

The WE CAN Coalition



Working to End Child Abuse and Neglect

Mission: To prevent, diagnose, and treat child abuse and neglect and to strengthen the health and well-being of children, families and communities.

Vision: All Orange County children are raised in a safe and nurturing environment.

Infrastructure

In order to achieve the mission and vision of the Coalition nine distinct task forces operate across of matrix of subject matter and targeted groups. In addition to the nine task forces a Steering Committee composed of each Task Force’s elected Leaders and key county stakeholders meets quarterly to support the Coalition as a whole.

Founding Partners include: Children and Families Commission of Orange County, Children’s Hospital of Orange County, County of Orange, Health Care Agency, County of Orange, Juvenile Court, County of Orange, Social Services Agency, Family Support Network, Hoag Health Network, Kaiser Permanente, Orange County Alliance, Orange County Department of Education, and University of California, Irvine.

	<u>Prevention</u>	<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
<u>Child</u>	<p>Focus Area: Early behavioral problems with focus on early childhood education expulsions.</p> <p>Project: Develop and pilot a resource for families whose children are at risk of early childhood education expulsion.</p>	<p>Focus Area: Training for law enforcement, medical, and social services personnel.</p> <p>Project: Develop multidisciplinary presentation to educate community partners on child abuse assessment and diagnosis and referral.</p>	<p>Focus Area: Improving coordination of care and treatment for abused and neglected children.</p> <p>Project: Conduct an in depth study of fifteen male re-entries, ages 14-17, to Orangewood Children and Family Center.</p>
<u>Family</u>	<p>Focus Area: Faith community as a key partner in family-based prevention.</p> <p>Project: Develop resources for faith communities as identified by local faith leaders.</p>	<p>Focus Area: Law enforcement and training on neglect to behavioral health therapists.</p> <p>Project: Develop training for therapists and providers on verbal abuse. Develop tool to assist law enforcement.</p>	<p>Focus Area: System involved families with substance use issues.</p> <p>Project: Survey families to determine resources and needs.</p>
<u>Community</u>	<p>Focus Area: Identify risk factors for abuse in local communities.</p> <p>Project: Study micro hot and cold spots for abuse across similar geographic and socioeconomic areas to identify opportunities for intervention.</p>	<p>Focus Area: Resources, education and support for Orange County Department of Education and local school districts.</p> <p>Project: Create needs survey to identify training and information gaps within five high- risk school districts</p>	<p>Focus Area: Substance abuse and available treatment throughout Orange County as it links to child maltreatment.</p> <p>Project: GIS mapping to delineate overlay of needs and resources countywide.</p>

