

Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda
February 2, 2024 10am-11:30am

Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))

Policy Focus for February:

Child Welfare in California's 2024-25 Budget Proposal

The proposed 2024-25 state budget was released in January reflecting an estimated \$37.9 billion budget shortfall. The budget employs a number of strategies to address this deficit, including the elimination of dedicated supports and services for children and youth involved with the child welfare system. The proposed cuts would impact prevention efforts critical to keeping children and youth safely at home with their families; important supports that preserve placements and prevent moves into congregate care and the criminalization of children and youth in foster care; and housing programs that are foundational to youth's successful transition into adulthood. The February Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will take a closer look at the proposed budget, the child welfare programs slated for elimination, and the vital role they play supporting California's children and youth.

Overview:

- a. California's 2024-25 Budget Proposal
Angela Short, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, angela.short@lao.ca.gov
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Panel:

- b. The Family Urgent Response System (FURS)
Amanda Miller McKinney, Senior Associate, Child Welfare Policy, amckinney@childrennow.org
Children Now, childrennow.org
- c. The Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program (HNMP) and the Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) Housing Supplement
Simone Tureck Lee, Director of Housing and Health, simone@jbay.org
John Burton Advocates for Youth, jbay.org
- d. Public Health Nurse Los Angeles County Pilot Program
Craig A. Vincent-Jones, MHA, Deputy Director, Children's Medical Services, cvincent-jones@ph.lacounty.gov
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, publichealth.lacounty.gov
- e. The Potential Impact of Eliminating Programs on Youth
Christopher Hernandez, Statewide Legislative Coordinator, christopher@calyouthconn.org
California Youth Connection, calyouthconn.org

Open Discussion

Next Roundtable Meeting: March 1, 2024
Topic: TBA

*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

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