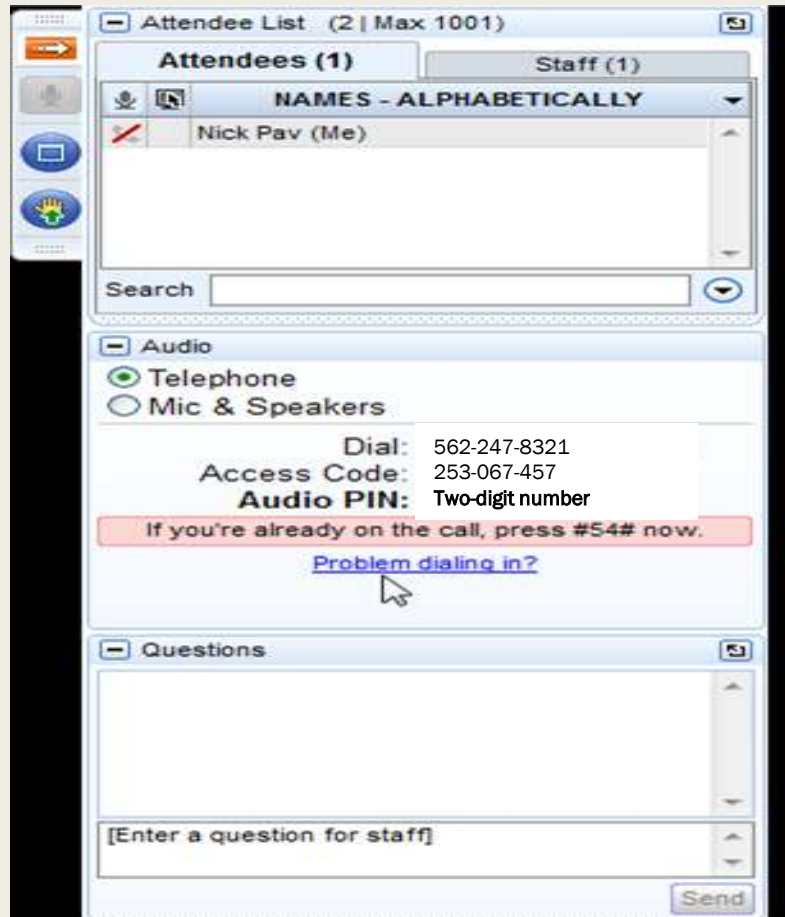


AB 366 Briefing: “Baby Shower” for Expectant and Parenting Youth in Care

May 5th, 2021
11AM-12PM





Information to Participate

- Call-in information:
 - Phone Number: +1 (562) 247-8321
 - Access Code: 253-067-457
 - Audio PIN: Shown after joining the webinar
- To submit live questions, click on the “questions” panel, type your question, and click “send.”
- Presentation materials and audio will be sent to all registrants and posted at www.jbay.org under “Training Archive.”

Agenda



Introduction and Welcome

Why is this bill important?

Youth Advocate Speakers

Legal Components of AB 366

How to Get Involved

Question & Answer Session

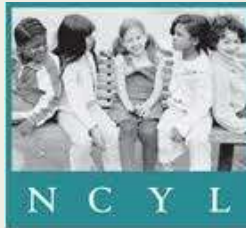
Baby Shower Game!



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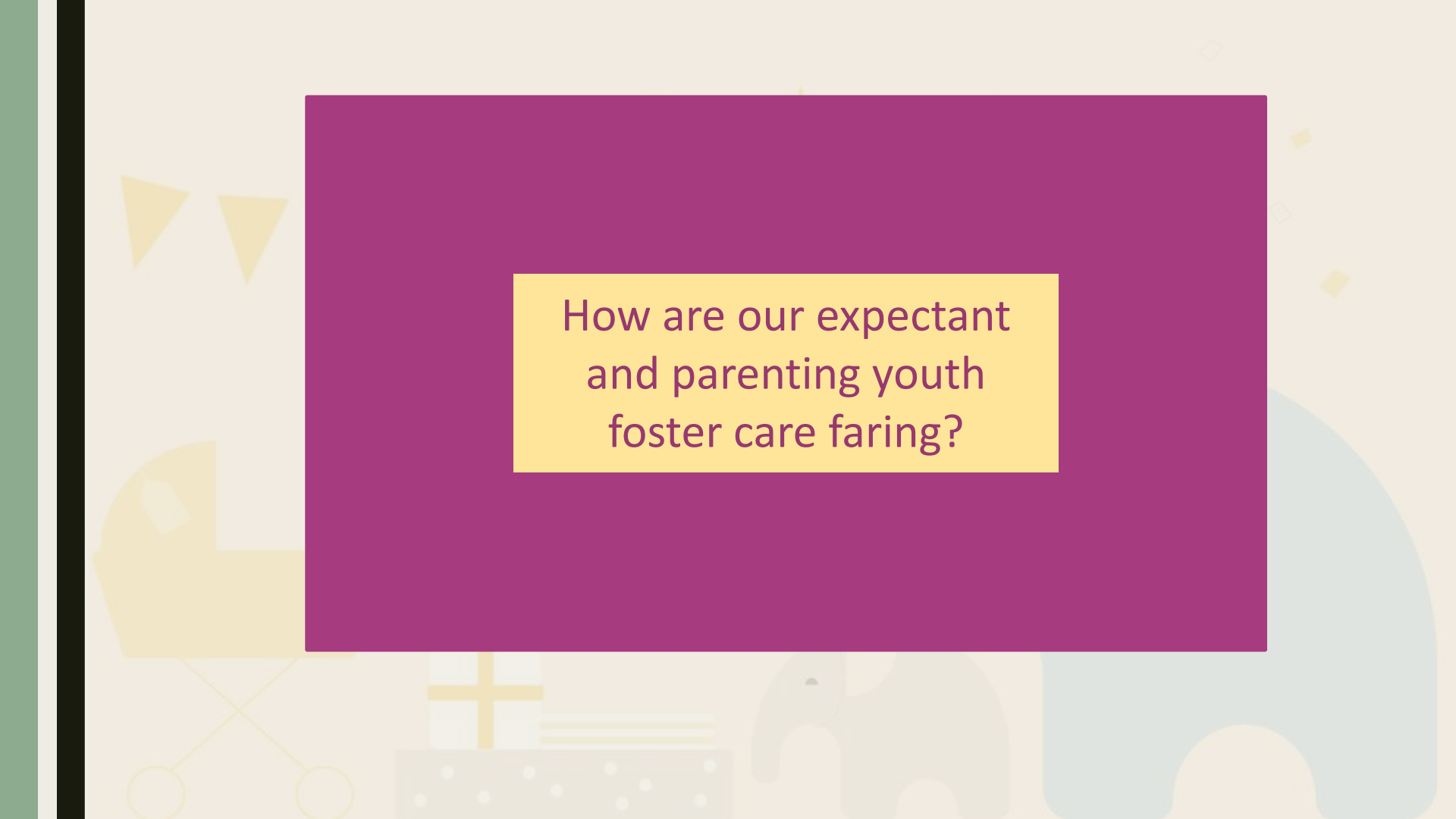
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How are our expectant
and parenting youth
foster care faring?

Parenting Youth in Foster Care have been hit hard by COVID.

Compared to other youth with foster care experience:

More likely to have experienced an episode of homelessness since February 2020

27% compared to **21%**

Less likely to be employed either part-time, full-time, or have informal employment

40% compared to **54%**

Reported currently experiencing homelessness or housing instability

31% compared to **19%**


More likely to have very limited access to food or not have food access

24% compared to **17%**





My baby was just a newborn when COVID started. I didn't know how to manage a lot of stuff, so I just kept canceling my appointments (and) rescheduling all of them.” -Current foster youth, age 18

[JBAY. Hanging on by a thread: The Cumulative Impact of the Pandemic on Youth who have Been in Foster Care or Homeless, May 2021](#)


Building resources for a strong start has always been important ...



Importance of programs that help new parents care for their children



“I stopped being parented at the age of 8. I didn’t know how to parent so this program where they sent a nurse to teach me how to care for my first born was invaluable.”





How much does it cost to prepare for birth?



The average cost to meet basic health and safety standards before childbirth is at least \$2,000.

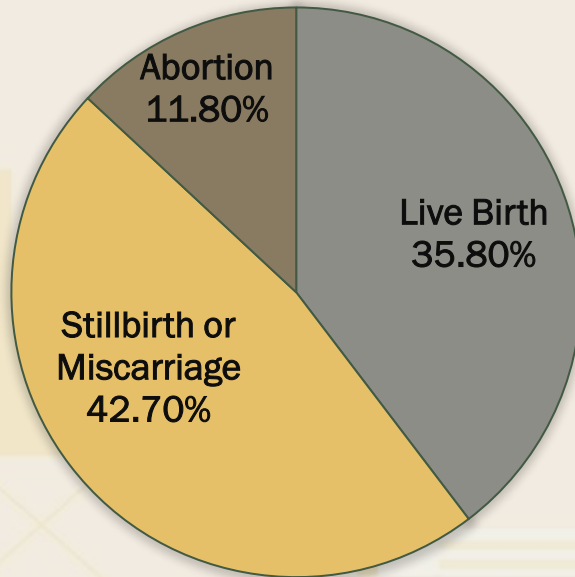
Crib – required. Co-sleeping is considered a safety risk and is a reason a child may be removed from a parent's care.

Car seat – a new parent cannot leave the hospital without a car seat. Car seats must be new and safely installed.

Diapers – a new infant can go through up to 12 diapers a day. Less frequent changes can lead to health risks which also can lead to a baby being removed from a parent's care.

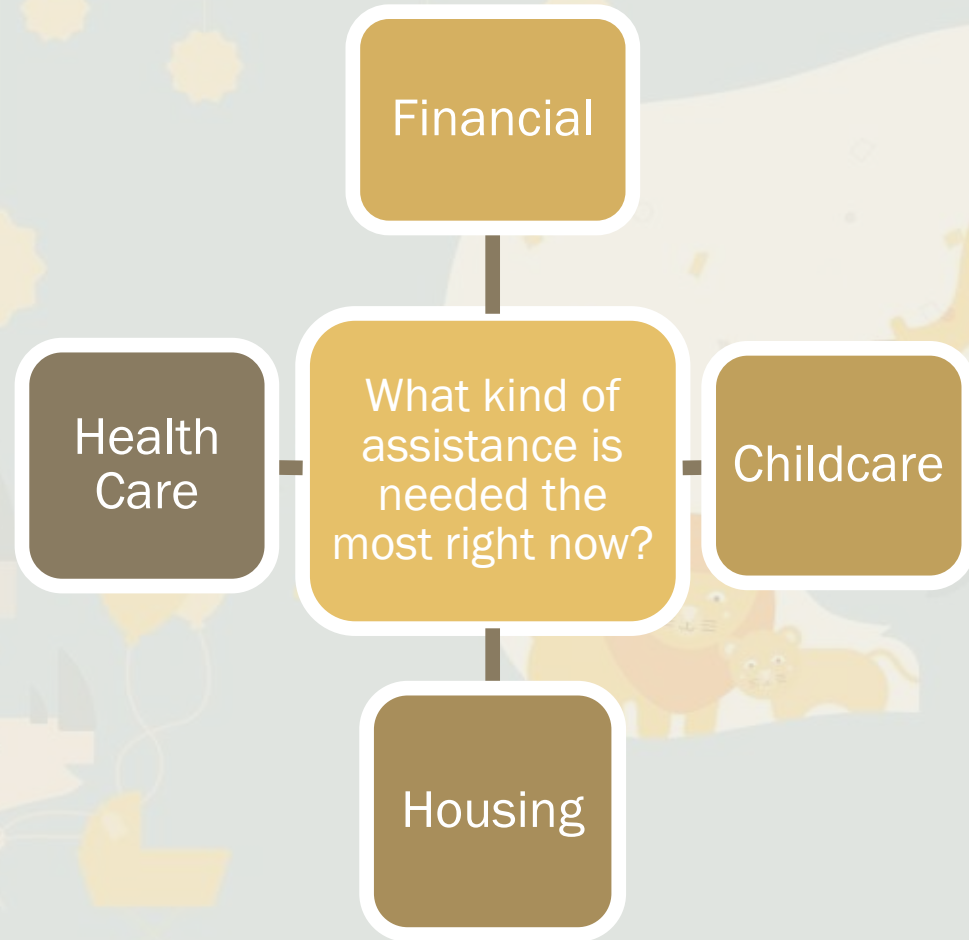
Access to Early Prenatal Care is Critical

OF FOSTER YOUTH SURVEYED AT AGE 17
WHO REPORTED PREGNANCY



20.7% Never
Received
Prenatal Care

Takeaways





With appropriate support, Expectant and Parenting Youth (EPY) in foster care can...

Have

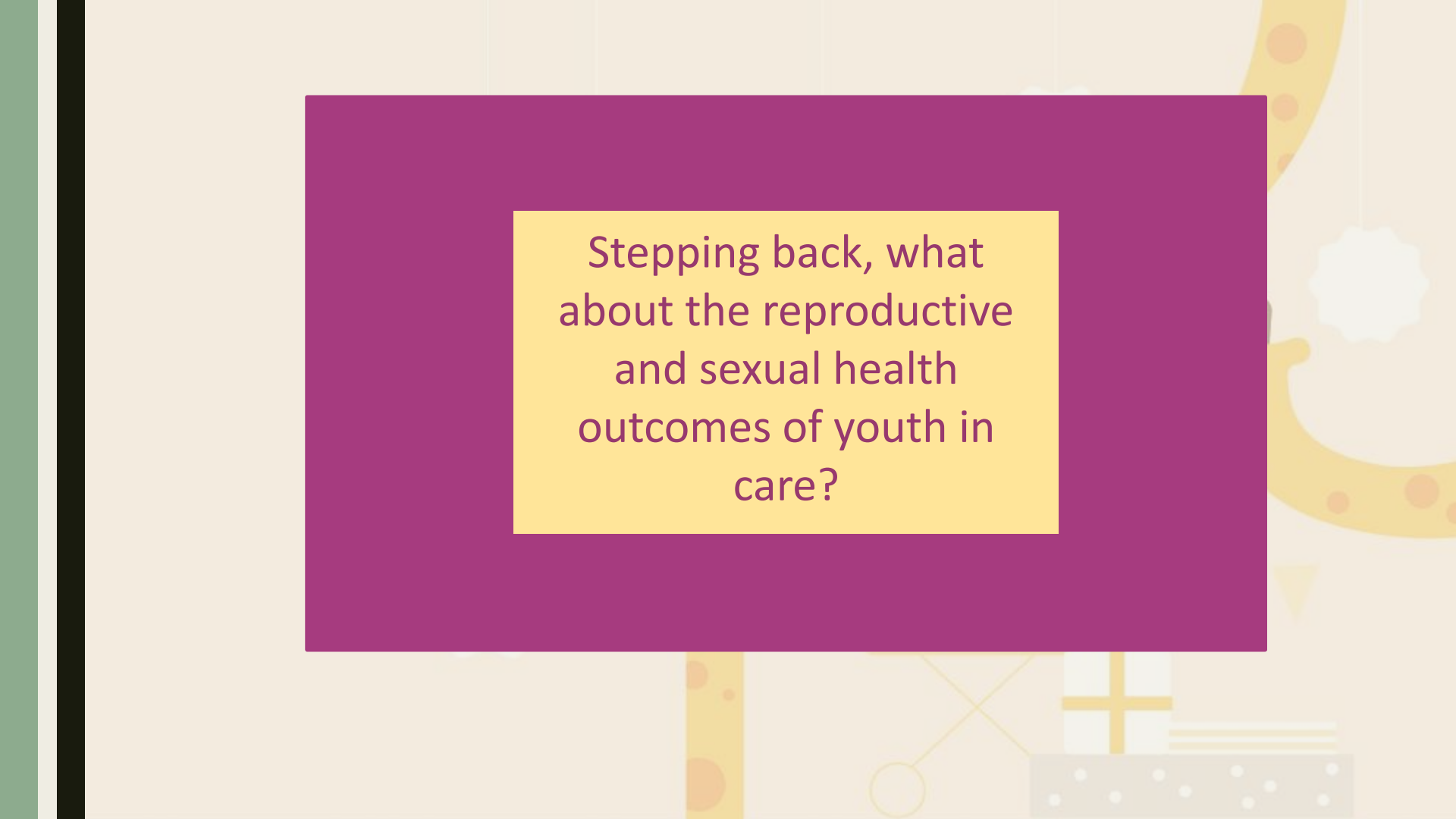
Have a positive birth experience

Parent

Parent successfully

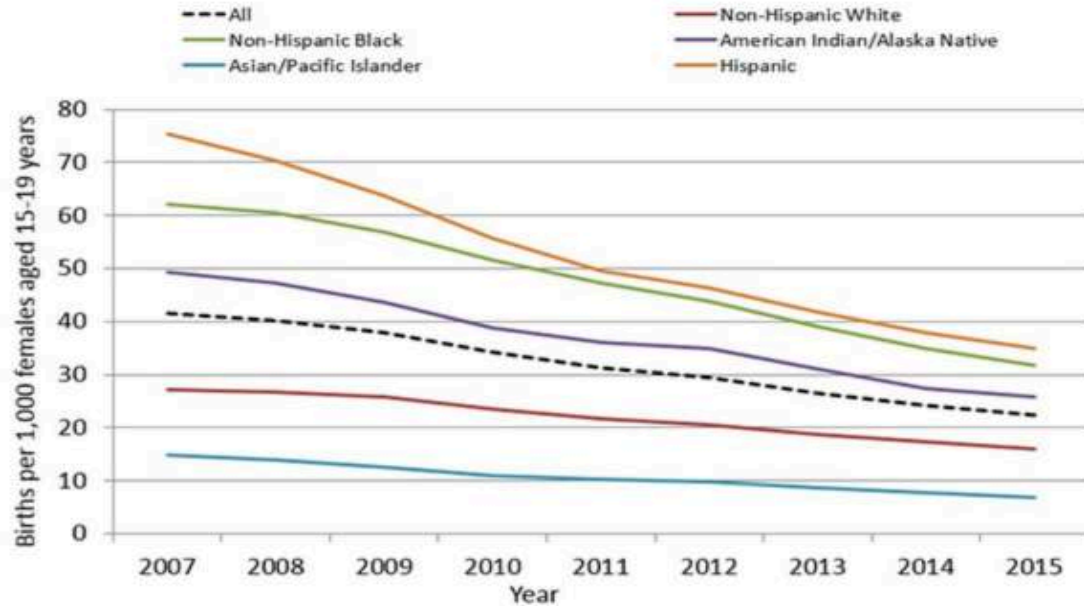
Resolve

Resolve barriers to independence



Stepping back, what
about the reproductive
and sexual health
outcomes of youth in
care?

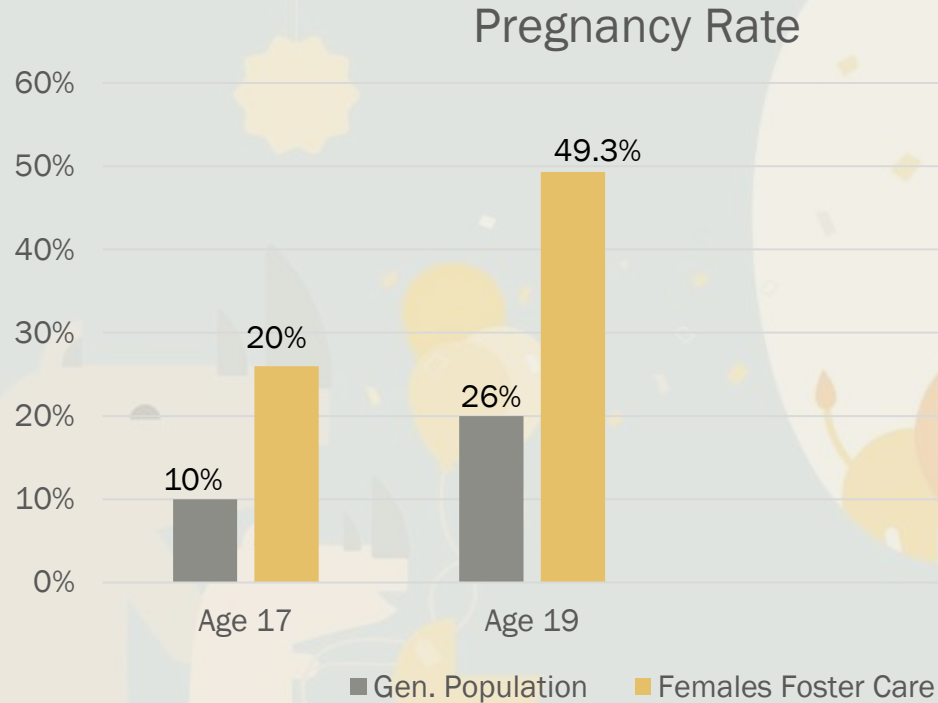
Services + programs have effectively reduced pregnancy for California teens over the last 20 years



Martin JA, Hamilton BE, Osterman MJ, et al. Births: Final data for 2015. Natl Vital Stat Rep 2017; 66(1):1-70

Teen birth rate groups down 77% and in all race /ethnicity groups in California since 1991

Females in foster care have high pregnancy rates compared to peers



Source: Courtney et al., Findings from the California Youth Transitions to Adulthood Study: Conditions at Age 17 and at Age 19 (2014, 2016).

The vast majority of these youth do not describe these pregnancies as “wanted.”

Young women in foster care at age 19:

Wanted to become pregnant:	%
Definitely no	33.8%
Probably no	3.7%
Neither wanted nor didn't want	28.8%
Probably yes	7.5%
Definitely yes	26.1%

66.3%

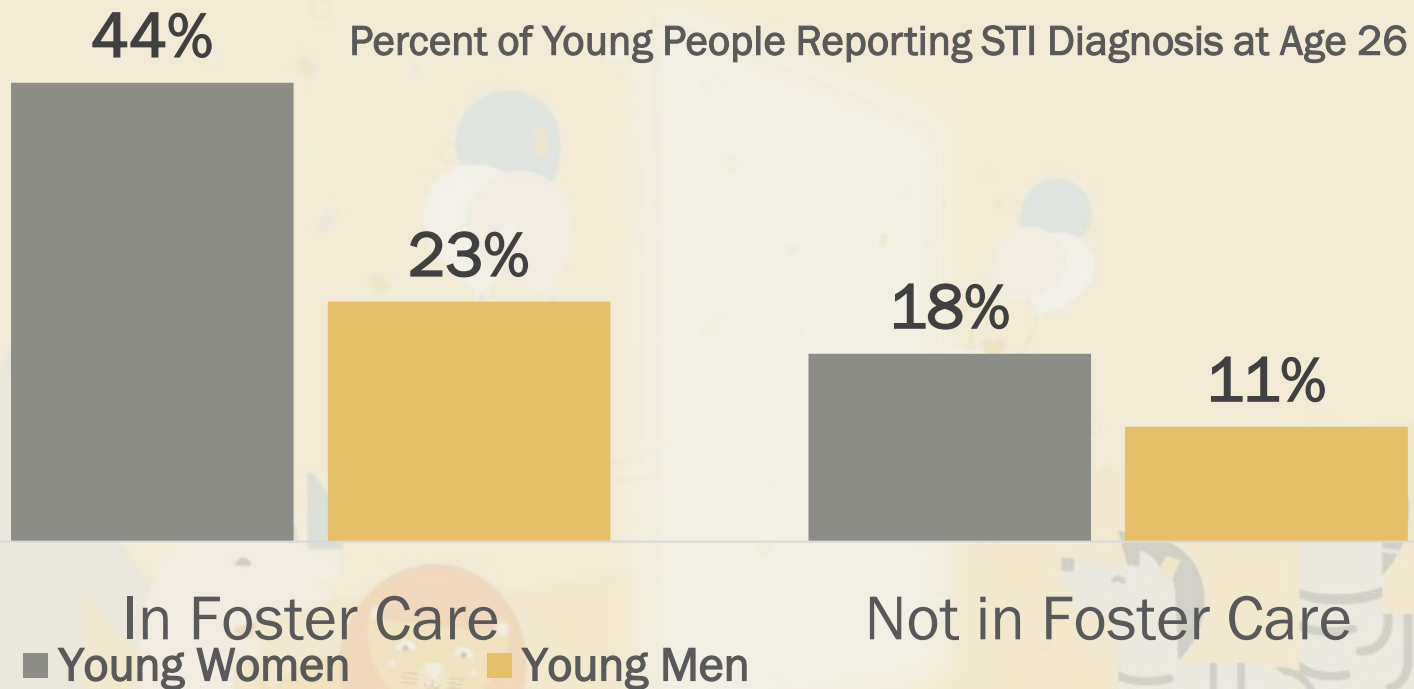
Young men in foster care at age 19:

Wanted partner to become pregnant:	%
Definitely no	16.2%
Probably no	21.1%
Neither wanted nor didn't want	33.4%
Probably yes	14.0%
Definitely yes	15.3%

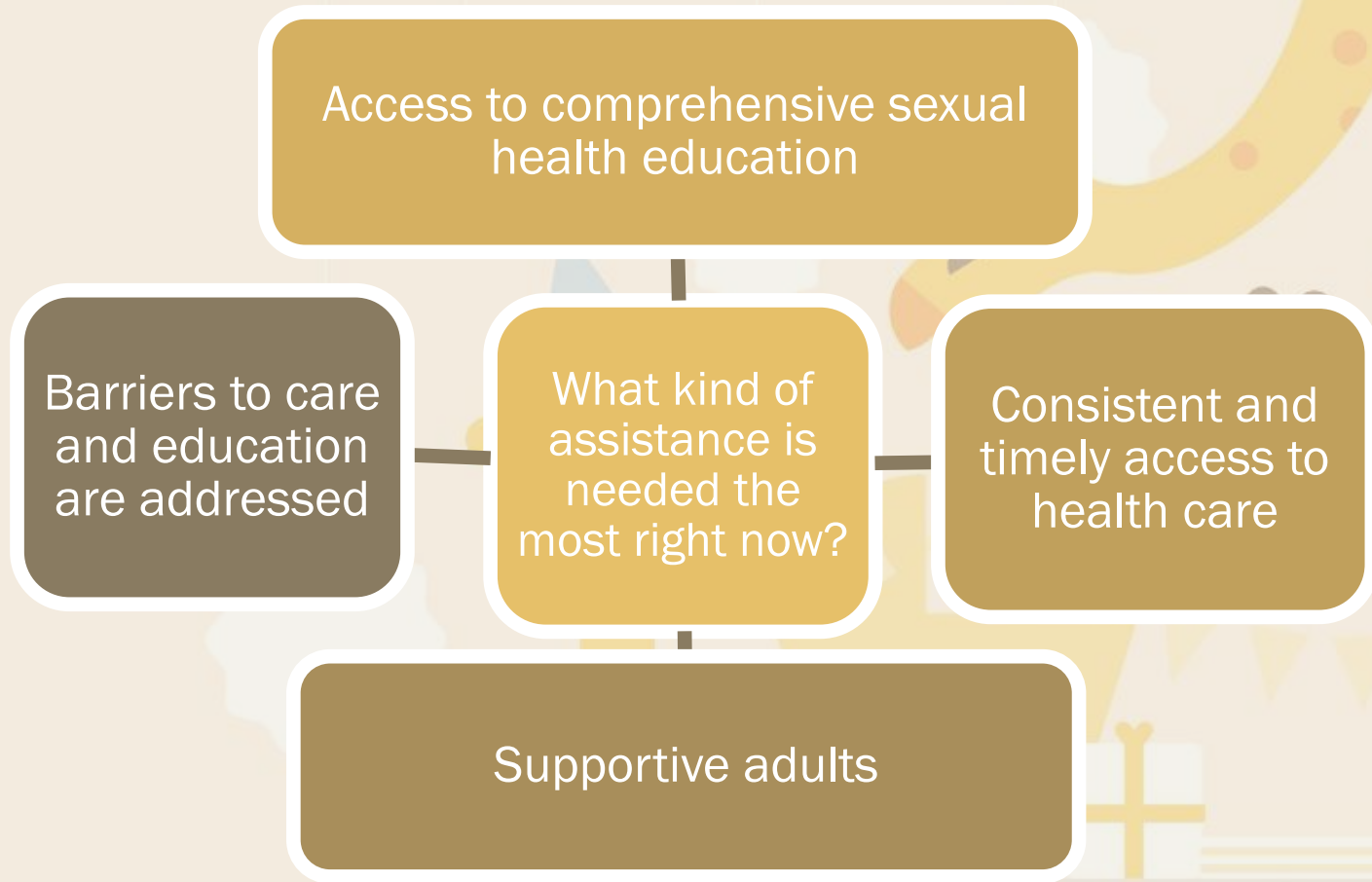
70.7%

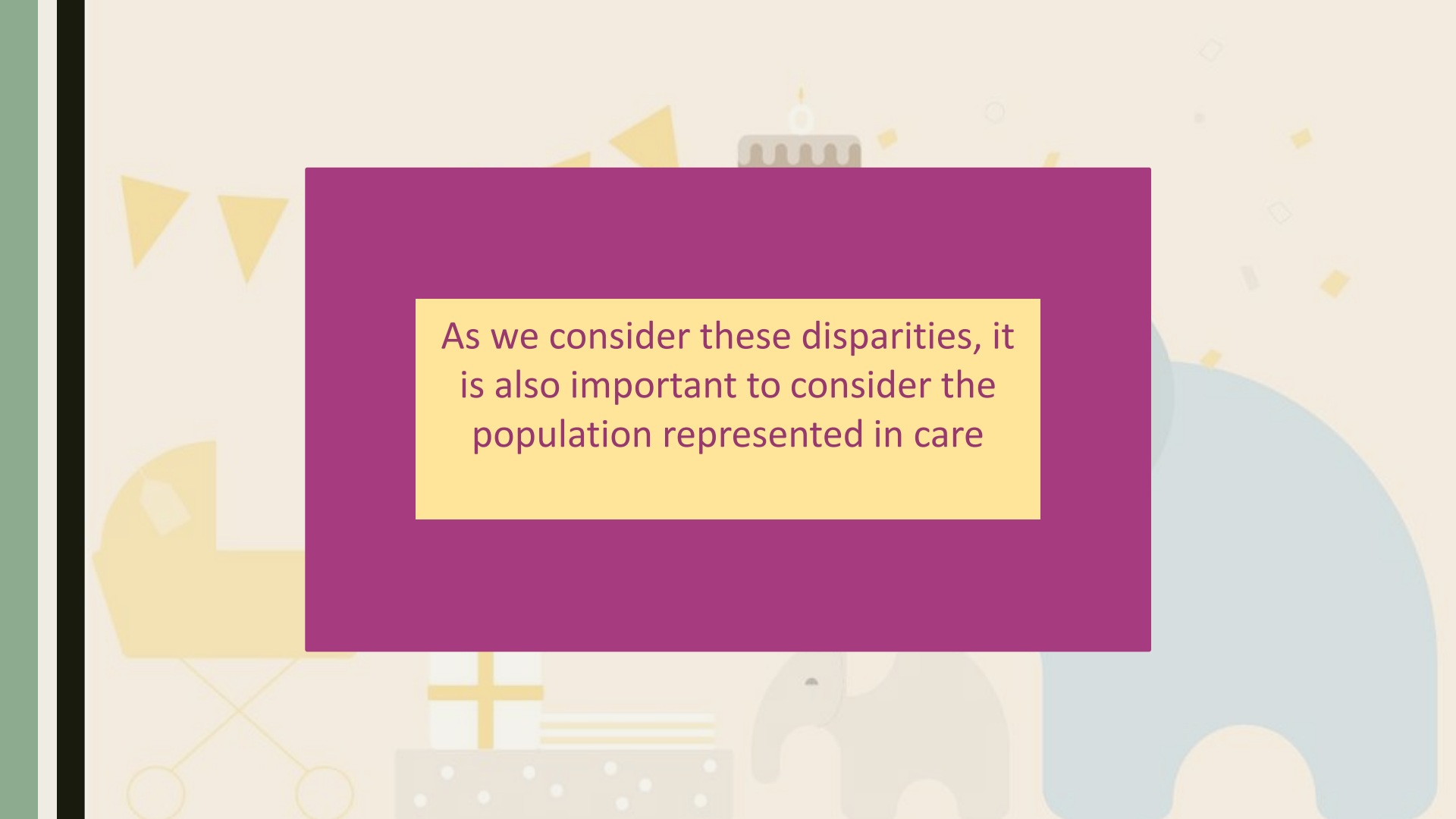
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STI Rates: Disproportionately High STI Rates



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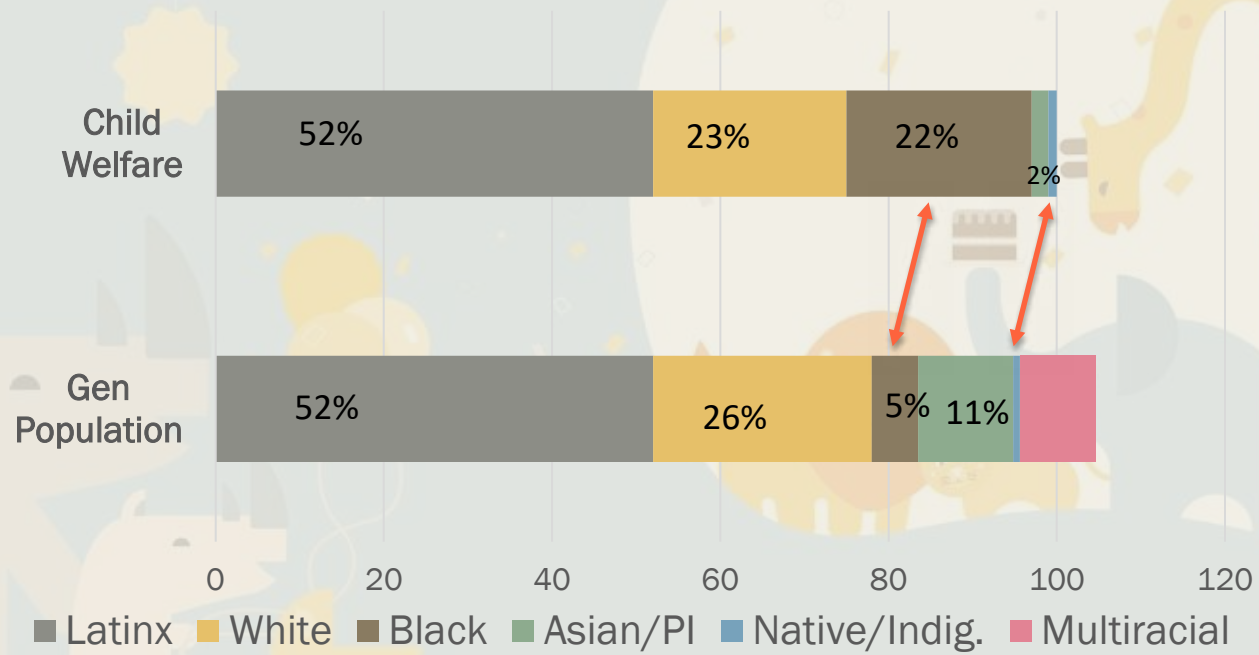




As we consider these disparities, it is also important to consider the population represented in care

Youth who identify as black or native are overrepresented in CA child welfare

% CA youth by Race/Ethnicity as of April 2020



<https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/childwelfare/reports/PIT/MTSG/r/ab636/s>

Demographics: Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity

- Nationwide, **22.8%** of children in the foster care system identify as LGTBQ
- A study of foster youth in LA found that the percentage of those who are LGTBQ is approximately **twice that of youth not in foster care**
- Within LA County, **83%** of LGTBQ identifying foster youth also identified as black or Latinx



State Response and Legislative Leadership



AB 1838 (Ting, 2016).
Prenatal infant supplement.
Vetoed by Gov. Brown

AB 366 (Rubio, 2021)

Healthy Sexual
Development
workgroup
(CDSS, 2016)

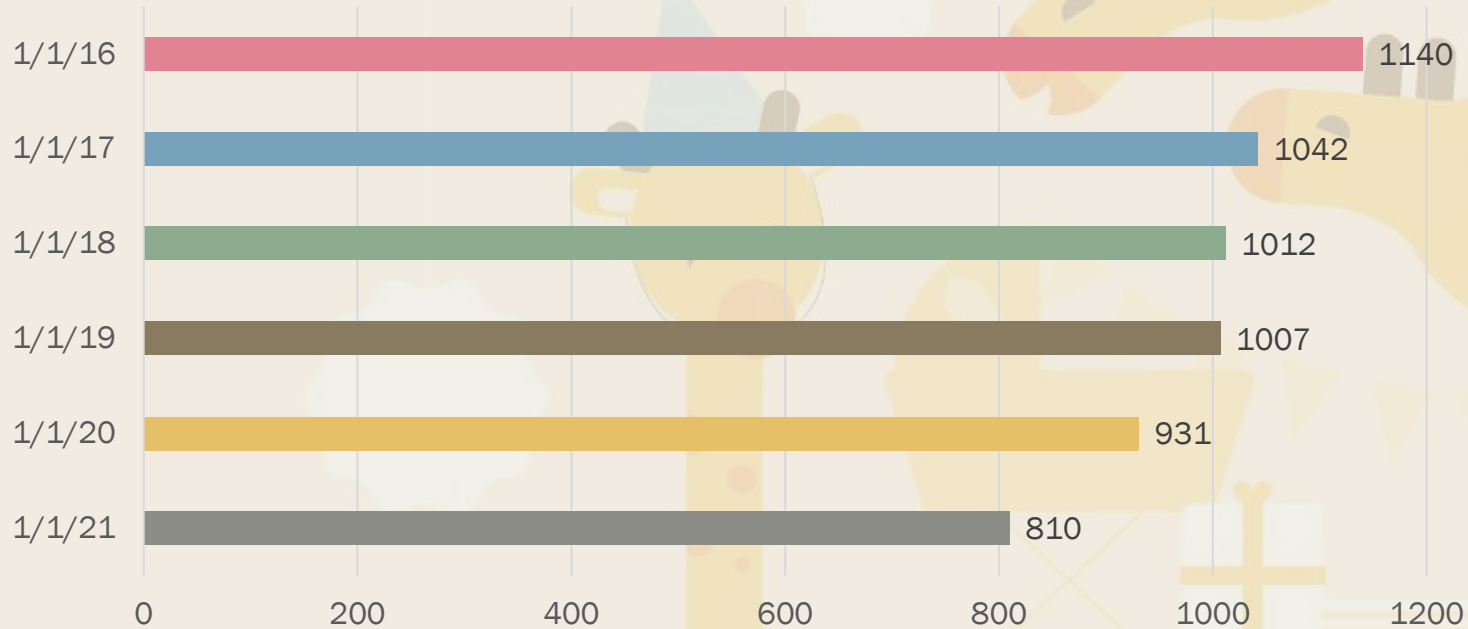
AB 366 (Rubio, 2021)




SB 89 (Leyva, 2017)

SB 89 is making a difference! Parenting rates are going down

Point in time count of Parenting Youth in Care 2016-2021



But we need to do more...

An illustration featuring a man on the left and a pregnant woman on the right, both walking towards a central grey circular text bubble. The man is wearing a blue jacket and orange pants. The woman is wearing a red top and blue pants. The background is light yellow with faint icons of a stroller, a gift, a cake, and a baby, along with yellow triangular bunting flags and confetti.

There is still more to do to ensure we close the gap in disproportionately poor health outcomes and address the needs of expectant and parenting youth

Healthy Futures for Foster Youth

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Experience as an expectant mother during the pandemic

Receiving resources and services to prepare for motherhood

Coping with job insecurity and seeking employment during the pandemic while mothering

Aja Dunlap



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Experienced 5 years in foster care as teen mom

EPY Conferences (Formerly known as PPT)

Cost Associated with Parenting

CCAI Federal Policy Report

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Access to comprehensive sexual health education

Experience with receiving health services and birth control

Navigating educational interruptions and family planning

Elizabeth Clews



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Receiving reproductive and sexual health services as an adolescent

Comprehensive sexual health education and other resources making a difference

Learning about sex and sexuality and how it affects your life and how you see yourself

Daniel Bisuano



AB 366 Healthy Futures for Foster Youth

Legislative Proposal





California's foster youth deserve to be able to have healthy pregnancies, and timely reproductive and sexual health information and access to services, just like other youth.



Healthy Futures for Foster Youth (AB 366) will help achieve that by carrying on the work started by previous legislative efforts, making sure California's foster youth have access to reproductive and sexual services and maternal health resources.

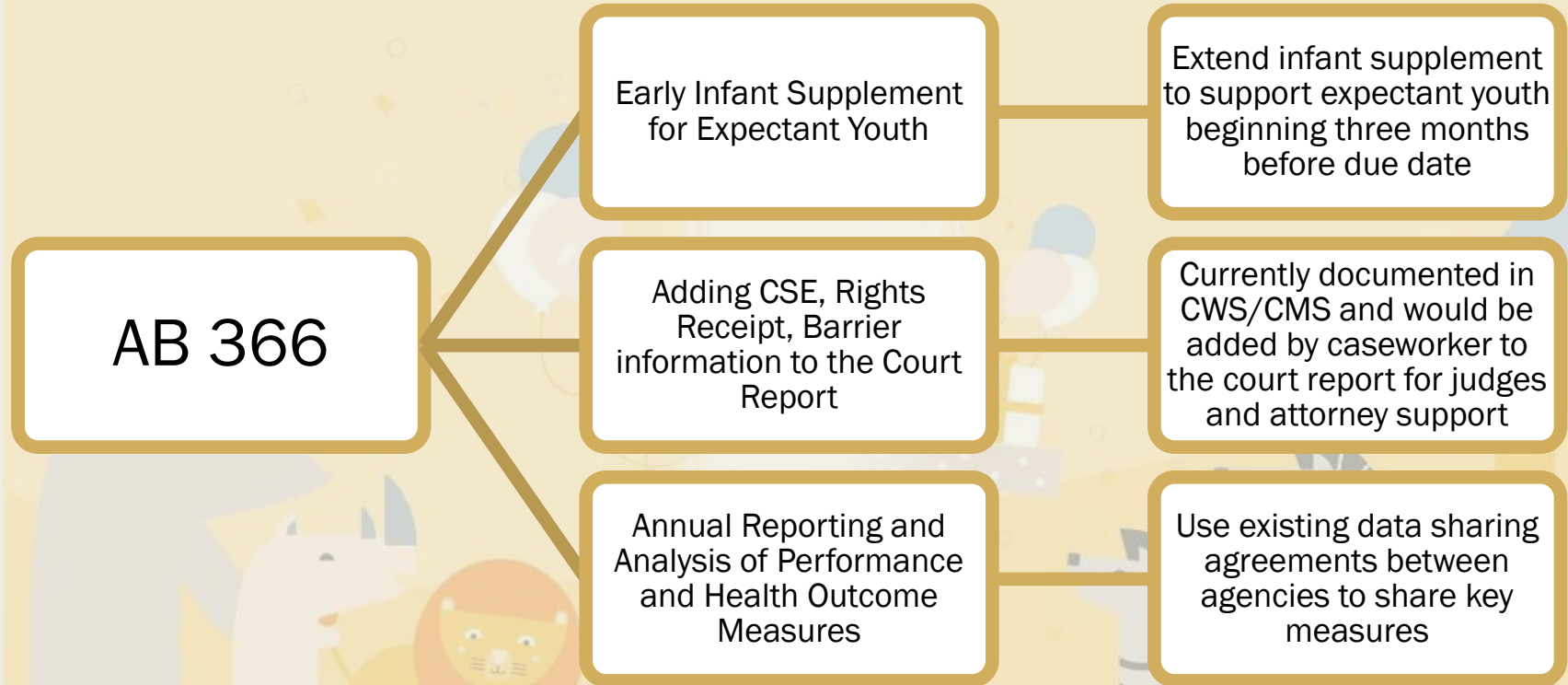


AB 366 was introduced by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and is Co-authored by Assembly Members Bauer-Kahan, Gipson, Stone and Ting and Senator Wiener



Provisions: Healthy Futures for Foster Youth

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Provisions: Early Infant Supplement

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Would support an estimated 270 expectant youth in foster care each year.

Supplement would begin three months prior to the anticipated due date at the current infant supplement rate, giving expectant parent the time and resources to prepare for the birth of their child.

Modeled after the successful Early Infant Supplement pilot program launched by Los Angeles County in 2018.

Spotlight on LA County Early Infant Supplement

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\$415 monthly benefit during the 7th, 8th, and 9th months of pregnancy.

Social workers work with youth to verify pregnancy and coordinate payment.

Possible uses of the EIS include:

- *Maternity clothes*
- *Birth preparation and parenting classes*
- *Diapers*
- *Formula*
- *Baby clothing*
- *Cribs*
- *Bassinets*
- *Car seats*
- *Other items and services to prepare for the birth of the baby*

Since the program was launched in February 2018, LA County DCFS has provided Early Infant Supplement payments to 387 expectant youth.

Baby Registry: How much does it cost to prepare for birth?

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Prenatal birth class	\$475
Parenting class	\$360
Car seat	\$134.49
Crib	\$229.99
Stroller	\$168.99
Diapers 1-month	\$246
Bedding set	\$76.99
Infant clothes & swaddle blankets	\$142.36
Baby bottles & formula	\$171.96
Maternity clothes	\$276.15
The list goes on....	
Total	\$2,281.93

Provisions: Adding CSE, Rights, & Barriers to Court Report

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Social Workers and Probation Officers already enter information into CWS/CMS

Updated ACIN [guidance](#) has been issued by CDSS

CWS/CMS fields can be pulled and entered into existing sections of the court report

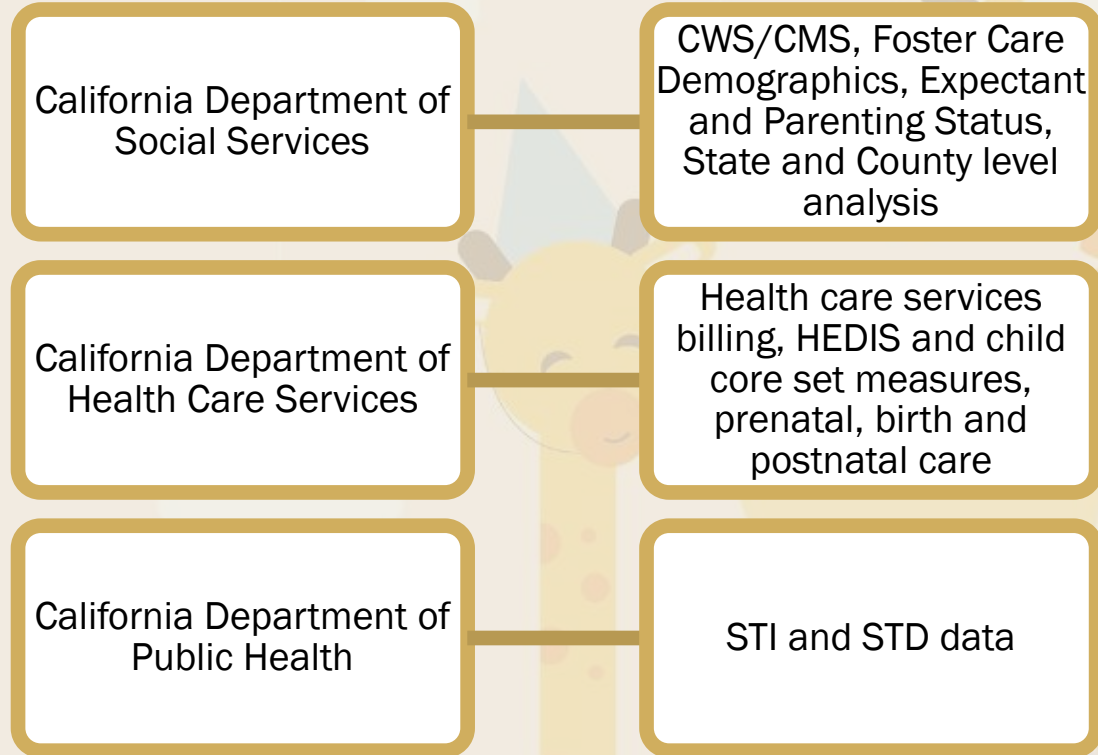
Court Report Education and Health Sections

Allows Judges and attorneys to support youth with access to CSE and care

Verify CSE and make proper orders to ensure needs are met

Provisions: Annual Reporting & Analysis of Performance & Health

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A Modest Investment & Cost Savings

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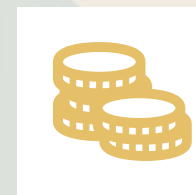
For \$729,000 SGF annually...



- Intimate Partner Violence
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Maternal mortality & morbidity
- Stillbirth
- Miscarriage



- Healthy Relationships
- Comprehensive Sexual Health Education
- Contraceptive counseling
- Prenatal & postnatal care
- Healthy births



- Court Costs
- Personal Costs
- Treatment Costs
- Hospital Costs
- Education and Employment Costs

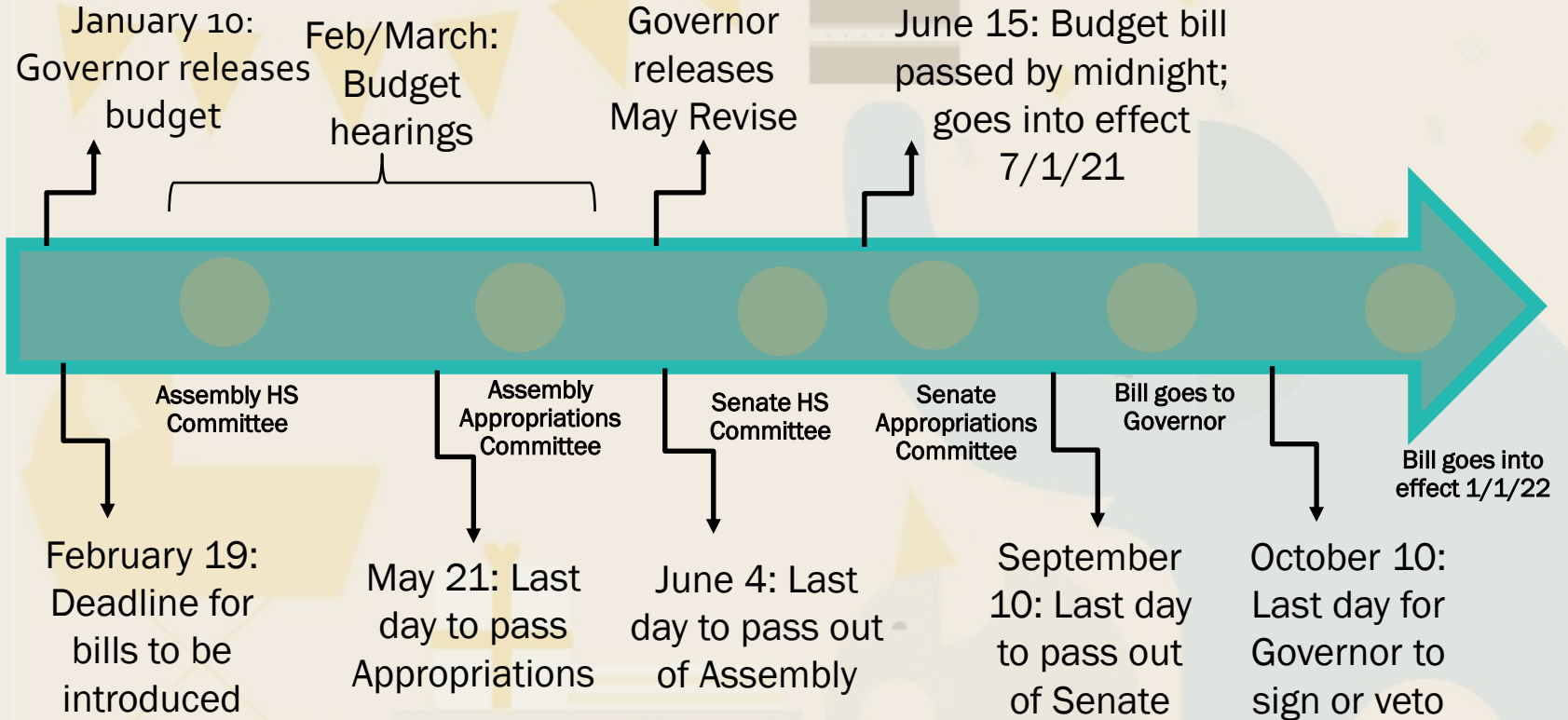
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How to Get Involved



Legislative and Budget Timeline

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Send Support Letters

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Send in a support letter for Asm. Rubio's bill to support@jbay.org

- <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Support-Letter-ASM-Appropriations-AB-366.docx>

Add your organization's name to the budget letter

- <https://form.jotform.com/210277155957159>

Call Key Legislators and Request Their Support

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Please call and say “My name is ___ from ___ and I’d like your support of AB 366 and the companion budget request to Extend the Infant Supplement to Expectant Foster Youth.” by May 15, 2021.

- Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins- 916-651-4039
- Senator Nancy Skinner- 916-651-4009
- Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon- 916-319-2063
- Assemblymember Phil Ting- 916-319-2019

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Question & Answer
Session



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Baby Shower Challenge!
[https://forms.gle/zvEWvr
FeR33MuTL98](https://forms.gle/zvEWvrFeR33MuTL98)

