



SEEKING FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPANTS FROM KEY MANDATED REPORTING SECTORS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The decision to make a report of suspected abuse or neglect to child welfare services can have profound effects on youth and families. To better understand current practice, San Diego County has partnered with Evident Change and Casey Family Programs to conduct a collaborative review of child abuse reporting trends and practices in the county.

As a part of that effort, we are hoping to speak to mandated reporters in San Diego County who may grapple with this responsibility regularly. These focus groups are part of a larger effort to help us understand how mandated reporters think about and make decisions regarding suspected child abuse and neglect.

We seek key stakeholders in each of the following groups. Registration is open for 10 representatives per focus group. Additional materials and consent forms will be shared upon registration.

Who	Date & Time	Registration Link
Mental health providers <i>Counselors, therapists, nurses, or any other staff who make frequent reports</i>	May 17, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Focus Group 1
Law enforcement	June 2, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Focus Group 2

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<p>Community providers</p> <p><i>Providers working in child care, afterschool programs, YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, local shelters, income support, family coaching, employment support, etc.</i></p>	<p>May 26, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 3</p>
<p>Education</p> <p><i>Teachers, social workers, counselors, or staff making frequent reports</i></p>	<p>June 1, 2023 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 4</p>
<p>Medical providers</p> <p><i>Hospital social workers or medical staff making frequent reports</i></p>	<p>May 18, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 5</p>
<p>Resource parents</p>	<p>May 23, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 6</p>
<p>Community/non-mandated reporters</p> <p><i>Individuals, families, friends, and neighbors who may have had concerns about a child or who have made reports, but are not mandated reporters.</i></p>	<p>June 5, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 7</p>
<p>Child Welfare Services (CWS)/intake staff</p>	<p>May 31, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Focus Group 8</p>