

PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts
to Housing Support Programs



February 1, 2024

Agenda

Updates Since Last Meeting

1. 1/23 budget hearings (Kathy)
2. Meetings with Leg Staff and Admin (Simone)
3. 1/19 press strategy meeting (Daniel)
4. Materials available on website (Simone)
5. FURS coalition meetings announced (Simone)

Focus of Activity Until the Next Meeting

1. District meetings being scheduled (Simone)
2. Young adult sign-on to coalition letter (Andy)
3. Social media toolkit (Amy)
4. Plan for upcoming budget hearings (Amy)



Thank you for attending the
1/23 budget hearings!

15 people testified,
including 4 young adults!

We've Done an Initial Round of Visits With Legislators

- ✓ Committee Consultant for each of the four budget subcommittees
- ✓ Representative of the Newsom Administration
- ✓ Child welfare policy consultant for Assembly Speaker & Senate Pro Tem
- ✓ Housing policy consultant for Senate Pro Tem

What we heard...

- **Disappointment** that these cuts were proposed
- The importance of **documenting the impact** the proposed cuts on youth
- **Confusion** about:
 - The Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program and how it is being used for youth who have an FYI voucher
 - The proposed foster care rates reform—does not address housing affordability
- The importance of being active in **every** budget committee and subcommittee **hearing**

The Press Workgroup Met and Started to Act



Two Op Eds Developed & Submitted

≡ **The Imprint** YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



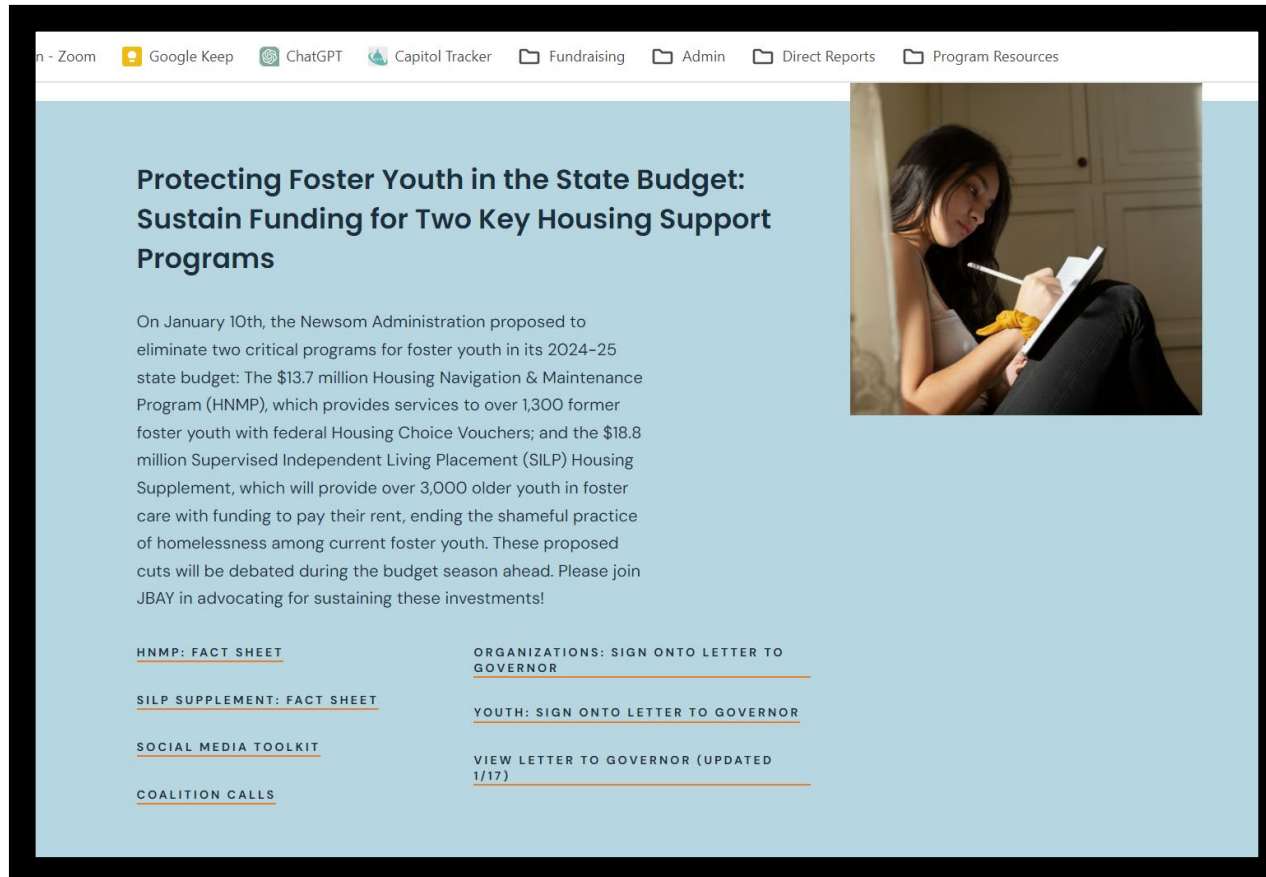
Two Op Eds Under Development

- Yolo County
- LA County Social Worker

CAL MATTERS

Materials are Now Available on the JBAY Website

<https://jbay.org/advocate/>



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a navigation bar containing links for Zoom, Google Keep, ChatGPT, Capitol Tracker, Fundraising, Admin, Direct Reports, and Program Resources. The main content area has a light blue background and features the following text:

Protecting Foster Youth in the State Budget: Sustain Funding for Two Key Housing Support Programs

On January 10th, the Newsom Administration proposed to eliminate two critical programs for foster youth in its 2024-25 state budget: The \$13.7 million Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program (HNMP), which provides services to over 1,300 former foster youth with federal Housing Choice Vouchers; and the \$18.8 million Supervised Independent Living Placement (SILP) Housing Supplement, which will provide over 3,000 older youth in foster care with funding to pay their rent, ending the shameful practice of homelessness among current foster youth. These proposed cuts will be debated during the budget season ahead. Please join JBAY in advocating for sustaining these investments!

Accompanying the text is an image of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a white tank top and black pants, sitting on the floor and writing in a notebook with a yellow pen.

At the bottom of the page, there are several underlined links:

- [HNMP: FACT SHEET](#)
- [SILP SUPPLEMENT: FACT SHEET](#)
- [SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT](#)
- [COALITION CALLS](#)
- [ORGANIZATIONS: SIGN ONTO LETTER TO GOVERNOR](#)
- [YOUTH: SIGN ONTO LETTER TO GOVERNOR](#)
- [VIEW LETTER TO GOVERNOR \(UPDATED 1/17\)](#)

- **HNMP Fact Sheet**
- **SILP Housing Supplement Fact Sheet**
- **Social Media Toolkit**
- **Links to sign onto sign-on letter**
- **Information from coalition calls**

Children Now is hosting bi-weekly coalition meetings to protect the Family Urgent Response System (FURS)

The \$30 million Family Urgent Response System (FURS) is proposed for elimination in the Governor's 2024-25 budget.



- Coalition calls are every other Wednesday from 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- Next call is February 14th.
- E-mail Amanda McKinney to be added to calendar invite - amckinney@childrennow.org



Focus of Activity Until Next Meeting

We Are Scheduling Six District Meetings & Need Your Help!



Budget Sub #4
Chair:
Senator
Stephen Padilla

Represents:
San Diego,
Imperial,
Riverside and San
Bernardino

Budget Sub #3
Chair:
Senator
Caroline Menjivar

Represents:
Burbank and San
Fernando Valley

Senate Budget
Chair:
Senator
Nancy Skinner

Represents:
Richmond,
Berkeley, Oakland,
and San Leandro



Budget Sub #5
Chair:
Assemblymember
Sharon Quirk-Silva

Represents:
Buena Park,
Cypress, Fullerton,
Stanton, La Palma,
and West
Anaheim

Budget Sub #2
Chair:
Assemblymember
Corey Jackson

Represents:
Riverside
County

Assembly Budget
Chair:
Assemblymember
Jesse Gabriel

Represents:
San Fernando
Valley



Recruit Youth to Join the Coalition Letter:

<http://tinyurl.com/protect-fy-in-state-budget>

- Post the link on social media
- Circulate to program participants
- Ask program participants to share the link with peers
- Put in your newsletter
- GOAL:
 - 250 youth by February 15th
 - 500 youth by February 29th

Social Media is Developed: Post at Least Once a Week!

<http://tinyurl.com/protect-fy-sm-toolkit>

**Thank you
Senator
Menjivar
for
speaking
up for
foster
youth!**



Did You Know?

The Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program supports 1,300 former foster youth with crucial housing services


Protect it in the State Budget!



Can You Live on \$1,206 a Month?

That is what foster youth in a SILP receive to pay all living expenses: rent, food, utilities, clothing, transportation and more.

Given this low rate and escalating housing costs, 1 in 5 current foster youth in California have at least one episode of homelessness between ages 18 and 21.



Let's Not Turn Back the Clock on California's Progress for Youth

Youth homelessness in California has decreased 16% since 2020. Let's sustain our progress by maintaining investment in the Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program

Plan on Attending Budget Hearings

Date & Time	Assembly Budget Subcommittee	Location	Relevant Program
February 20 th upon session adjournment (approx. 10am)	Joint - Budget Sub 5 & Housing/Community Dev't Committee	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
March 13 th at 1:30	2 (Human Services)	State Capitol, Room 444	SILP Housing Supplement
April 3rd at 1:30*	2 (Human Services)	State Capitol, Room 444	SILP Housing Supplement
April 9th at 1:30*	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
April 23 rd at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
April 30 th at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
May 1 st at 1:30	2 (Human Services)	State Capitol, Room 444	SILP Housing Supplement
May 7 th at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program
May 14 th at 1:30	5 (State Administration)	State Capitol, Room 447	Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program

***Priority hearings (most relevant agenda)**

FOR FUTURE QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

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