



Community Support Network Fact Sheet

CSN Vision Statement – All families in Nevada County have ready access to a well-integrated and coordinated support network that is easily available and well funded.

Membership & Governance – The Community Support Network of Nevada County (CSN) is an inclusive, voluntary association of individuals from the Nevada County community, with representation from government agencies, education agencies, community-based organizations, businesses, parents, faith-based groups, and others interested in improving the quality of life in our community. The CSN-CAPC Board attends to both CAPC and CSN business and planning, and consists of representatives of the collaborative's partners. They meet monthly to support CSN staff, and to set the agenda for the public meetings based on input from meeting attendees. The fiscal agent for CSN is the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Western Nevada County (CAPCWNC), a 501(c)(3).

Information and Outreach – csnnc.org website and weekly e-newsletter

- Weekly newsletter list of more than 450 individuals
- More than 60 partner organizations
- Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County, California

Goals – Capacity Building ~ Service Integration ~ Advocacy

History – The seeds of the CSN were sown in 2008 when three collaboratives – the Family Connections Collaborative, the Family Advocacy and Support Team, and the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) – began to figure out how to join forces as a single collaborative to better ensure that services provided to Nevada County families were meeting needs, and to identify and fill gaps in these services. The success of these gatherings, with support and funding from First 5 Nevada County and CAPC, nurtured a real sense of collaboration, which is thriving today.

Meetings – The CSN meets monthly (except July, August, and December) to share ideas, learn about area programs and collaborations, and discuss matters affecting Nevada County families. CSN uses consensus as its decision-making protocol. In other words, action is taken only when everyone present comes to agreement.

Some Past Meeting Topics

- Using Mindfulness to Help You and the Families You Serve
- Developing a Children's Bill of Rights for Nevada County
- Becoming an Adult: Challenges for Teens and Young Adults with Mental Health Conditions
- Family Trauma: Its Effect on Children

Meeting date & time – First Wednesday of most months from 3:30-5pm (July, Aug., & Dec. hiatus)

Location – Gene Albaugh Community Room at the Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City, CA 95959

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Website – www.csnnc.org – includes Children's Bill of Rights and how to connect with CSN