

# Family Urgent Response System (FURS)

A free, 24/7/365, **immediate, trauma-informed support** for children and youth (up to age 21) currently or formerly in foster care in California and their caregivers.

Available during any “**situation of instability**” as defined by the child, youth, or caregiver.

## Components:

- Statewide helpline
- County-based mobile response teams

**Funding:** \$30 Million (GF)



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## Impact

- FURS receives ~5,000 requests for support annually.
- FURS increases stability and access to ongoing support.

## The 2024-25 Budget & Next Steps

- Coalition of over 1,000 organizations opposed the elimination of FURS, resulting in fully restored funding.
- Turning to increase awareness of FURS in the community and further strengthen FURS as a reliable, trusted resource.



# Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children

Addresses one of the top barriers to stable family homes for children in foster care: **lack of access to affordable child care.**

Meets the child care needs of prospective working foster parents, relative caregivers, and parenting youth in foster care.

## Components:

- Vouchers to pay for child care
- Navigation support
- Training and coaching for providers

**Funding:** \$87.1 Million



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## Impact

- Ensures stable placements for children and youth in family homes, which is vital to their well-being and a focus of Continuum of Care Reform (CCR).

## Next Steps

- Increasing caregiver and social worker outreach about this critical resource.
- Expanding eligibility criteria to ensure all eligible resource parents, including those at FFAs, and expectant and parenting youth can take advantage of the program.
- Expanding voucher beyond 12 months under certain circumstances.