

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION

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Office of Tribal Affairs

The Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) cultivates informed participation and trusting relationships with and among Tribes, CDSS, and counties to enhance the well-being of American Indian children and families.

**HEATHER
HOSTLER**

Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson

The Foster Care Ombudsperson's (FCO) Office provides foster children and youth or concerned adults with a forum for voicing concerns regarding the Foster Care system's services, treatment, and placement.

**ROCHELLE
TROCHTENBERG**

Child Protection and Family Support Branch

The Child Protection and Family Support Branch (CPFBSB) has primary responsibility for the emergency response; pre-placement and in-home services policy, including child abuse prevention and the Title IV-E Waiver projects, statewide training and staff development activities of public child welfare workers, behavioral health integration and Wraparound.

**MARY
SHEPPARD**

Child and Youth Permanency Branch

The Child and Youth Permanency Branch (CYPB) has responsibility for the policy and services to families and children living in foster care. The branch provides technical assistance to counties, and bill analysis for legislation regarding foster care, tribal children, kinship, adoptive and guardian families and transition aged youth.

**VALERIE
EARLEY**

Child Welfare Digital Services Branch

**KEVIN
GAINES**

The Child Welfare Digital Services Branch (CWDSB) is responsible for providing support and oversight of the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System and development of the California Automated Response and Engagement System (CARES).

Central Operations Management Organization Branch

**LORI
STARNES**

The Central Operations Branch (COB) coordinates a wide range of administrative and support activities for the Children and Family Services Division (CFSD).

Continuum of Care Reform Branch

**SARA
ROGERS**

All children live with a committed, permanent and nurturing family, services and supports should be individualized and coordinated, system focus is on achieving a permanent family and preparation for successful adulthood, when needed, congregate care is a short-term, high quality, intensive intervention that is just one part of a continuum of care available for children, youth and young adults.

Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch

**CHERYL
TREADWELL**

The Foster Care Audits and Rates Branch (FCARB) is responsible for ensuring that children placed into foster care in group homes and by foster family agencies are receiving the services for which providers are being paid; that provider payment levels are established appropriately; that overpayments are minimized and that federal, state and county payment and funding systems are appropriately administered.

Children's Services Operations and Evaluation Branch

**DAVE
MCDOWELL**

The Children Services Operations and Evaluation Branch (CSOEB) is responsible for maintaining the integrity of child and family services by monitoring the uniform implementation of laws and regulations governing the provision of child welfare services by the 58 California counties.