



HOW CFRA IS ADVOCATING ON YOUR BEHALF

- Providing written and verbal remarks to MHSOAC and DMH on behalf of FRC/FSOs, the family strengthening field, and the underserved families and communities that we represent on issues that are relevant to our communities;
- Successfully advocated for the addition of Family Resource Centers as an example of a “natural community setting” for prevention and early intervention programs in the PEI Guidelines;
- Advocated for the addition of Family Resource Centers and Family Strengthening Organizations as examples and settings for the California Strategic Plan on Suicide Prevention (still waiting for the next draft to be released);
- Participated, with other allies, including Mental Health Association of California (MHAC), in the founding of the Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition (REMHDCO) to advocate with and on behalf of racial and ethnic communities to reduce disparities in mental health;
- Advocated, alongside REMHDCO, for the inclusion of community stakeholders on the county plan review teams;
- Advocated for the definition of underserved communities, within MHSA, to explicitly include African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, Latino, and Native Americans as priority communities because of the historic and nationally-recognized disparities in health and mental health among these communities.