



Interagency Measurement of Child Well-being

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and State Interagency Team (SIT)

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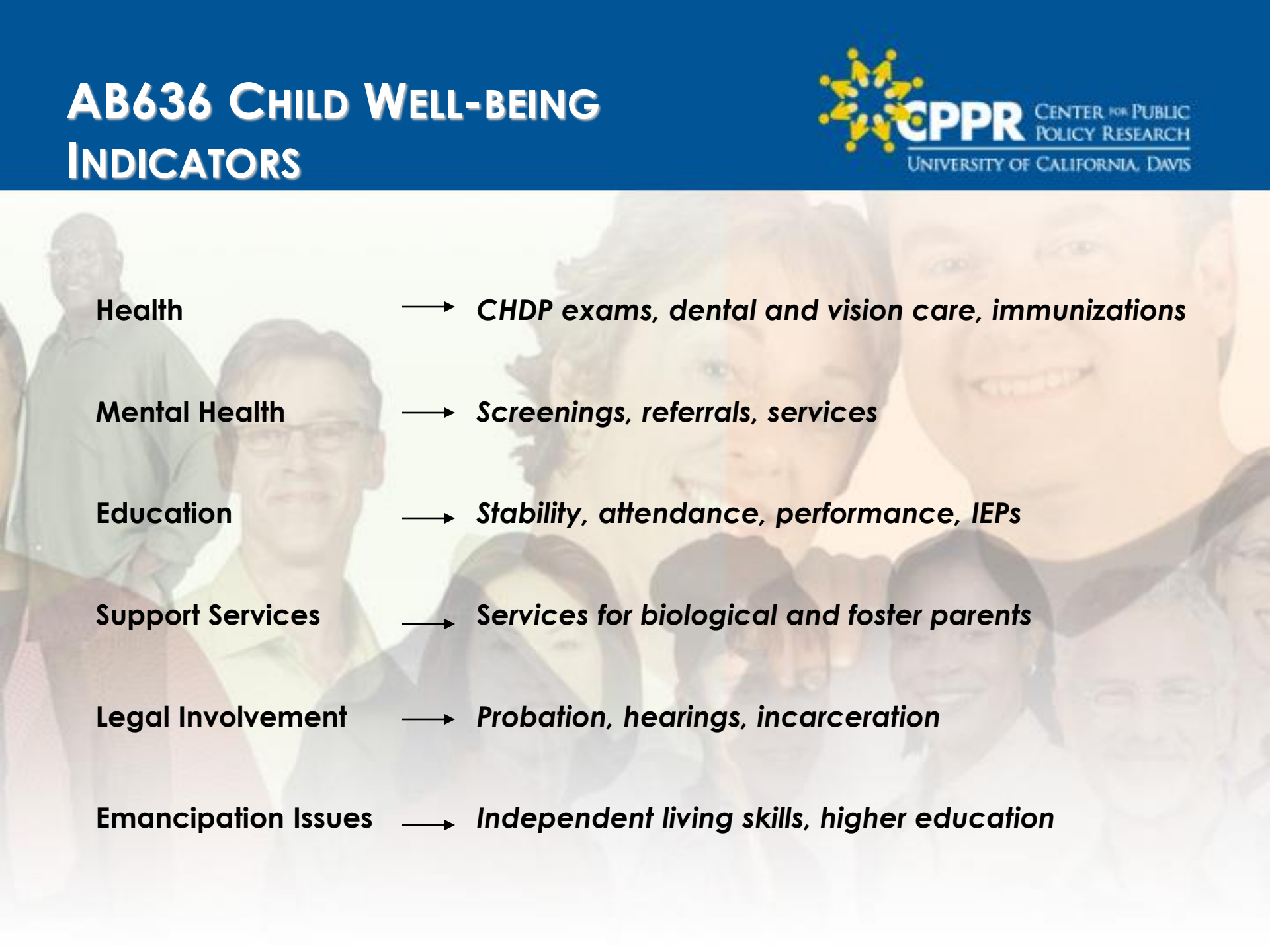
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SIT/CDSS WORK REQUEST TO CPPR



- **Assess possibilities and make recommendations for integration and shared management of all data from all SIT departments to better realize CDSS AB636 well-being outcome measures.**
- **Work with SIT member departments to investigate and propose opportunities for data integration and utilization. SIT member departments are DMH, CDE, DDS, ADP, DHS, AOC, and CDSS.**
- **Explore overlap of databases managed by different teams.**
- **Identify information available on AB636-related issues.**
- **Present findings and recommendations to SIT and CDSS/Child and Family Services Division.**

AB636 CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS

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- Health** → *CHDP exams, dental and vision care, immunizations*
 - Mental Health** → *Screenings, referrals, services*
 - Education** → *Stability, attendance, performance, IEPs*
 - Support Services** → *Services for biological and foster parents*
 - Legal Involvement** → *Probation, hearings, incarceration*
 - Emancipation Issues** → *Independent living skills, higher education*

SUMMARY OF SIT STUDY

- The 15 well-being indicators were divided into 33 distinct outcome measures.
- Data are available within CDSS or other SIT member agencies to adequately address 18 of 33 AB 636 outcomes.
- Data are available within CDSS or other SIT member agencies to partially address 4 of the 33 AB 636 outcomes.
- Data are not available within any of the SIT state agencies to address 11 of the 33 AB 636 outcomes.

OVERVIEW OF ADDITIONAL FINDINGS



- **Departments were universally amenable to the idea of data sharing, whether through integration or cooperative/mutual data requesting.**
- **Individual-level data related to child well-being are available. Strategies for integrating and/or accessing these data vary from department to department.**
- **Data from diverse departments can be integrated using a combination of unique identifiers and probabilistic matching.**
- **Issues of confidentiality were discussed with each department. Strategies for dealing with legal barriers to data sharing include internal merging and de-identification (e.g., DMH, ADP), MOUs (e.g., CDE), and working through existing “data request” channels (e.g., DHS).**

Short-term

- Revisit the AB636 well-being indicators (for data purposes).
- Consider sampling strategy to address indicators.
- Improve local data gathering, entering, and analysis in CWS/CMS systems.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SIT REPORT



Long-term

- Pursue strategies and solutions for data integration and confidentiality.
- CDSS establish MOUs with DHS, DMH, and CDE.
- Investigate possibilities of creating a centralized data warehouse (e.g., Agency level).

FUTURE STRATEGIES

