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

Two Op Eds Under Development

- Yolo County
- LA County Social Worker
Materials are Now Available on the JBAY Website

https://jbay.org/advocate/

- 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
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We Are Scheduling Six District Meetings & Need Your Help!

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- 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
# Plan on Attending Budget Hearings

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*Priority hearings (most relevant agenda)
FOR FUTURE QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION

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