



Santa Cruz County SIP Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting

Family & Children Services and Juvenile Probation
Simpkins Family Center

979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

May 11, 2026 12:00 noon – 1:30pm

Meeting Outcomes:

- Learn about the strategic vision and integrated Theory of Change for the 2026-2030 Santa Cruz County System Improvement Plan (SIP).
- Understand relevant child and family outcome data to become more informed about current trends in the service population.
- Explore key issues related to implementation of the SIP strategies.
- Know what activities are on the horizon for the SIP Steering Committee and the SIP Work Group.

11:30 – 12:00pm Lunch Mingle (optional)

Participants bring their own lunch to join an informal time to eat and socialize with committee members. Beverages and cookies provided.

12:00 – 12:15pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Leaders from Santa Cruz County Family & Children's Services and Juvenile Probation welcome participants and reinforce the importance of partnership with the community to effectively implement the SIP. Goals and agenda for today's meeting are reviewed.

12:15 – 12:30pm Setting the Stage for Working Together

Key concepts underpinning the SIP are described including sharing responsibility for child protection, the role of child welfare in the community, and how the SIP strategies are guided by an integrated theory of change.

12:30 – 1:20pm Vision of SIP Strategy Commitments for 2026-2030

The current vision for each strategy is presented by SIP Implementation Leads. Participants engage in interactive discussion around key questions to inform strategy development.

1:20 – 1:30pm Wrap Up

Demonstrate web-based methods to communicate SIP-related content going forward. Recap next steps in the SIP process and closing remarks.