



Tiered Intervention for McKinney-Vento Students & Families: A Tale of COE and LEA Collaboration

Referral to PCOE PSS team services
and
the County-Wide Intervention Team
(CWIT)



Where in the world is Placer County?



(NOT PLACERVILLE)

- 17 school districts and 16 charter schools
- Just east of Sacramento to Lake Tahoe region
- Mix of suburban and rural
- 76,000 students in TK-12
- 37% socio-economically disadvantaged
- 250 students in foster care
- 2100 McKinney-Vento students
- 200 youth at risk of CSEC staffed

2024-2025 County Data

2123 total students identified by Placer County School districts



1800

Doubled Up



163

Temporary
Shelter



84

Hotels/Motels



76

Temporarily
Unsheltered



138

Unaccompanied
Youth



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WPUSD Current Numbers



~4.0%
of CA students
are MV



4.81%
of WPUSD
students are MV

School	# of students	# of students MV	# of students Foster	% MV
ALA	93	2	0	2.15%
CCC	434	17	0	3.92%
COES	611	74	2	12.11%
FRE	487	11	1	2.26%
FSS	396	39	7	9.85%
GEMS	831	56	3	6.74%
LCE	497	15	2	3.02%
LHS	1102	66	1	5.99%
PHS	104	16	1	15.38%
SES	54	8	0	14.81%
SLE	520	16	0	3.08%
TBE	797	22	0	2.76%
TBH	1374	28	1	2.04%
TBM	1005	31	1	3.08%

YOY Data: Students Identified as MV

2025-2026

2024-2025
Students

388

Students identified as MV

401+

2023-2024
Students

231

Students identified as MV

2022-2023
Students

221

Students identified as MV

2021-2022
Students
identified as MV

76

Resources available in WPUSD



Free bus passes
(school & county)



Free wifi
hotspots



Vouchers for:
Hair cuts, glasses
& eye checks



Clothes and
shoes- Assistance
League



After School care-
CARE & STAR
programs (scholarships
available)



Need something
you don't see- **ASK!**
We have funds.

2nd Annual
The HUB: WPUSD Family Resource Center's
BACK TO SCHOOL
Resource Fair

Join us for a **FREE** event to help families and students prepare for a successful school year!



Saturday | 9:00 AM to
August 8, 2026 | 12:00 PM

LHS Parking Lot
790 J Street, Lincoln, CA 95648

RESOURCES:

- Free School Supplies ✓
- Community Resources & Services ✓
- Housing & Food Assistance ✓
- Fun Activities & Giveaways ✓
- Free Haircuts ✓
- Free Food ✓

Meet and connect with your school and community!

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In partnership with:



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Resources available at EVERY school site:



Hygiene kits

Essential personal care items for daily use.



Backpacks w/school supplies

Filled with all necessary tools for learning.



Giftcards: Wal-Mart & Safeway (gas)

Financial assistance for food and fuel needs.

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The Hub- WPUSD's Family Resource Center



We provide essential services and support to students and families in need, including basic necessities, referrals, and case management.



Food Pantry



Clothes Closet



Family Laundry Room



Community Career & College Center



Our goal is to remove barriers to student success and promote family well-being.



Partners with local agencies and community organizations to offer comprehensive supports and family programming.



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Empowering Future Success: Community Career & College Center



1. College Support

Application guidance, financial aid info.



2. Career Planning

Resume building, interview skills



3. Resource Connections

Linking to job opportunities, internships.

Services We Offer: Basic Needs



School supplies

Ensuring students have the tools they need to succeed.



Food pantry & dry goods

Offering nutritious food options to combat food insecurity.



Hygiene products

Providing essential hygiene items to promote health and well-being.



Clothing Closet & Laundry Room

Offering access to clean clothing and laundry facilities.

Connecting You to Services



THE HUB
Family Resource Center
WPUSD

Our Services

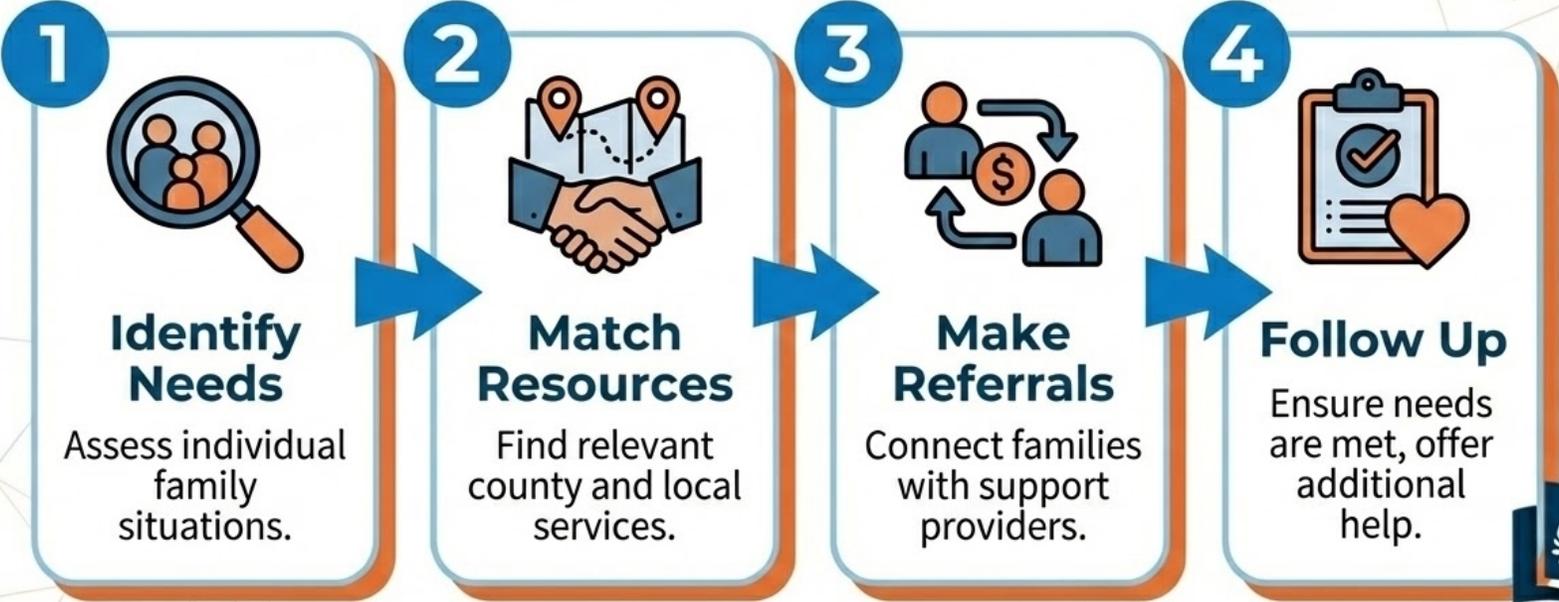
- ☑ Shelf Stable Food
- ☑ Produce & Local Food Distributions
- ☑ Backpacks & School Supplies
- ☑ Hygiene Kits
- ☑ Referrals to County and Local Services

Monday-Friday
8 AM - 4 PM

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Lincoln, CA 95648

Contact Us →

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WPUSD Family Resource Center: Connecting Students and Families.



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**Request for Assistance (RFA) and
County-Wide Intervention Team (CWIT)**

What does the Placer County Office of Education do?

Educational Services

*Jennifer Hicks,
Associate
Superintendent*



- Differentiated Assistance
- Credentialing Programs
- Early Childhood Education: State Preschools and Childcare Subsidies (e.g. Foster Bridge)

Student Services

*Susan Connolly,
Associate
Superintendent*



- Court School (Honour Schaps)
- Community School (iCARE/Pathways)
- Come Back
- Regional Special Education Programs (Sierra Vista, DHH)

Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

*Troy Tickle, Assistant
Superintendent*



- Special Education support (Program Specialists)
- Infant Development Program
- Jumpstart (early intervention for toddlers)

Prevention Supports & Services

*Luke Anderson,
Executive Director*



- Foster Youth Services
- Homeless Education
- PBIS
- School-Based Mental Health
- SARB/Truancy
- TUPE/Tobacco Prevention
- Transition Partnership Program (Youth Employment)
- ILP (Independent Living Program)

PCOE Prevention Supports and Services Department:

Services for Schools, Districts, and our Community

- PBIS
- ISF (integrating PBIS and School Based Mental Health)
- Social Emotional Learning
- Community Schools
- SARB
- Suicide Prevention Training
- Multi Payer Fee Schedule
- Request for Assistance referral form and County-Wide Intervention Team

Supports for Students & Families

- Foster Youth Services
- Homeless Youth Services
- CSEC Prevention Program
- Transition Partnership Program (Youth Employment/DOR)
- Independent Living Skills Program for Foster Youth
- School-based Wellness (WPUSD, AUSD, Colfax Elementary, Loomis Union)
- Attendance Support/SARB
- Tobacco Prevention
- RENEW

PCOE Systems Involved Youth Services Team

- Provide Educational Case Management for systems-involved students
- Work closely with Child Welfare, housing and homeless agencies, Juvenile Probation and LEAs to support students' and families' educational, mental health, & social services needs
- Provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on the rights and needs of these students to all partners
- Conduct professional learning a variety of topics, including educational rights, trauma-informed practices education rights and best practices in supporting systems-involved youth in schools



How does PCOE supports Homeless students and their families?



Drawing by a student living at the Stand Up Placer shelter showing school pride.

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- Provide educational case management and advocacy for McKinney-Vento (homeless) youth and families.
- Collaborate with housing agencies, Continuum of Care, and other community agencies around shared clients and families with children.
- Provide trainings to schools and housing partners on basics McKinney-Vento
- Monthly visits to emergency shelters (The Gathering Inn, Stand Up Placer, HomeStart) to provide education to families residing there.
- Link students and families to housing, social services, mental health, educational, vocational and other services
- Provide tangible supplies (e.g. backpacks, school supplies, clothing for school, hygiene kits
- Help advocate for school of origin transportation
- Inform students/families of and help advocate for their educational rights
- Elevate student/family/school/community partner concerns through the County-Wide Intervention Team

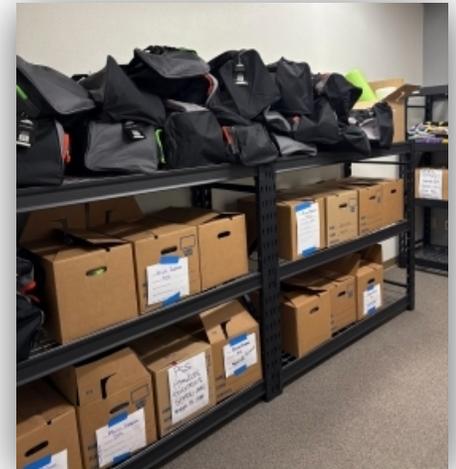


Photo of the Foster/Homeless storage at the Annex, courtesy of MOT

Request For Assistance: When schools and community/county partners submit an RFA

Placer County Office of Education
RFA 2025-2026
Request for Assistance

School, county, and community-based professionals may use the RFA form to refer students/families to the PCOE Prevention Supports and Services team. Click/copy the link or scan the QR code to access the form.

Please note: this is not for use by students/families to self refer.

Appropriate Referrals Include Students and Families who are:

- experiencing homelessness, or at risk of losing their housing
- in foster care and need education advocacy
- at risk of commercial sexual exploitation
- truant and need a referral to SARB
- encountering barriers to accessing mental health services
- in need of a referral to RENEW (high school only)
- navigating multiple, complex needs and are candidates for County Wide Intervention & Supports (CWIT)

Submitting an RFA is not substitute for filing a suspected child abuse and/or law enforcement report.

What to Expect:

- Coaching and consultation around school and community-based services
- Navigation support and linkage to community and county agencies
- Direct support and/or resource navigation from a Prevention Supports & Services team member

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Screenshot of the RFA flyer

- Youth/families experiencing chronic or severe homelessness
- Student in foster care needing educational advocacy, especially youth who are dependents of other counties
- Youth at risk of CSEC
- SARB/truancy referral
- Unmet mental health needs that are complex to navigate
- Students/families with multiple, complex needs crossing over systems

Request for Assistance (RFA): Form and Questions



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Need a referral to:

- TPP/Employment services? [Click here](#)
- MHSA/ Mental Health Services? [Click here](#)

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QR link to a RFA Google Template



Referrals that may require a different intervention

- Immediate safety concerns (e.g. threat of suicide, child abuse, criminal behavior)
- Referrals in place of a Suspected Child Abuse Report (SCAR) (but referrals in addition to a SCAR are welcome!)
- Requests for Special Education assessments or testing (unless it's from a community provider looking for a contact at a school/district)
- Immediate concerns about loss of housing (e.g. family will be evicted tomorrow)
- Referrals coming directly from students or families



What do we expect LEAs/school staff to do before they make a referral?

It depends on the nature of the referral, but in general, school staff/district should provide some initial:

- School-based Interventions
- Referrals
- Navigation support

for the student(s)/family.

Referring party should also seek parent/guardian permission to refer, to the extent possible

***If the student has an IEP and the concerns are related to their Special Education status (e.g. stu not attending school to access IEP services; stu behaviors are escalating), the district should work through the available IEP supports and consult with their SELPA program specialist before referring*

Example Activities:

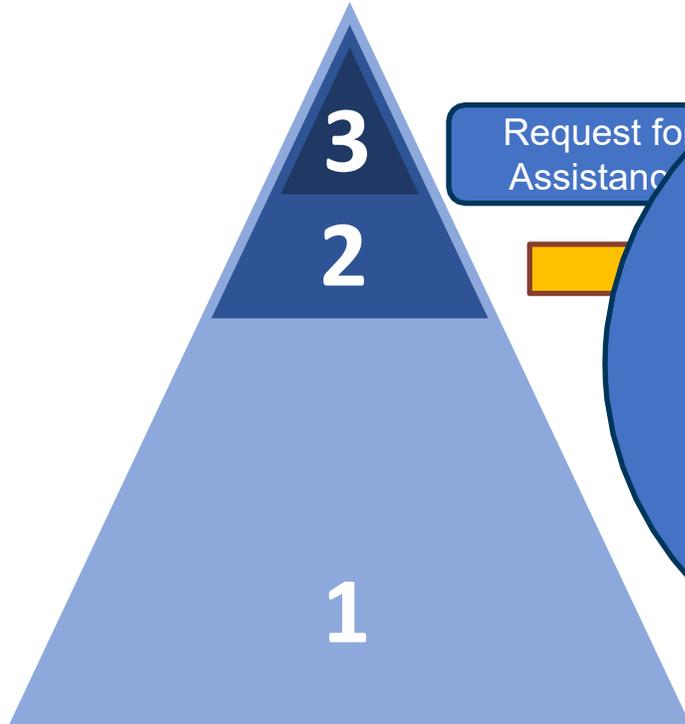
- Provide McKinney-Vento services (e.g. school supplies, transportation, etc)
- Hold an SST/family meeting
- Initiate ERMHS services
- Refer to/consult with Wellness/mental health staff
- Assist families in calling 211
- Initiate the truancy/SARB process (e.g. letters)
- Make initial contact with the student's social worker, community case manager, and/or community therapist (if known)
- Assist families/caregivers in accessing services through their insurance

What happens when a referral is made?

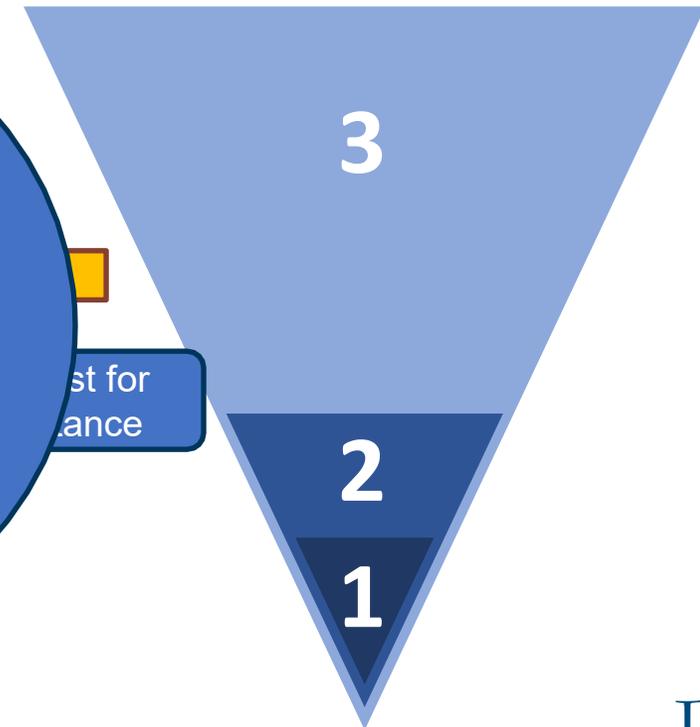
- Referring party completes RFA form
- Referral reviewed by PCOE Foster/Homeless/SARB managers
- Depending on need, we may make connections, address concern, or ask for clarification/more info
- Referral assigned:
 - Homeless? McKinney-Vento team
 - Foster or Path 1? Foster Youth Services Coordinator
 - CSEC? CSEC team or CSEC MDT
 - Truancy? SARB team
 - Mental Health? Victor Community Services
 - Special Education need? SELPA
- Assigned staff reaches out to referring party and provides consult, gathers more info, connects with family, facilitates supportive services

PCOE Request for Assistance Process

SCHOOL PROVIDERS



COMMUNITY PROVIDERS



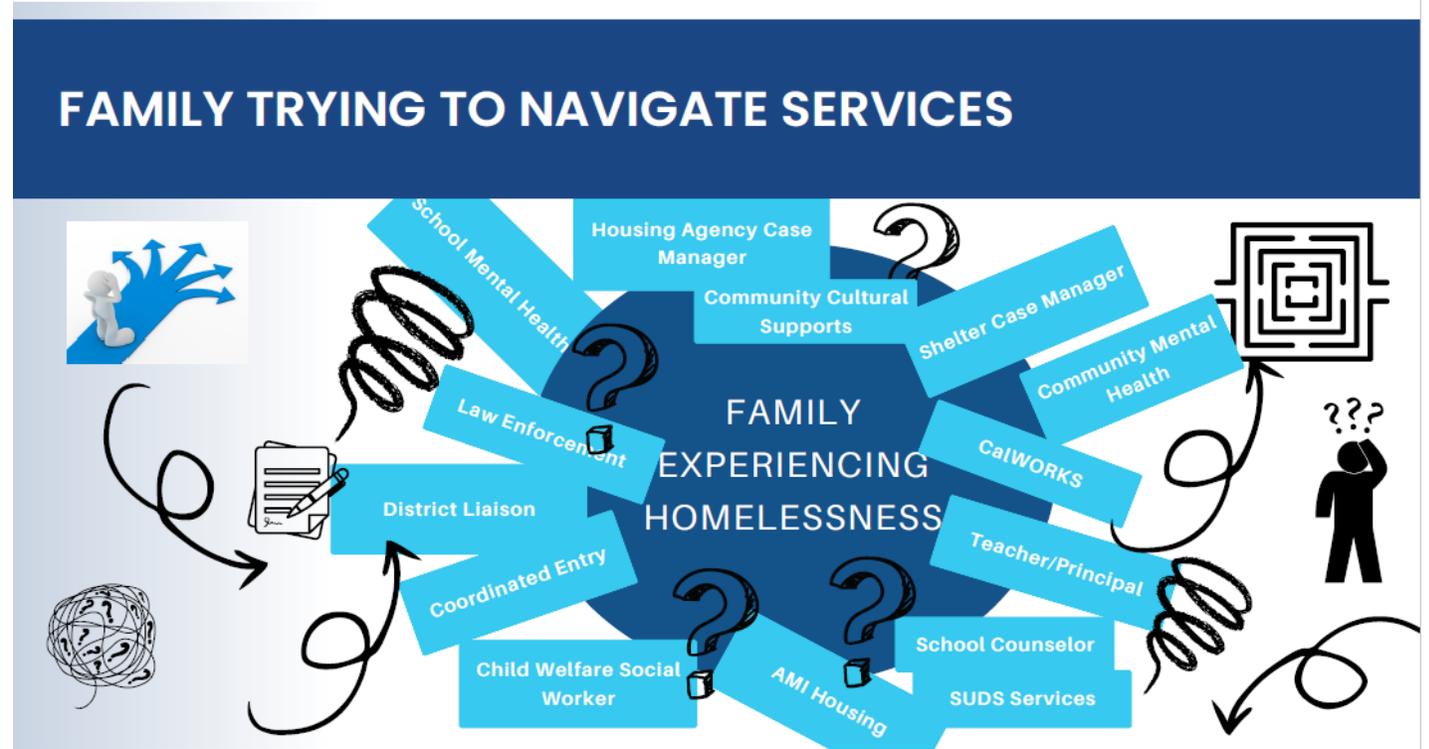
In general, referrals from county/community partners are “lower Tier” than referrals from school district staff

What kinds of RFAs are we getting from County/Community Partners?

- Childcare needs
- Notification of homeless shelter stay
- Path 1 from Child Welfare/RED team
- Educational need/advocacy from Child Welfare Intake/ER workers
- Educational need/advocacy from community or county mental health staff

What is the County Wide Intervention Team?

The purpose of the County-Wide Intervention Team is to act as a collaborative multi-agency group that identifies students and their families who have encountered systems obstacles and/or who have complex unmet needs. The team addresses these needs through gathering information across service providers; identifying and eliminating barriers to service provision; coordinating agency responses to reduce duplication of services; and identifying and implementing outcomes-based solutions in a culturally responsive, trauma informed and family and youth centered manner.

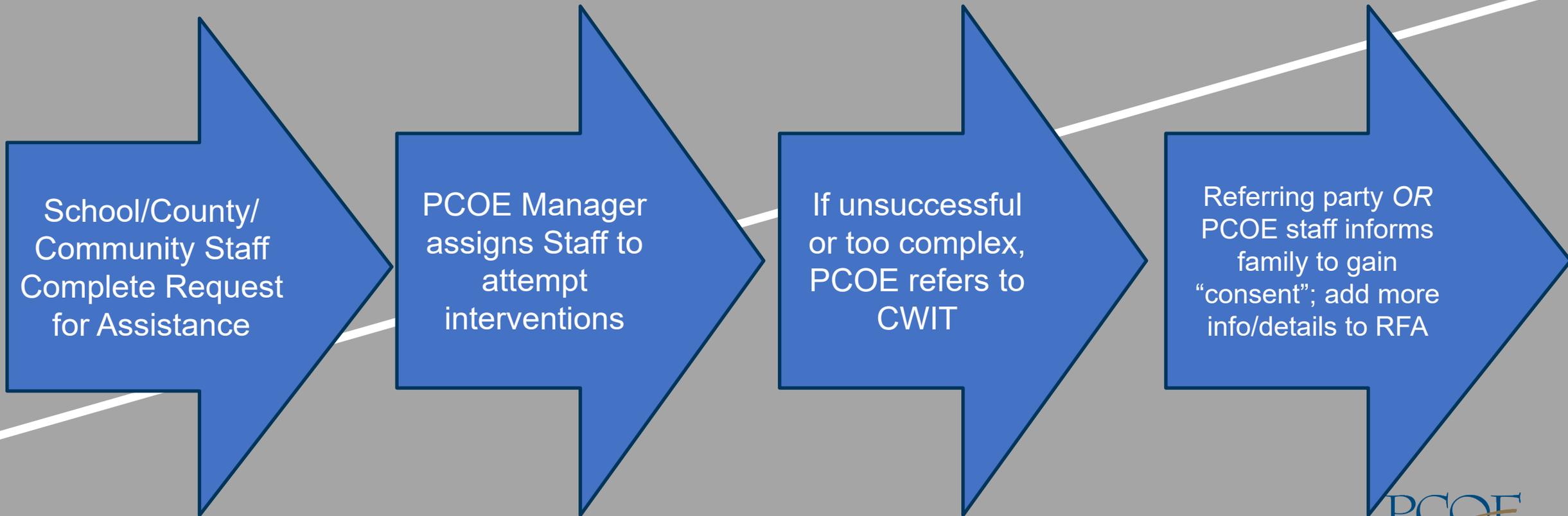


Why a County-wide Intervention Team is Needed

- PCOE team encounters barriers/ roadblocks
- Student/Family needs are beyond our capacity
- PCOE lacks authority to initiate intensive support needs
- Unclear which partner should "take the lead"
- Too many providers involved making care coordination impossible
- Need lower bar of entry than Child Welfare/Foster Care or Specialty Mental Health Services

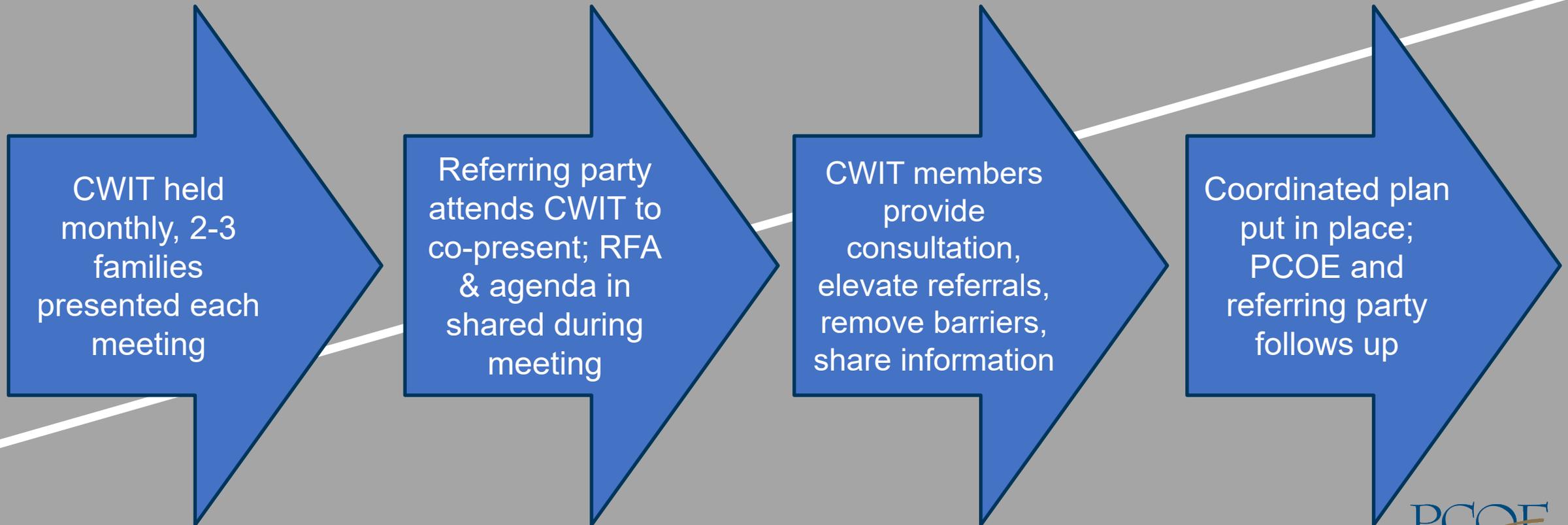
Existing Process

High Level Overview: Before CWIT



Existing Process

High Level Overview: During/After CWIT



County Intervention Team Composition

- PCOE Coordinator/Managers—Foster/Homeless Youth Services, Mental Health Services, Truancy/SARB
- Juvenile Probation
- Children's Mental Health
- Child Welfare
- Adult System of Care (Mental Health)
- SELPA Program Specialists
- Victor Community Services
- CalVoices
- CalWorks
- Referring party (e.g. PCOE case manager, school counselor, school principal)
- *As needed:* Housing agencies, Sierra Native Alliance, Latino Leadership Council, Veteran's Services, etc

Real Life Case Study