

## Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda

June 5, 2026

**In-Person:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Legislative Swing Space, 1021 O Street, Room 6010

**Zoom Option:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., ([register here](#))

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### Policy Focus for June:

#### The Impact of Federal Policies and Actions on California's Child Welfare System

This June's Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will focus on the impact of federal policies and actions on California's child welfare system. The webinar will provide a high-level overview of recent and emerging federal policy changes and their implications for children, youth, and families, particularly those involved in or at risk of entering the foster care system. Panelists will cover key issue areas, including the rights and well-being of LGBTQ+ foster youth, the intersection of immigration enforcement and child welfare, changes to SNAP and CalFresh and family economic stability, and federal policy developments affecting older youth transitioning out of foster care. Join us to better understand how shifting federal policies are influencing state systems and what these changes mean for practice, access to services, and outcomes for children and families.

#### Panel:

- a. Policies Impacting LGBTQ+ Youth and Families**  
Rebecca Curtiss, Counsel, Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project, [rcurtiss@lambdalegal.org](mailto:rcurtiss@lambdalegal.org)  
Lambda Legal, [lambdalegal.org](http://lambdalegal.org)
- b. Immigration Enforcement against Children and Families**  
Jennifer Nagda, Chief Program Officer, [jnagda@theyoungcenter.org](mailto:jnagda@theyoungcenter.org)  
Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights, [theyoungcenter.org](http://theyoungcenter.org)
- c. HR 1 Implementation and Access to SNAP/CalFresh**  
Keely O'Brien, Policy Advocate, [kobrien@wclp.org](mailto:kobrien@wclp.org)  
Western Center on Law and Poverty, [wclp.org](http://wclp.org)
- d. Federal Policies Impacting Older Youth in and Leaving Foster Care**  
Jenny Pokempner, Policy Director, [jpokempner@ylc.org](mailto:jpokempner@ylc.org)  
Youth Law Center, [ylc.org](http://ylc.org)

#### Open Discussion

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**Next Roundtable Meeting: August 7, 2026**

**Topic: TBD**

*Please note that the Roundtable on July 3, 2026 will be canceled due to the holiday.*

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\*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](http://childrennow.org/cwroundtable)

\*\*\*Please contact Susanna Kniffen at [skniffen@childrennow.org](mailto: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.