

Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda

March 6, 2026, 10am-11:30am

Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))

Policy Focus for March:

2026 Child Welfare Legislation

The March Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will feature a panel of advocates and other stakeholders who will discuss upcoming 2026 child welfare legislation.

Panel:

- a. Alliance for Children's Rights, allianceforchildrensrights.org
Kristin Power, Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, kpower@alliancecr.org
- b. California Alliance of Child and Family Services, cacfs.org
Annie Thomas, Policy Advocate – Child Welfare, athomas@cacfs.org
- c. Children's Law Center of California, clccal.org
Julie McCormick, Senior Policy Attorney, mccormick@clccal.org
- d. Children Now, childrennow.org
Susanna Kniffen, Senior Director, Child Welfare Policy, skniffen@childrennow.org
- e. County Welfare Directors Association of California, cwda.org
Amanda Kirchner, Director of Legislative Advocacy, akirchner@cwda.org
- f. John Burton Advocates for Youth, jbay.org
Simone Tureck Lee, Senior Director of Programs and Policy, simone@jbay.org
- g. National Center for Youth Law, youthlaw.org
Dafna Gozani, Legislative and Policy Strategies Director, dgozani@youthlaw.org
- h. Youth Law Center, ylc.org
Jennifer Pokempner, Senior Policy Director, jpokempner@ylc.org

Open Discussion

Next Roundtable Meeting: April 3, 2026

Topic: TBD

*The Child Welfare Policy Roundtable is held on the first Friday of every month unless it is moved to accommodate the legislative calendar or holidays.

**Meeting information and materials from past meetings can be found at: childrennow.org/cwroundtable

***Please contact Susanna Kniffen at skniffen@childrennow.org if you have suggestions for format or topics or would like additional information or to be added to the invite list for future meetings.