

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

Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))

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**Policy Focus for December:**

**California's Shift from Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting**

Mandated reporting refers to the legal requirement for certain groups of individuals to report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities. Per the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), all 50 states have some form of mandated reporter laws, many of which have expanded greatly over the past 50 years and led to the requirement to report any suspicion of abuse or neglect. The result has been significant increases in the number of reports made, a large number of which are unsubstantiated. In California and across the nation, the harm and trauma of unnecessary reporting falls disproportionately on Black/African American and Native families. The December Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will delve into this issue, including an overview of California's mandatory reporting system, data, and national landscape. Panelists will also highlight the report and recommendations released by the Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting Task Force in September 2024.

- a. California Mandatory Reporting Data Overview  
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California Child Welfare Indicators Project, [ccwip.berkeley.edu](http://ccwip.berkeley.edu)
- b. What Parents Say about Mandated Reporting  
Roger De Leon, [rogerdeleonjr78@outlook.com](mailto:rogerdeleonjr78@outlook.com)
- c. Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting Task Force Report and Recommendations  
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Children's Law Center of California, [clccal.org](http://clccal.org)
- d. Shifting from Mandated Reporting to Community Supporting: A Community-Based Organization's Perspective  
Jenny Pearlman, Chief Policy Officer, [jenny.pearlman@safeandsound.org](mailto:jenny.pearlman@safeandsound.org)  
Safe & Sound, [safeandsound.org](http://safeandsound.org)
- e. Shifting to Community Supporting: A National and Statewide Effort  
Vanessa Spagnoli, Director of State Public Policy, [vspagnoli@casey.org](mailto:vspagnoli@casey.org)  
Casey Family Programs, [casey.org](http://casey.org)

**Open Discussion**

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**Next Roundtable Meeting: TBA**  
**Topic: TBA**

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