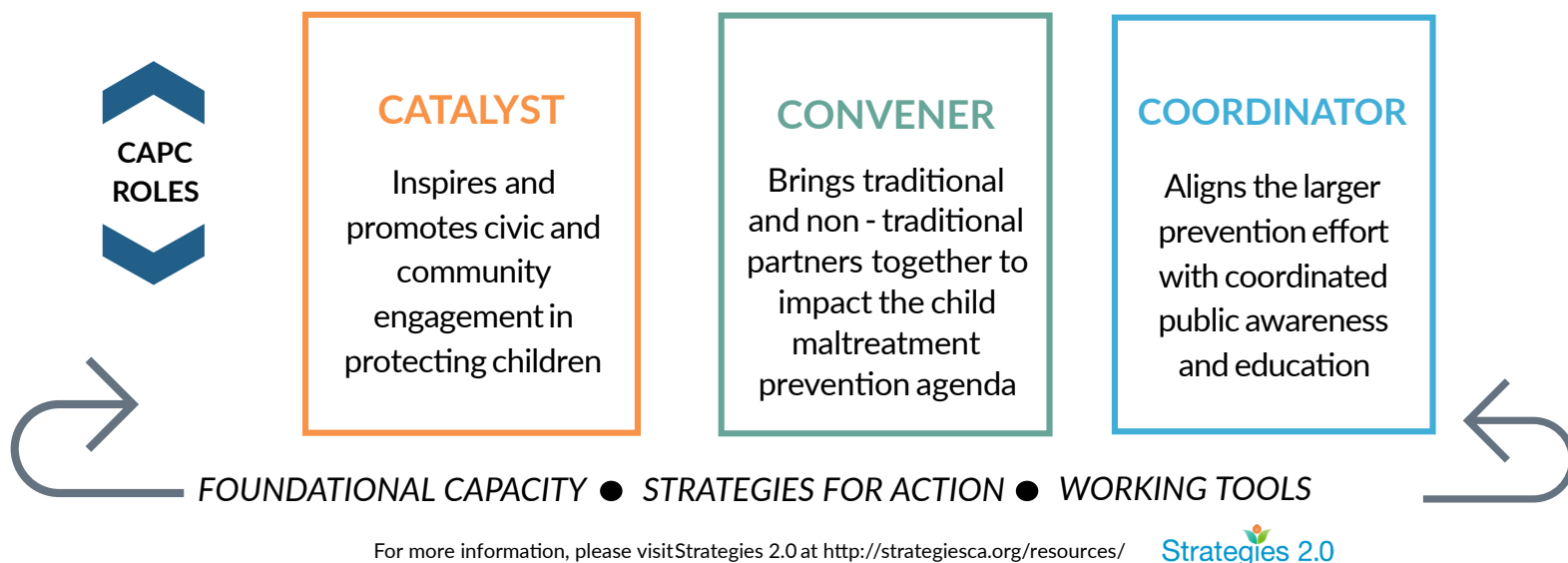


California's Child Abuse Prevention Councils



Best Practices Guidelines

Child Abuse Prevention Councils (CAPCs) are the catalyst, convener and coordinator of the countywide approach to prevention of child maltreatment. Each CAPC prioritizes strategies for action, and builds foundational capacity to move the state and local prevention agenda forward. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) provides these definitions and guidance to support CAPCs in their leadership role, partnering within counties and communities to promote child and family health and well - being.



BEST PRACTICES

- **Inspire and promote a community vision and value** for child safety and well - being.
- **Create a broad movement toward greater prevention strategies** within communities and systems.
- **Leverage investment in prevention** in light of the human and financial cost and effects of child maltreatment.



CATALYST

- **Expand meaningful partnerships** to engage a broad multi-sector public/private coalition that values the voice of persons with lived experience.
- **Bring partners together** on a regular basis in a safe, neutral space.
- **Facilitate an open and inclusive exchange**, reconciling differences, seeking synergy and aligning common goals.



CONVENER

- **Coordinate, engage and collaborate** to establish a shared vision for prevention, shared outcomes and measures and joint resource development.
- **Promote public awareness** and **build shared understanding** of how to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- **Use data and research to spark discussion and action** to improve child well - being and ensure effective solutions that demonstrate prevention is the smart and right thing to do.



COORDINATOR