**Letter of Intent Summary and Contact Information**

The following cohorts and agencies have submitted Letters of Intent to apply for the 2015/16 Capacity Building Grant Program:

**Lead Agency:** Orange County Red Cross

**Cohort members:** Santa Ana Fire Department, Anaheim Fire Department, Orange County Fire Authority and Orange County Red Cross

**Contact for Lead Agency:** Drew Woodward, Orange County Red Cross, drew.woodward@redcross.org

**Description of Cohort:** The primary focus of this cohort will be to prevent injury and harm to young children and families as well as alleviate suffering among families who are victims of home fires in Orange County. According to FEMA, children between the ages of 0-4 are at a higher risk of injury or death from fire than other children in the under 18 demographic. With this in mind, the cohort will seek to target those families with younger children through collaborative canvassing and training efforts.

**Lead Agency:** Multi-ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA)

**Cohort Members:** Abrazar, Access California Services, Korean Community Services, OC Chinese Community Agency, Omid Multicultural Institute for Development, Orange County Children's Therapeutic Arts Center, and the Vietnamese Community of Orange County

**Contact for Lead Agency:** Coco Genest, Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies, cgenest@ocmecca.org

**Description of Cohort:** The mission of MECCA is to ensure the delivery of culturally and linguistically responsive services to traditionally underserved multicultural communities. MECCA is committed to creating a sustainable system of integrated health care delivery and human development amongst its members through education, outreach, and advocacy in order to increase access and resources to diverse communities.

**Lead Agency:** Mercy House Living Centers

**Cohort Members:** Mercy Housing Living Centers, American Family Housing, Families Forward, Family Assistance Ministries, Pathways of Hope, and South County Outreach

**Contact for Lead Agency:** Timothy Huynh, Mercy House Living Centers, timothyh@mercyhouse.net

**Description of Cohort:** The cohort will focus on system enhancing practices including, but not limited to, shared outcomes and measurement systems; coordinated intake and assessment for homeless families with children; reduction in duplication of services; and system wide needs and outcomes studies. Together, these efforts will invest in capacity of all homeless service providers in Orange County, laying a foundation to study and implement best practices in homeless services as they apply to our community in order to move Orange County toward the shared goal of ending child homelessness.

**Lead Agency:** Jumpstart For Young Children, Inc.

**Cohort Members:** Jumpstart for Young Children, University California Irvine, California State University Fullerton, READ/Orange County

**Contact for Lead Agency:** Rhea Trinanes, Jumpstart For Young Children, Inc., rhea.trinanes@jstart.org

**Description of Cohort:** Jumpstart partners with Universities and schools in Orange County to activate college students as volunteers and leaders to help prepare young children from low income neighborhoods for kindergarten success and beyond.

**Lead Agency:** Help Me Grow/CHOC Children's

**Cohort Members:** American Academy of Pediatrics, Pretend City Children's Museum, The Center for Autism, Child Abuse Prevention Center, Orange County Department of Education, Regional Center of Orange County, Public Health Nursing, Orange County Head Start, Comfort Connection Family Resource Center, CalOptima, Children's Hospital of Orange County, MOMS Orange County, Family Support Network, Rancho Santiago Community College District (early Head Start), Providence Speech and Hearing Center.

**Contact for Lead Agency:** Rebecca Hernandez, Help ME Grow, rhernan@uci.edu

**Description of Cohort:** The vision of the Developmental Screening Network is Collaborative partners ensure all Orange County Children receive developmental screening with evidence based tools and identified concerns are addressed. Our purpose is to improve communication and collaboration among community and health care providers conducting developmental screening in Orange County.

**Lead Agency:** Illumination Foundation

**Cohort Members:** Chapman University Communication Sciences and Disorders Program, Orange County Childhood Language Center, Stanbridge College, Child Abuse Prevention Center, Illumination Foundation

**Contact for Lead Agency:** John Kim, Illumination Foundation, jkim@ifhomeless.org

**Description of Cohort:** Illumination Foundation will be the lead agency on a project to explore best practices to counteract the effects of early childhood trauma from homelessness. Our cohort will be comprised of: Chapman University Communication Sciences and Disorders Program and Orange County Childhood Language Center, both providing speech therapy and language acquisition support; Stanbridge College offering occupation therapy; Child Abuse Prevention Center providing intervention services; and Illumination Foundation providing early childhood learning along with support for homeless families. Cohort will be advised by CHOC and the Childhood Trauma Center.

**Lead Agency:** Family Support Network

**Cohort Members:** Blind Children's Learning Center, Western Youth Services, Healthy Smiles, Intervention Center for Early Childhood, Providence Speech and Language, Regional Center of Orange County, Family Support Network

**Lead Agency Contact:** Linda Smith, Family Support Network, FSNCA@sbcglobal.net

**Description of Cohort:** The purpose of this developmental screening collaborative is to develop sustainability, collect longitudinal data and improve utilization of community resources.

**Lead Agency:** Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)

**Cohort Members:** Delhi Center, El Sol Science and Arts Academy, Orange County Labor Federation, and Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)

**Lead Agency Contact:** Rigoberto Rodriguez, Center for the Study of Social Policy, rigoberto@sbcglobal.net

**Description of Cohort:** CSSP will serve as the lead agency for a collaborative seeking to improve the health and well-being and particularly the early learning outcomes for children 0-5 in Santa Ana, CA, by promoting policies and strengthening systems using a research based, two generation approach that views the economic and educational well being of parents as a critical ingredient in children's social- emotional, physical, and economic well being. Specifically, this framework calls for linking parent education and training pathways with early care and education (see policy brief 'Thriving Children, Successful Parents: A Two Generation Approach to Policy' at www.cssp.org) Three Santa Ana based organizations will participate in this cohort: Delhi Center (a financial literacy program and home based provider network); El Sol Science and Arts Academy (a preschool program targeting young residents); and Orange County Labor Federation (a workforce development program targeting young residents). CSSP will assist this cohort to use a collective impact framework to strengthen their service level collaboration, to expand their circle of organizational and institutional partners, and to identify polices and systems to improve the educational and economic conditions of parents and the early learning outcomes of young children.

**Lead Agency:** Access California Services

**Cohort Members:** Access California, OMID Institute, East African Community of Garden Grove, World Relief of Garden Grove

**Lead Agency Contact:** Nahla Kayali, Access California Services, nkayali@accesscal.org

**Description of Cohort:** To conduct a community-defined capacity building initative to strengthen the local system of care for refugee individuals and families specially families with children ages 0-5 in three specific and strategic areas: internal capacity (administrative and programmatic), quality of service, and financial sustainability.

**Lead Agency:** Children’s Home Society

**Cohort Members:** California State University, Fullerton, Social Science Resource Center, Children's Home Society of California, Children's Hospital of Orange County, Comfort Connection Family Resource Center, Regional Center of Orange County, Orange County Department of Education.

**Lead Agency Contact:** Melinda Konoske, Children's Home Society of California, MelindaK@chs-ca.org

**Description of Cohort:** The Early Childhood Mental Health Collaborative is a cohort of organizations that have a shared vision for developing a comprehensive system of educational and support for early education providers who care for children with behavioral and mental health needs.

**Lead Agency:** Hurtt Family Health Clinic

**Cohort Members:** Hurtt Family Health Center, Concordia University, The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers, and a minimum of one local federally qualified health center (FQHC)

**Lead Agency Contact:** Hurtt Family Health Clinic

**Description of Cohort:** The Cohort seeks to effectively implement and sustain a complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) Integrated Health Program. This program will focus on serving and educating the surrounding community in a clinical setting for children 0-5 years of age. The cohort will collaboratively focus our initial efforts on the administrative and education of best practices pertaining to the development and implementation of the Program.