



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

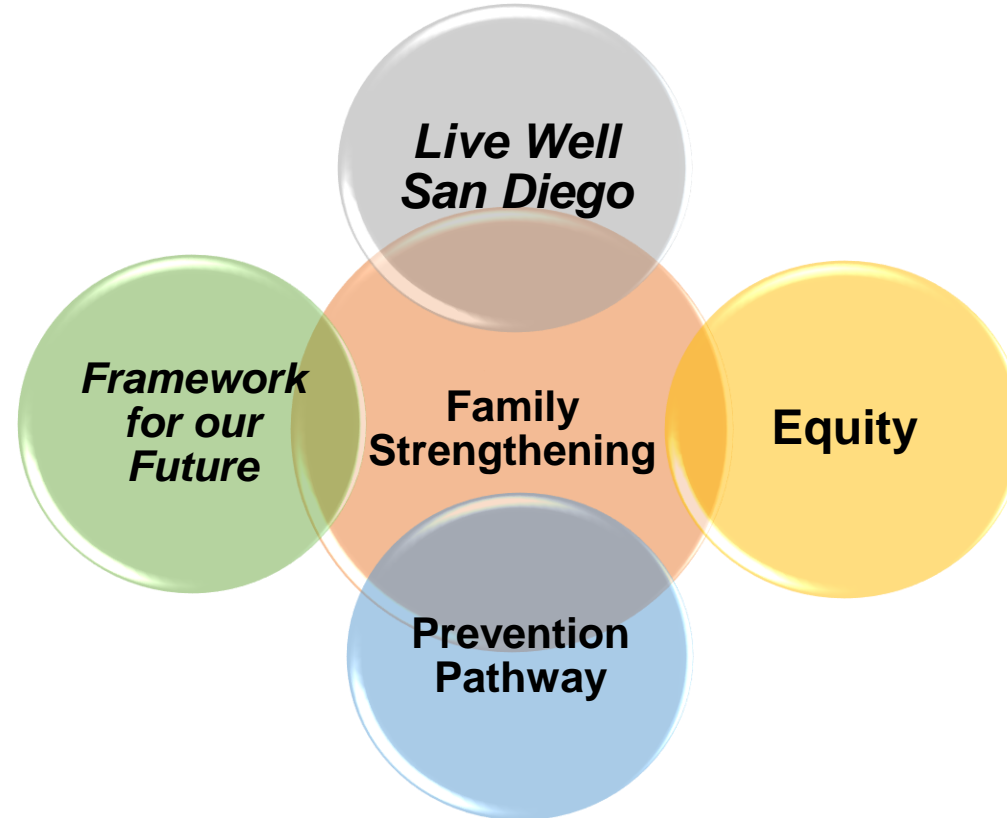
Child and Family Well-Being Department





Setting the Stage to
Strengthen Families &
Support Communities

DRIVERS FOR FAMILY STRENGTHENING NEW STRUCTURE



Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving



Prevention means families thrive in a *connected community* that enhances and restores nurturing and responsive relationships and environments. It involves aligning impact on multiple levels so that all *children* are safe and cherished, all *families* are nurtured to build up protective factors, and *systems/structures* create equitable pathways to wellness.

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FAMILIES

County Establishes New Child and Family Well-Being Department

A collage of seven photographs showing diverse children and families. The top row includes a child in a blue shirt, a girl in a blue shirt, a girl in a purple shirt, and a boy in a green shirt. The bottom row includes a group of four girls, a boy in a blue shirt, a girl in a dark shirt, and a boy in a green shirt flexing his arm.

February 28, 2023
The BOS unanimously adopts the Child and Family Well-Being Department to better address equity and improve outcomes for children and families in a more holistic way!

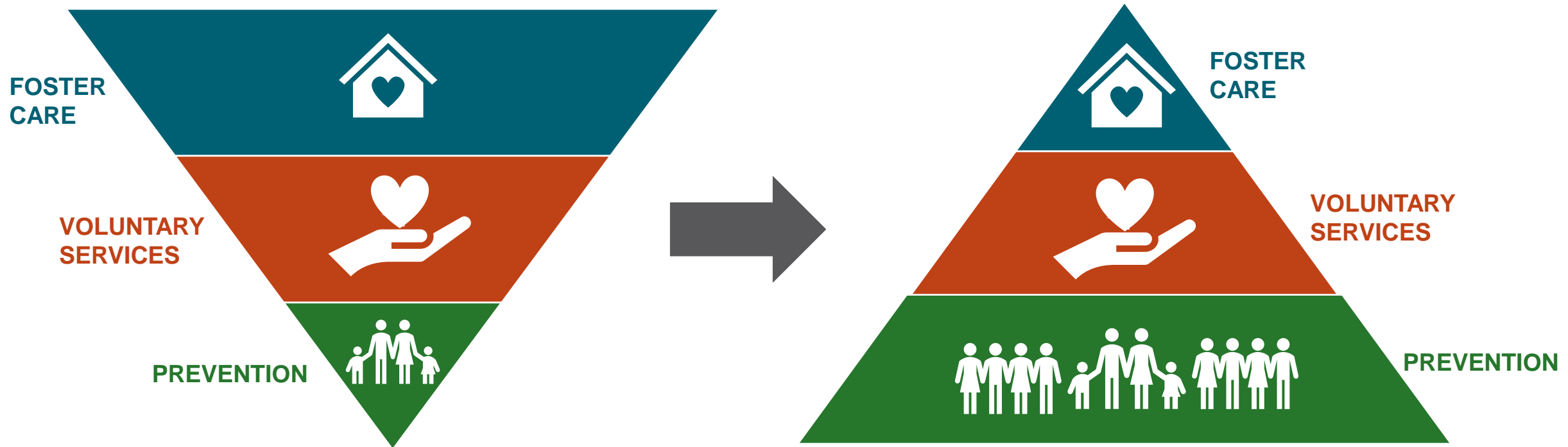
INTENDED OUTCOMES OF TRANSFORMATION



- Increase support for families.
- Promote family strengthening efforts.
- Reduce the impact of trauma, adverse childhood experiences, and child maltreatment.
- Move toward an equitable, prevention-focused operating model focused on early intervention.



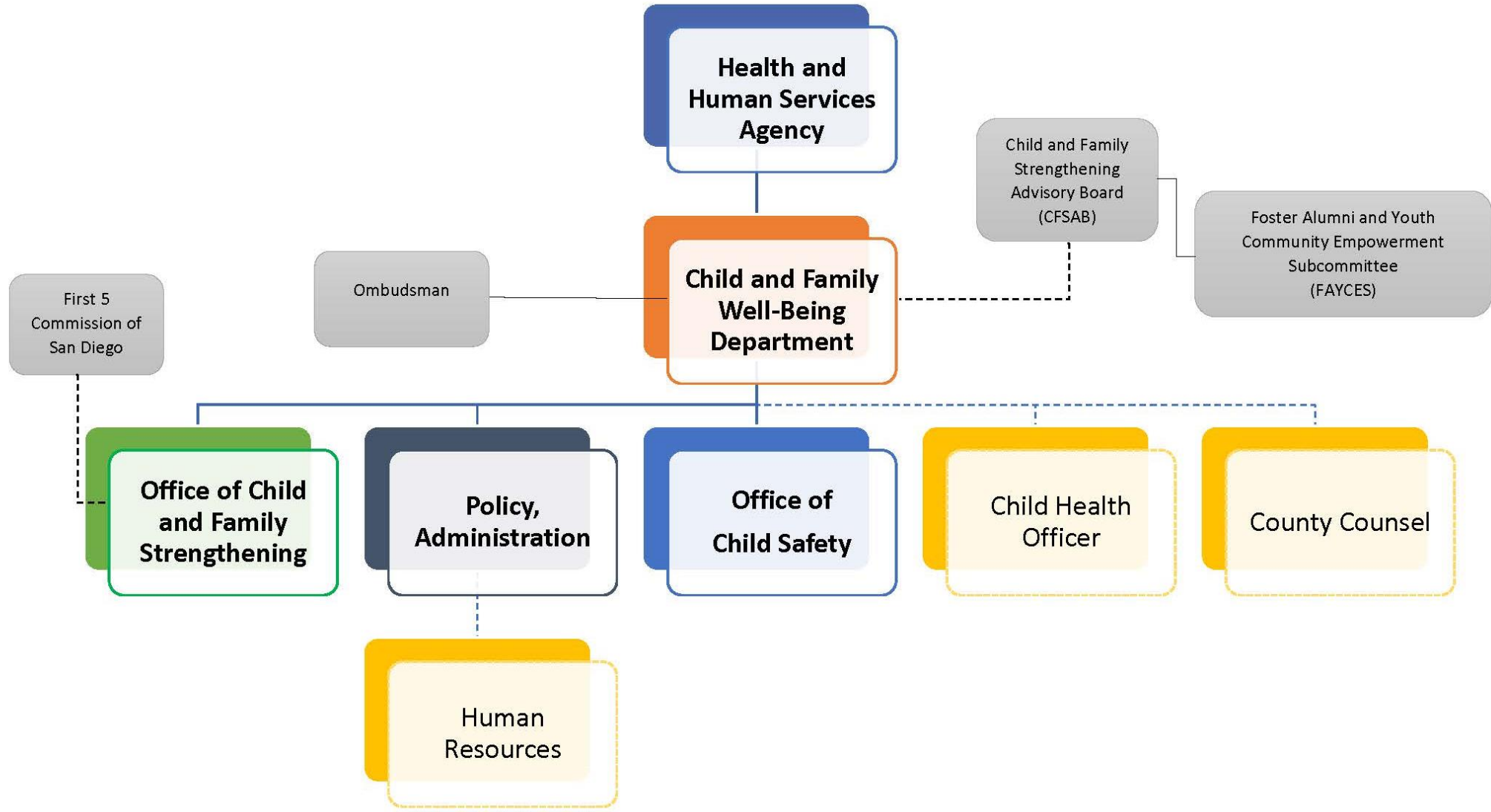
FAMILY STRENGTHENING FOCUS



Since 1998, San Diego Child Welfare has decreased the number of children in care by **64%** from almost 7,000 children to just over 2,300 through family strengthening efforts and enhanced engagement. The CFWB structural transformation will support families and communities in becoming stronger and resilient so that even fewer children will be negatively impacted by trauma experienced through systemic inequities.



CFWB DEPARTMENT



FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA)



- Shift toward prevention for child welfare.
- Prevent the need for families to ever make formal contact with the Child Welfare System.
- Prevent entry or re-entry into foster care.
- Provides opportunities for jurisdictions to create their own prevention pathway.
- Funding is available to agencies providing evidence-based programs (EBP) for eligible candidates.



**Title IV-E Prevention Services
CLEARINGHOUSE**

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- Community information gathering sessions began in October 2022 and are continuing to present date.
- Both virtual and in-person meetings are offered.
- Community Based Organizations (CBO) and Faith Based Organizations (FBO) have been represented in the community information gathering sessions.
- Around 160 people/organizations have been contacted, which has translated to approximately 66 presentations/opportunities to gather feedback.
- The CFWB Community Stakeholder Sub-Team has done outreach with many collaborative groups, such as Live Well Sector Calls, El Cajon Collaborative, Home Visiting Collaborative, and other.
- While there are many agencies at these collaboratives, it is hard to get a clear list of attendees or those who attended the presentation date.

LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS IN ATTENDANCE



- Lived Experience
- Refugee Groups
- School/Wellness Centers
- Faith Based
- Tribal Communities
- Black/African Americans
- Resource Parents
- Rural Locations
- Nursing/Visiting Homes
- County Behavioral Health/Optum/Children and Family Youth Council
- Foster Family Agency
- Specialty Groups

THEMES



SOME THEMES THAT HAVE COME FOR INFO GATHERING:

- Resources and Services
- Communications and Updates
- Collaboration
- Excitement surrounding CFWB
- Giving Families a Voice

THEME 1:



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

BETTER ACCESS TO RESOURCES AND SERVICES

Several meeting participants addressed the need for a variety of resources and services: training for caregivers, financial support for families, respite care, mental health/trauma services, bilingual documents and translators, etc.

There was an expressed need for better communication with families regarding the resources and services they have access to.

Many families need easier access to resources, as well as options to accommodate their specific situations.

THEME 2:



LIVE WELL
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COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES

Several meeting participants requested more information and updates regarding the CFWB initiative and how it is progressing.

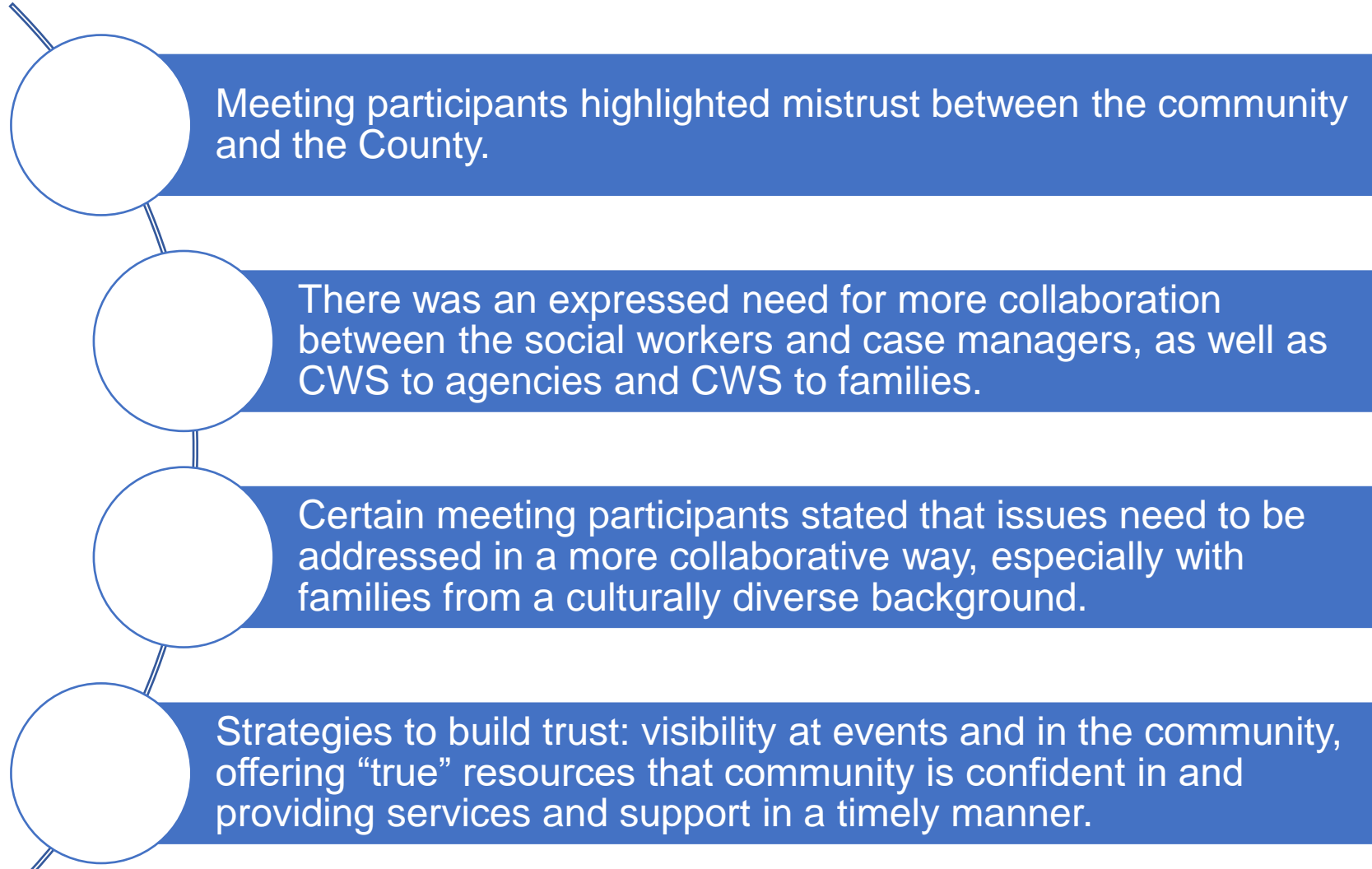
There is a need to have clear outreach and community feedback.

Agencies are still interested in presentations and want their feedback included.

THEME 3:



COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY



THEME 4:



EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING CFWB

A few meeting participants expressed excitement over the opportunities CFWB should provide, especially with funding.

One participant highlighted that there is a lot of great prevention work already happening; however, they are excited to see how collaborative efforts can grow and having more streamlined approach to collaboration of efforts.

Meeting participants highlighted that they are hopeful for what is to come with CFWB.

THEME 5:



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

GIVING FAMILIES A VOICE

Many participants highlighted that families are not heavily involved in the child welfare process and that they should have a say in reimagining the system.

Participants stated that parents feel as though they are not involved in the process until social workers take their children from the home.

Families interested in having a way to give continue feedback or advisement on how the Department is created and grows – advisory committee or clear opportunities to weigh in.

MIRACLE QUESTIONS ABOUT PREVENTION HUB



IF THE HUB WAS THE PERFECT ACCESS POINT FOR SUPPORTING CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY...

- What would it look like?
- What would it take to build trust?
- What would make it accessible?
- What services and resources need to be prioritized?
- What would the staff look like?
- What would the space look like?
- Would there be a space?

REFLECTION & CONVERSATION



- What is most relevant to you as a community member, agency leader or resident of San Diego?
- Do you have thoughts on how you and your organization can play a role in the transformation?

Would you like to
request a presentation
for your organization?

Please scan the QR code to make a request



THANK YOU!



April 20, 2023

Child and Family Strengthening Advisory Board Meeting

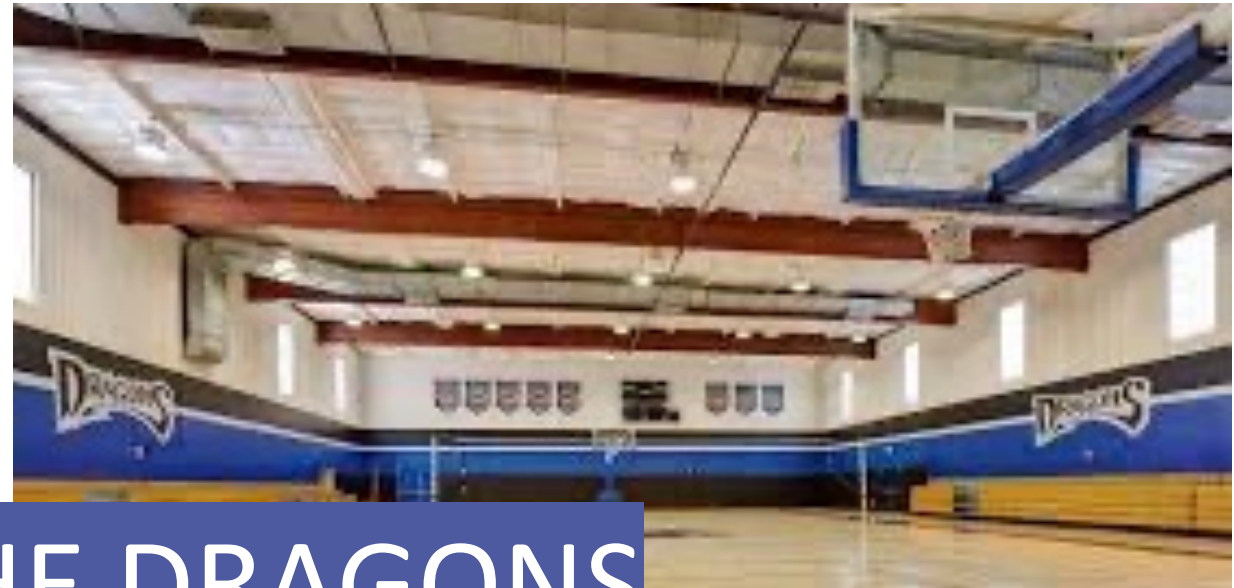


Excluding the last slide, the following power point was presented to the students of San Pasqual Academy approximately one week before the change in residential providers.



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San Pasqual Academy 2023



HOME OF THE DRAGONS



We are SPA







Let's go dragons!



Spa pride







Family Engagement



Building Healthy Relationships



Staying Active



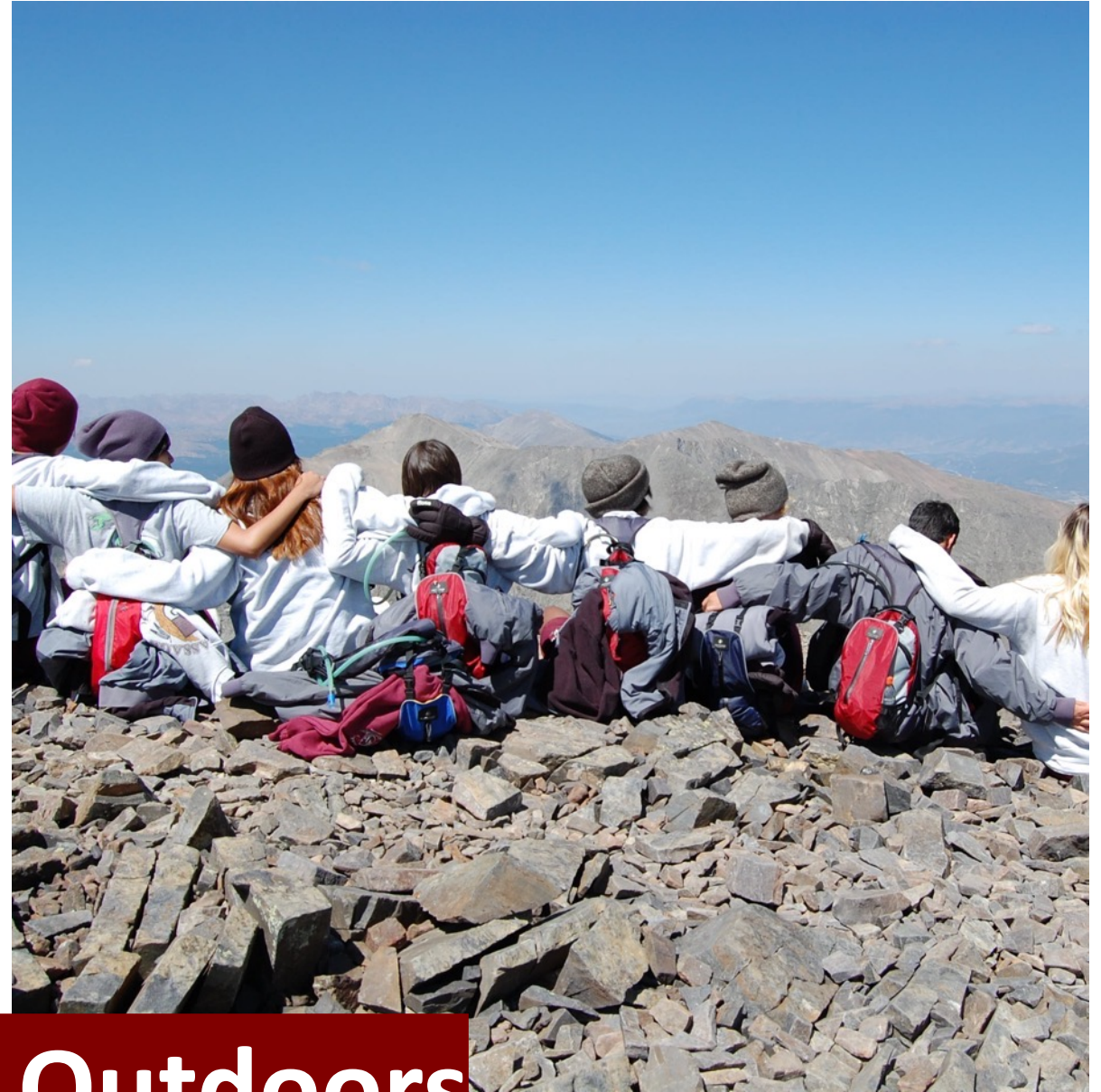
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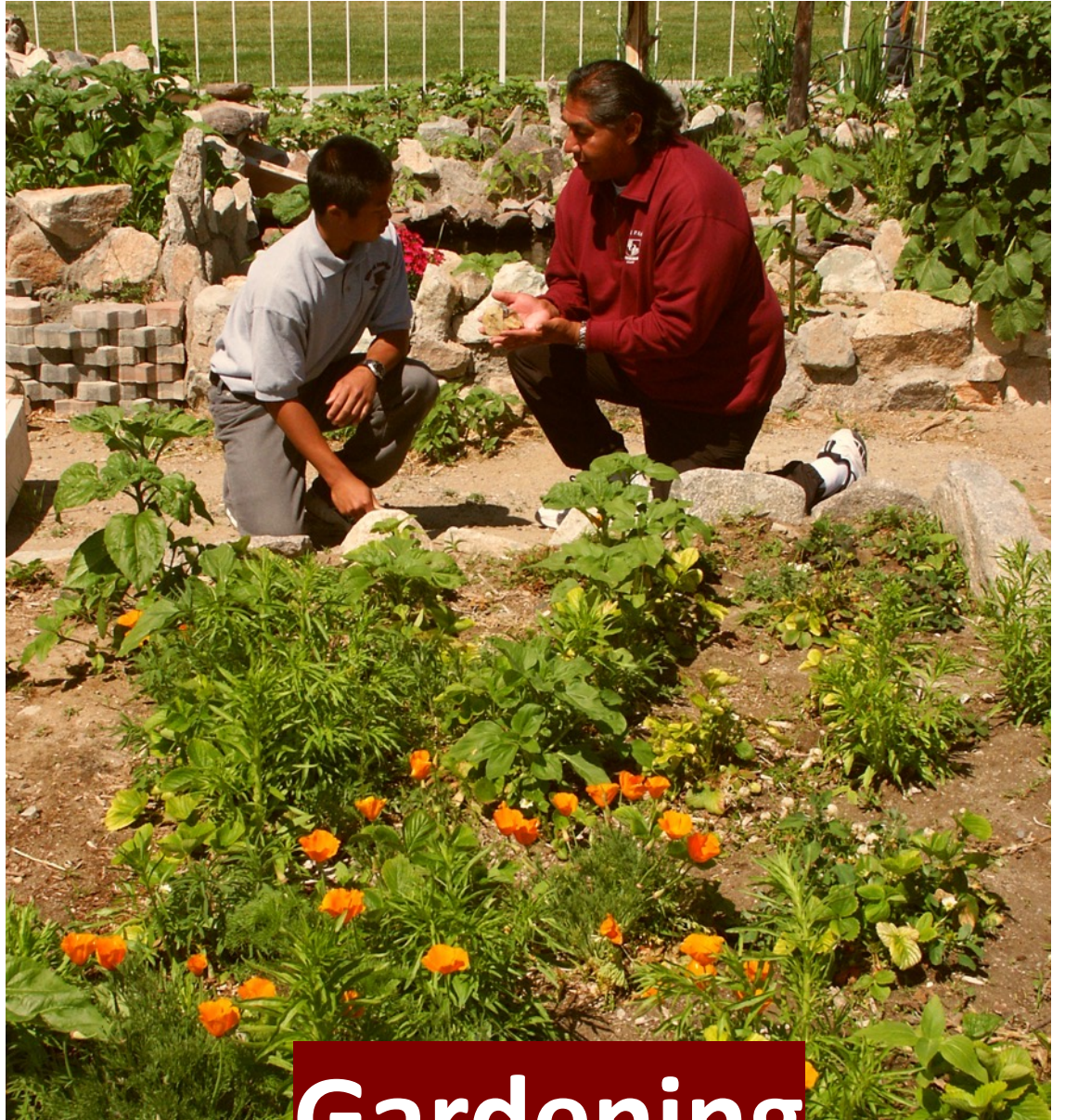
Cycling Trips



The Great Outdoors



Welding



Gardening



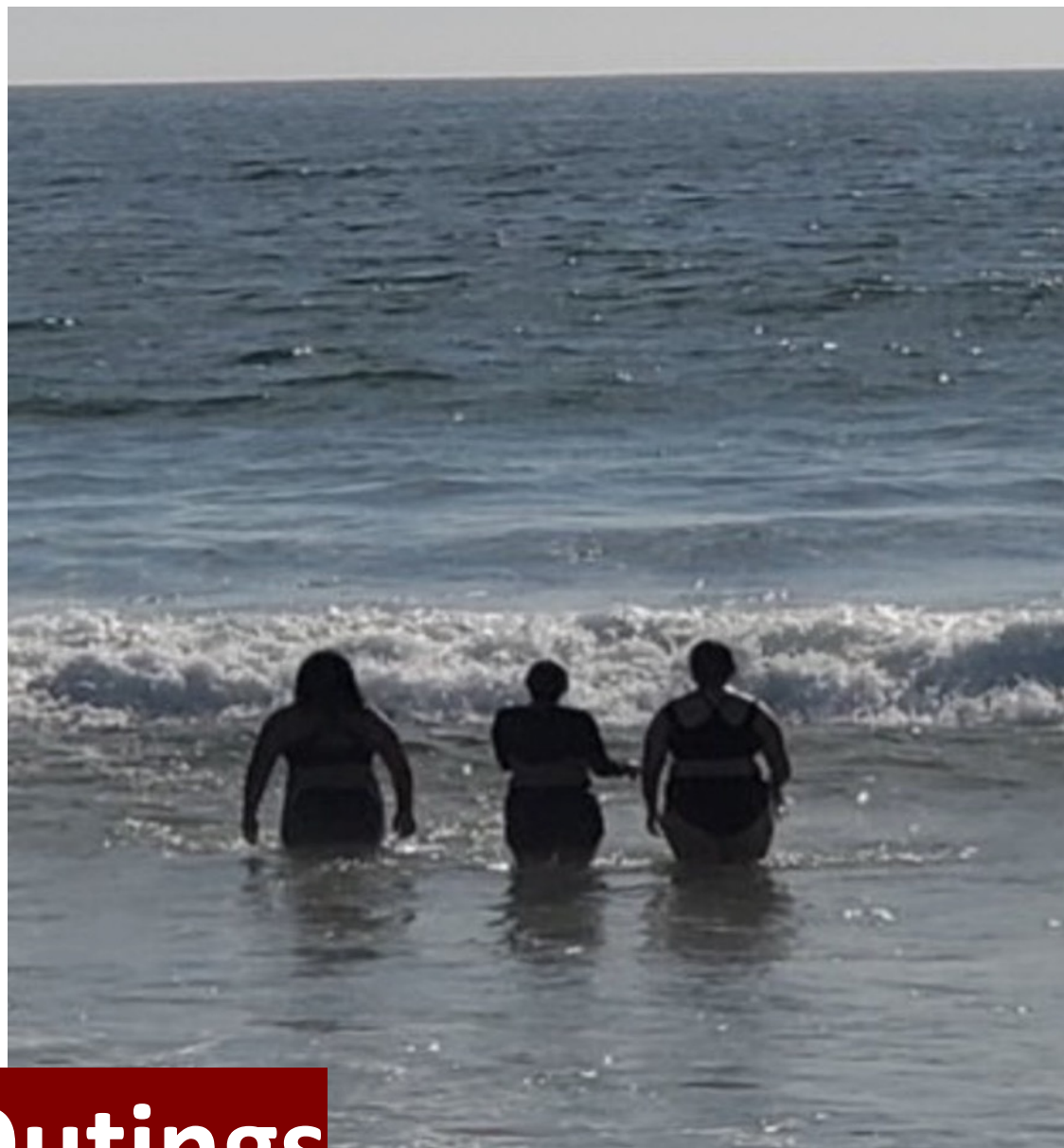
Culinary Arts



Co-ed Flag Football



Equine Therapy



Local Outings



Community Involvement



Recreational Activities



The Arts



Experiencing New Things



Positive Achievements



Preparing for the Future

FAQ!



1. What does movement/supervision around the campus look like (check-ins with staff etc..)?
2. Will there be any housing changes?
3. Will our furniture and rooms be changed?
4. What will happen to all our personal belongings?
5. Will we be able use Alumni housing when returning from college breaks?
6. Will the students still have their jobs on campus (provider is paying)?
7. Will we have to wear uniforms?
8. Will allowance totals (weekly) be the same?
9. Self passes/ visits– personal items checked upon return?

FAQ!



10. Will ROP organize all transportation?

11. Will ROP provide special accommodations for students that have diet restrictions or allergies?

12. Is the SPA graduation still planned for 6/16?

13. Will there still be college trips?

14. Are some of our staff staying/ going? How will the students be notified?

15. What is March 4th going to look like when we wake up in the morning?

16. Will the Friends of San Pasqual remain involved?

17. Will our sports teams remain intact with our coaches?

18. Will the campus vehicles that take us and pick us up be marked so people know we are in foster care?



Since March 4th ...

- ✓ Expanded activity schedule implemented – on an off campus
- ✓ Fully staffed Case Management department. Every student has a Case Manager
- ✓ Implemented an electronic health record
- ✓ Implemented student council
- ✓ Passes have not been interrupted
- ✓ Student employment has been expanded
- ✓ Food service extended 9 meals per week.
- ✓ Policies are being cross walked from the past to the present
- ✓ Staff hired
- ✓ The admissions process has been reviewed and defined
- ✓ Admin facilities remodeled
- ✓ 10 vehicles + 3 Golf Carts purchased
- ✓ Networks replaced & Filter installed
- ✓ Grandparents engaged
- ✓ Alumni Housing “rebuild” started
- ✓ Partnerships have been strengthened and partner meetings have started
- ✓ Communication increased
- ✓ Commitments maintained