

**Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda  
September 6, 2024 10am-11:30am**

**Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))**

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**Policy Focus for September:**

**Health Care Coordination and Oversight for Children and Youth in Foster Care in the Era of CalAIM**

Children and youth in foster care often have complex physical and behavioral health needs. Studies have shown that between 35 and 60% of children and youth have at least one chronic or acute physical health condition that needs treatment at the time they enter foster care and 54% of children adopted from foster care have identified special health care needs. While all children and youth in foster care in California have health care insurance through Medi-Cal, they face frequent barriers to timely access to the quality health care services they need. This makes health care coordination and oversight critical to ensuring that the health challenges faced by children and youth in foster care receive timely, quality treatment and that health conditions do not persist unmanaged into adulthood. Currently, there are a variety of statewide health care reform initiatives designed to improve health care provision and access. In particular, California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is the state's multiyear plan to improve Medi-Cal service coordination and provision to ensure more equitable, coordinated, person-centered health care. The September Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will take a closer look at the issue of health care coordination for children and youth in foster care and explore the implications and opportunities within the evolving landscape of comprehensive health care reform in California.

**Overview:**

- a. Strengthening Care Coordination for Child Welfare Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Members  
Seema Shah, MD, Medical Consultant II, Quality and Population Health Management Division, [seema.shah@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:seema.shah@dhcs.ca.gov)  
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**Panel:**

- b. Foster Youth Access to Enhanced Care Management: Findings from New Data  
Carly Myers, Staff Attorney, [myers@healthlaw.org](mailto:myers@healthlaw.org)  
National Health Law Program, [healthlaw.org](http://healthlaw.org)
- c. Supporting Children and Families: Leveraging CalAIM for Child Welfare Prevention  
Jessica Rosenbaum, Chief Operations Officer, [rosenbaum@fullcirclehn.org](mailto:rosenbaum@fullcirclehn.org)  
Full Circle Health Network, [fullcirclehn.org](http://fullcirclehn.org)
- d. Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care: Comprehensive Nursing Care Management for the Most Vulnerable Children and Youth  
Yasangi Jayasinha, MD, Director, Child Welfare Public Health Nursing Program, [yjayasinha@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:yjayasinha@ph.lacounty.gov)  
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- e. Challenges and Barriers Youth Experience Meeting Their Health Care Needs  
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**Open Discussion**

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**Next Roundtable Meeting: October 4, 2024  
Topic: TBA**

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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.

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