

## ABSTRACT

### THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY-BASED GRANTS FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

This study examines the implementation of the Community Based Grants for Child Abuse Prevention. Using the knowledge base of implementation research, an effort was made to explore how the intent of the policy was affected during implementation in four California county public child welfare agencies. Additionally, feminism and the child welfare relationship with poverty were considered. Results of this analysis found that the policy itself is vague and provides little concrete direction to counties, that counties utilized services in a manner that was not congruent with the intent and priorities of the policy, target populations of the policy were not served by counties, and poor efforts have been made at the county, state, and federal level to measure the performance of the implemented programs and services.

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