



Ensuring that Youth and Families Have the Stability They Need Through Rate Reform

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About us



About The Organization

Passionate representative for California's children and families facing vulnerable circumstances. More than 160 chief executives of organizations that serve California's most vulnerable populations trust the California Alliance to provide legislative and regulatory advocacy to the Governor and the Legislature, as well as a host of state departments, including: Health and Human Services, Finance, Healthcare Services, Social Services, and Education.

Member agencies rely on the California Alliance to:

- Unite an engaged, expert network of California's leading nonprofit child and family service agencies.
- Provide trusted leadership to organizations that address the most vulnerable circumstances facing the state's populations.
- Deliver trustworthy resources, policy-area expertise, real-world experience and sought after guidance.
- Represent a collective voice in pursuing an aggressive agenda of advocacy to bring change.
- Act as a galvanizing force in uniting public and private child and family serving agencies.
- Fulfill a commitment to accreditation, high standards, best practices, successful client outcomes and high-quality continuing education.
- Recognize innovation and excellence in service of children, youth and families.

Rate Reform Vision

- + Youth and Families having greater self-determination
- + Focus on strengths building
- + Addressing immediate needs
- + Focus on using Wraparound model
- + Emphasis on Using the Child and Family Team

Concern - No Behavioral Health/MediCal Requirements

- No clear pathway for MediCal services to be required to support these youth
- County Behavioral Health and Managed Care are not deeply engaged in discussions or identified in Trailer Bill
- Foster youth have been underserved for behavioral health needs – how does this proposal change this?

Concern - Rates

- Rates that support administrative needs for organizations are not adequate
 - Foster Family Agencies
 - Only two COLAs in over 15 years
 - 68% of FFAs at risk of reducing and/or closing in the next 6-12 months
 - Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
 - Administrative Rate + Care and Supervision Rate = ~\$3000 less per month
 - No assurance of Immediate Needs funding
- No COLA increase built into administrative component

Concern - Capacity Building

- No funding for capacity building for organizations to change how they work
- Structure of FFAs makes it difficult for them to serve kin
- Need transitional support or funding for “Services Only” programs
- Most FFAs do not have MediCal Contracts

Concern - Additional Regulatory Requirements

- Requirement for certification for Immediate Needs providers
 - Alliance members are nationally accredited and all STRTPs must be MediCal certified
- Criminal background check for those providing Strength Building services limits youth and family choice

Counterproposal

- Support Capacity Building with one time investment
- Increase Administrative component of rate in all tiers and include COLA
- Increase Care and Supervision for Tier 3+
- Ensure Behavioral Health Services are required and MediCal is used to match state funds
- CANs Implementation and Consistency



THANKS!

FOR WATCHING THIS PRESENTATION

Do you have any questions?

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