Orange County Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Collaborative

August 2025 Report

Overview

The Orange County Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Collaborative brings together leaders from health and social service sectors to strengthen cross-sector data sharing. Orange County United Way serves as the convener, guiding efforts to reduce duplication, improve care coordination, and support implementation of the California Data Exchange Framework.

Launched in January 2024, the Collaborative partnered with BluePath Health through the CalAIM PATH Technical Assistance Marketplace to conduct an environmental scan–identifying current initiatives, gaps, and opportunities in Orange County's health and social data landscape. This work established a foundation for aligning efforts and prioritizing next steps.

In 2025, the Collaborative partnered with the Orange County Network of Care to advance the Network's **Priority 1: Coordinating Infrastructure for Community and Clinical Connections,** identifying strategies to enhance coordinated data efforts countywide through collaboration, education, and implementation.

Mission

Advance health and social data sharing through convening a Data Exchange Framework Collaborative with Orange County partners to prevent duplication of efforts, drive implementation and uptake of CalAIM services, and deliver faster, better service outcomes for all Orange County residents.

Vision

Empower better person-centered, and coordinated care for all Orange County residents by improving health and social data exchange.

2025 OC DxF Collaborative Pillars

Collaboration

Goal	Approach	Progress-to-Date
Build consensus on the future of health and social data sharing in Orange County.	Convene the OC Network of Care quarterly to discuss strategies, progress, and successes related to the Network's Priority 1: Coordinating Infrastructure for Community and Clinical Connections.	**February 25:** Introductory DxF discussion to foster relationships and align stakeholders on Priority 1. **May 19:** Deep-dive workshop on closed-loop referrals and the DxF, plus county-wide mapping exercise to identify key systems and insights.

Education

Goal	Approach	Progress-to-Date
Increase understanding of the DxF and data exchange opportunities in Orange County.	Host quarterly education sessions for local providers and CBOs working at the intersection of health and social services.	**March 24:** Understanding the California Data Exchange Framework – 101 participants **June 17:** Demystifying Data Sharing Networks – 59 participants

Implementation

Goal	Approach	Progress-to-Date
Build new integrations that improve service delivery for priority populations.	Facilitate Housing and Child Development workgroups to identify low-lift integration opportunities and implement new data exchange workflows.	Participants developed user personas, mapped technology infrastructure, and set next steps for integration and workflow improvements. Organizations include Orange County United Way, CHOC, Coalition of OC Community Health Centers, Housing for Health CA, First 5 OC, and HOPE Center.

Next Steps and Continued Partnerships

- **Closed-Loop Referral (CLR) Partnership Exploration:** Multiple CLR platforms are assessing opportunities for collaboration to support seamless, interoperable access for users.
- **Referral Workflow Improvements:** Use-case workgroups are designing and testing streamlined CLR workflows between healthcare and social service providers to improve coordination and efficiency.
- **DxF-Enabled Data Access:** Participants are working to implement DxF-mediated data sharing, expanding access to health and social services information at the point of care, especially for CalAIM Housing providers.

To learn more about the OC DxF Collaborative, visit **UnitedWayOC.org/DxF**

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