PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts to Housing Support Programs





Agenda

- Budget Stage & Status
- Remaining Action Steps
- Discussion

Main Budget Bill Passed Legislature

Rejects cuts to:

- Housing Navigation and Maintenance Program
- Family Urgent Response System
- Foster caregiver approvals
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program
- Middle Class Scholarship benefiting low-income students
- Various CalWORKs programming
- Bringing Families Home (partial)

Appropriates add'l funding for:

- \$1 billion for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program
- Advances a phased-in approach to reforming the Cal Grant program

Budget Negotiations Stretching through June



Legislature passed main budget bill (AB 107) on June 13th; bill presented to Governor on June 15th

- Represents the Legislature's priorities in their negotiations with the Governor.
- Governor must sign by June 27th.

Legislature will likely pass a "budget bill jr."

- Will amend main budget bill based on negotiations with Governor.
- Once Governor signs (no later than 12 days of receiving it), together these budget bills represent the final budget.



Legislature will pass several omnibus bills ("budget trailer bills")

- These make the statutory changes need to implement the budget (i.e. provide written details and policy on how the money is spent).
- Will likely continue into early July.

Action for this Week





We <u>CAN</u> prevent homelessness amony youth leaving CA's foster care system:

Preserve the \$13.7M Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program in CA's budget

This critical program helps CA's former foster youth access **\$22.6M** in federal housing assistance!

EMAILS & PHONE CALLS TO THE GOVERNOR

See this guide: <u>https://tinyurl.com/contact-gov</u>

Provides instructions for contacting the Governor's Office, including script for calls and emails.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We CAN prevent homelessness among youth leaving CA's foster care system. The \$13.7M Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program is preserved in the Legislature's budget bill, AB 107. Let's keep this critical investment in the final 2024/25 state budget! @CAgovernor @GavinNewsom

Social Media Toolkit: https://tinyurl.com/FYcoalition-social-media

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