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California Family
Resource Association
Strong Families. Strong Communities.

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The California Family Resource Association (CFRA) is a statewide membership association of organizations and Networks that serve children and families. Its purpose is to advocate for the programs, policies, and resources that help families and communities thrive and succeed. CFRA builds the capacity of member organizations to impact policy change, partner with local government and community allies, and achieve sustainability. CFRA is housed within the Child Abuse Prevention Center.

At a Glance

- Year founded: 2005
- Year joined NFSN: 2015
- Network type: Independent Nonprofit
- Network staff: 5 FTE
- Network annual budget: \$907,497
- Funding sources:
 - California Department of Social Services Immigration Services Funding
 - California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention
 - SH Cowell Foundation
 - Private foundations
 - Earned income

Network Functions

- Programmatic Support
 - Training and Technical Assistance
 - Member-led Committees and Communities of Practices
 - Discounted NFSN Standards Trainings
- Member Connections
 - FRC Learning Lab
 - Peer to Peer Support
- Organizational Sustainability Support
 - Access to members-only grant opportunities
 - Partnership opportunities
- Advocacy and Collaborative Support
 - Month of Advocacy
 - Policy and Legislation Advocacy
 - Leadership Development

Highlights

- February 2025: CFRA launched the CA NFSN Standards Community of Practice, a participant led opportunity for those who are certified in the NFSN Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support to gather and support each other in ongoing learning and implementation.
- April to Fall of 2025: CFRA develops and successfully launches the Community Engagement and Representation training alongside guidance and support from members. This training is a supplemental resource to the NFSN Standards Training.
- In late 2025, CFRA and the CAP Center introduced two bills in the state legislature:
 - Senate Bill 557, updating the state FRC definition to align with last year's federal Supporting America's Families and Children Act.
 - Assembly Bill 2441, the "Community Supporting Innovation Pilot," which will create demonstration sites for FRC partnerships with high-mandated reporting agencies (schools, medical, law enforcement) to refer families to FRCs instead of child welfare when there isn't risk to the child.
- Early 2026: CFRA launches new membership dues structure will expand accessibility, strengthen advocacy, and increase support for FRC and Network development through the NFSN Standards.
- April 2026: CFRA launches a Values Framework. CFRA's values reflect who we are as a network, how we support families, and how we lead systems change across California. These values are grounded in the Vehicles for Change monographs, the NFSN Standards of Quality, and the lived experience and wisdom of our member FRC organizations and FRC networks

Standards of Quality Implementation



STANDARDS
TRAINERS

12

CERTIFICATION
TRAININGS

137

CERTIFIED
INDIVIDUALS

3,679

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Network Mission Statement:

- To connect Family Resource Centers and allied organizations, networks, and community leaders in a member-driven, statewide Network;
- To convene family-strengthening leaders for networking and working toward a shared vision;
- To communicate the value of Family Resource Centers, networks, and programs and policies that strengthen families to policymakers and to the state.

Members

- FRCs in state statute since: 2019
- Number of Members: 96
- Network pass through funding: \$316,750
- Network pass through funding sources:
 - California Department of Social Services Immigration Services Funding
 - Private foundations
- State funding
 - California Department of Social Services
 - County First 5 Commissions
 - Private foundations
 - Individual giving
 - Earned income
- Federal funding
- Individuals served: 481,655

Member Service Areas

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Concrete Support
- Family Development Services
- Child Development Activities
- Family Economic Success Activities
- Education Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Community Strengthening Activities

Outcomes

- 96 statewide members spanning over 150 organizations
- Most CFRA FRCs serve racially and economically diverse families
- 70% of clients identify as BIPOC
- 60% serve rural or frontier communities
- 800+ individuals annually attend CFRA trainings, convenings, and committees
- Annual convenings draw 300+ leaders, parents, and partners to engage in network strategy
- 120+ organizations certified in National Family Support Network Standards
- \$16M in Covid-19 Relief Funds administered across 386 FRCs, supporting 473,367 individuals statewide (2020-2023)

