

Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda
June 7, 2024 10am-11:30am

Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))

Policy Focus for June:

Governor's May Revision: Additional Cuts to Children and Youth in Foster Care

The May Revision of the Governor's 2024-25 State Budget Proposal reflects a remaining projected budget deficit of approximately \$27.6 billion. To help address this deficit, the Revision includes a number of new budget reductions to dedicated supports and services for children and youth involved with the child welfare system. These proposals would impact the ability to ensure children entering foster care can be placed in family homes in their communities; resources that help young people find stability with the most appropriate caregiver more quickly; and housing-related supports to families involved in the child welfare system. The June Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will take a closer look at the May Revision, the additional child welfare programs slated for reductions, and the vital role they play in supporting California's children and youth.

Overview:

- a. Overview of the May Revision
Angela Short, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, angela.short@lao.ca.gov
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Panel:

- b. The Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children
LaWanda Wesley, Ed.D., Director of Government Relations, lwesley@ccrcca.org
Maria Romo, Government Relations Specialist, mromo@ccrcca.org
Child Care Resource Center, ccrcca.org
- c. Caregiver Approvals
Eileen Cubanski, Interim Executive Director, ecubanski@cwda.org
County Welfare Directors Association of California, cwda.org
- d. Bringing Families Home
Jeff Oxford, Assistant Program Director, oxfordj@kerndhs.com
Kern County Human Services, kcdhs.org/home-dhs
- e. The Potential Impact of Budget Cuts on Children, Youth, and Families in Foster Care
Jenn Rexroad, Executive Director, jrexroad@cacaregivers.org
California Alliance of Caregivers, cacaregivers.org

Open Discussion

Next Roundtable Meeting: July 12, 2024
Topic: TBA

*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.

**Meeting information and materials from past meetings can be found at: childrennow.org/cwroundtable

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