policy in the state of California. Systems change will occur in partnership with professional stakeholders and ensure that mental health services for children are guided by Children's System of Care values and principles. The California Family Partnership Association members will support and learn from one another to strengthen the role of the "Family Partner" scope of work and the development of best practices in the area of family/youth/professional partnership and systems change at all levels of the children's mental health system.

Our Membership

The California Family Partnership Association consists of family members or youth with the personal experience of either parenting a child with mental health needs, or the personal experiences as a youth receiving children's mental health services in the 58 California counties. The members collaborate with county mental health departments and with family members and youth who are currently receiving children's mental health services within the county they represent.



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Our Purpose

More often than not, “family members and consumers” will have the most impact on public agencies and policies through their participation on various policy-making advisory or planning associations. The California Family Partnership Association will recommend policy changes to administrators, legislators and other state level decision-makers who then decide if they will adopt, modify or reject the recommendations. Advisory and planning associations play a very important role in shaping policy and practices in many public agencies. Agencies depend upon these associations to provide direction and specific recommendations to administrators on how effective services are, what changes in existing services need to be made, what new services should be created, and how responsive and accountable the agency is to those it serves.

The California Family Partnership Association serves in the capacity of improving services for children, youth and their families, which will require on-going dialogue on vision and goals, attention to how power is shared, attention to how responsibilities in planning and decision-making are distributed, and open and honest two-way communication and sharing of information.

The Members of the California Family Partnership Association will:

1. Articulate a unifying vision, identify guiding principles, and specify shared goals of outcomes for children and their families who receive public/private services for mental health, emotional and behavioral health conditions.
2. Coordinate a family and youth voice to achieve unifying vision and goals.
3. Provide leadership to improve the partnerships between families and professional mental health staff, and to ensure service effectiveness and continuity.
4. Identify programs or projects that would move the Children’s System of Care toward shared values and guiding principles.