



2024 CA Alliance Legislative Priorities Child Welfare Policy Roundtable

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About us



About CA Alliance of Child and Family Services

Passionate representative for California's children and families facing vulnerable circumstances. More than 160 chief executives of organizations come together under the CA Alliance to advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable children, youth, and families in California.

Adrienne Shilton, CA Alliance Of Child and Family Services

CA Alliance Sponsored Bills!

- AB 2544 (Low) - AB 2544 allows for prospective employees in Community Care Licensing (CCL) Children's Residential Programs who have lived out of state within the past 5 years and awaiting the out-of-state child abuse check (OCOSA) to be hired, prior to a complete background check, as long as they do not have unsupervised contact with kids.
- The prospective employee must already be cleared by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the California Child Abuse Central Index Check (CACI) through Guardian, the state's background check system.
- This bill will help significantly with workforce shortages and reduce burdens for employees coming out of state.

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- AB 2711 (Ramos) - AB 2711 would revise school suspension and expulsion policies for drug-related infractions by requiring local education agencies to create policies using a public health approach, in lieu of suspensions and expulsions.
- Education Code allows school officials discretion in deciding whether to suspend or expel a pupil that unlawfully possessed, used, furnished, or been under the influence of a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant or possessed or used tobacco or tobacco products.
- However, this discretion is not evenly exercised by school districts throughout the state. Over 60 percent of drug related suspensions are of boys, over 75 percent are of socioeconomically disadvantaged students and 59 percent are of youth of color.

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- AB 2802 (Maienschein) - AB 2802 would allow minors and nonminors in transitional housing to share rooms with a non-participant roommate, sibling, or coparents if approved by the provider.
- This bill also requires flexibility in gender identification for room assignments and prohibits contracts from mandating participants to identify as a specific gender to share a room or bathroom.
- This proposal culminated from our work in Los Angeles County funded by the Hilton Foundation.

2024-25 Sponsored Budget Item

CA Alliance will co-sponsor a request with NASW- CA to support Foster Family Agencies.

CA Alliance has signed onto letters and testified in committees pushing to reject child welfare cuts for SILP Housing Supplement, Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program, and Family Urgent Response System.





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