



CA Alliance 2023 Policy Agenda

Child Welfare Roundtable

March 3, 2023



Sponsored Proposals

School Approach to Substance Use – Asm. Ward

We are co-sponsoring [AB 599](#) to require local educational agencies to take a public health approach to substance use disorders, instead of punishment. This bill will prohibit suspensions or expulsions for drug possession or use on campus. Partnership with CAYEN and Children Now.

Medi-Cal Mental Health Minor Consent – Asm. Wendy Carrillo

We are co-sponsoring [AB 665](#) to align Family Code for Medi-Cal Mental Health Minor Consent and Health and Safety Code so youth on Medi-Cal are no longer required to meet a higher standard of need than their peers - by eliminating the requirement that young people on Medi-Cal be in imminent danger of self-harm or the victim of child abuse in order for the Medi-Cal plan to pay for minor consent services. Partnership with Children's Partnership, NYCL, NHELP, Gen Up, and Cal Voices.

Documentation Streamlining – Asm. Quirk- Silva

We are co-sponsoring [AB 1470](#) to clarify and streamline specialty behavioral health documentation requirements. Partnership with CBHA and CAADPE.

Sponsored Budget Proposals

Addressing Complex Care Needs of Youth in Residential Setting. – Asm Ramos

We are sponsoring a budget request for bridge funding for STRTPs to address complex care needs of youth and provide enhanced services until CCR final rates are completed. The current rate structure does not fully cover costs to provide high quality care and pay livable salaries. \$47 million GF, one time.

Bridging to Tomorrow for Family Focused Agencies. – Asm Rubio

We are sponsoring a budget request for bridge funding funding for FFAs until CCR final rates are completed. Additionally, we are seeking to rename Foster Family Agencies to reflect work they do to support relative caregivers, provide prevention services, and reunification services. Partnership with NASW-CA.
\$11.9 million GF, one time.

Sponsored Proposals

Community Treatment Facility Supplement.

We are sponsoring a budget request for supplemental funding for CTFs, the highest level of community-based care for youth in the child welfare system, above the existing base rate paid through the STRTP rate.

SOGIE. – Senator Wiener

We are sponsoring [SB 407](#), which will strengthen the Resource Family Approval process in considering the needs of LGBTQ+ foster youth through the home assessment and state standards to ensure that caregivers are SOGIE affirming.

Guardian – Asm Gallagher & Senator Dodd

We are sponsoring a budget request in a broad coalition for 12 limited-term positions for Care Management Provider Bureau within CDSS to speed up the delay in background checks. We are also supportive of the BCP to replace Guardian.

Family Resource Centers: Essential Community Based Support

Support for Family Resource Centers

- We are co-sponsoring a budget request, in collaboration with the Family Resource Center Association, to support core operations work of Family Resource Centers across the State. \$75 million GF, one time.
- FRCs are widely recognized, both in California and nationwide, as a key delivery network of services and conduits for strengthening families via family-centered, community-based and culturally sensitive services.

Education Sponsored Legislation

Support for foster youth, low income and English learners in all areas of academic achievement. We must work diligently to address the unique needs of these students.

- The CA Alliance is sponsoring legislation that states that when summer school is provided by a LEA, foster youth and homeless youth will be prioritized for enrollment.
- This is [AB 373](#) with Assemblymember Gipson
- This effort is co-sponsored with Sycamores, a non-profit community-based organization in LA County

