



Children's Law Center of California

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Sponsored Legislation 2024

1. [AB 866](#) **Medically Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (ASM B. Rubio)**

In 2023, the Legislature amended Family Code Sections 6929 and 6929.1 to allow minors 16 years and older to consent to receive medications for opioid use disorder from a licensed narcotic treatment program as replacement narcotic therapy without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian (AB 816, Haney).

AB 866 will confirm that youth in foster care 16 years and older may also consent to receive medications for opioid use disorder without court authorization. Many youth in foster care struggle with addiction and far too many have been lost to opioid overdose. Those youth who could benefit from medically assisted treatment should be able to access it in a timely manner.

2. [AB 2664](#) **Reunification Services (ASM Bryan)**

Co-sponsored with Dependency Legal Services and Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers

Families involved in the child welfare system are entitled to reunification services, except in limited circumstances. AB 2664 will ensure that families with child welfare cases receive a fair opportunity to reunify. It also reaffirms that the timeline for reunification services is triggered when the Court orders 1) the child(ren) to be removed from the custodial parent or legal guardian and 2) reunification services, both of which are made at the dispositional hearing.

3. [AB 2906](#) **Foster Care Payments (ASM Bryan)**

Co-sponsored with Alliance for Children's Rights, Children's Advocacy Institute, and Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

AB 2906 will disallow the practice of county agencies collecting survivor benefits to reimburse themselves for the cost of foster care. It will also create notification requirements for SSI reapplications.

4. **AB 2929 Advancing Family Finding Efforts for Youth in Foster Care (ASM J. Carrillo)**

Research shows that children in the foster care system who are placed with relatives have greater placement and school stability, fewer emotional and behavioral problems in placement, and more connections to their biological family and social-cultural communities. AB 2929 will strengthen existing requirements around social workers' and/or probation officers' documentation of family finding efforts when children are not placed with relatives.

5. **SB 1197 In-home respite services for resource families (SEN Alvarado-Gil)**

Co-sponsored with Public Counsel

In-home respite services offer caregivers much-needed relief from the constant demands of caring for children and adults with developmental disabilities, services that are crucial to maintaining regional center consumers in home settings. SB 1197 will clarify the availability of respite services through regional centers for certain children and non-minor dependents in the foster care system.

CLC is a nonprofit legal services organization that serves as the voice for children and youth in the foster care system. Our committed attorneys and other professional staff represent over 25,000 children impacted by abuse and neglect in the Los Angeles, Placer, and Sacramento County foster care systems. If you have questions about these bills or about CLC's ongoing legislative work, please contact CLC's Policy Team: clcpolicyteam@clccal.org