Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Adoptive and Guardianship Families

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The document provides a comprehensive guide to AB 1790, focusing on adoption competent behavioral health services in California. It outlines the legislative background, objectives, and implementation strategies for improving mental health access and quality specifically for adoptive and guardianship families. Key components include service delivery models, provider requirements, and integration with existing health care systems. The guide emphasizes collaboration between stakeholders to enhance service delivery and ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

It provides a self-assessment tool that is meant to:

- Assist public behavioral health care agencies to review their organization’s ability to best serve the needs of adoption/permanency children, youth and families;
- Ensure that staff and contracted providers have specialized training and experience in adoption/permanency clinical issues;
- Help staff and leaders identify opportunities for program improvement, assist in professional development planning, and can be used to inform organizational policy change.

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