

PROTECTING FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE BUDGET

Coalition to Restore Proposed Cuts
to Housing Support Programs



June 6, 2024

Agenda

- Legislature's Joint Budget Plan
- What We're Hearing About the Three-Way Budget Deal
- Actions to Take Now
- Discussion

Legislature's Joint Budget Plan

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
- Rejects the trigger on foster care rate structure

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

Negotiations Will Likely Wrap Up Early

Take Action Now!

ASSEMBLY

- Call **Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas: (916) 319-2029**
"Hello, I am calling to provide a position on budget items. My name is _____. I am with (organization/ affiliation/ lived experience). I'm calling to thank the Assembly for a budget that protects foster youth and urge the Speaker to stand strong on the Legislature's preservation of the Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program and removal of the trigger placed on foster care rates."

SENATE

- Call **Senate Pro Tem Mike McGuire: (916) 651-4002**
"Hello, I am calling to provide a position on budget items. My name is _____. I am with (organization/ affiliation/ lived experience). I'm calling to thank the Senate for a budget that protects foster youth and urge the Pro Tem to stand strong on the Legislature's preservation of the Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program and removal of the trigger placed on foster care rates."

GOVERNOR

- Call the **Governor's Office: (916) 445-2841 (after selecting a language, press 6 to speak with a representative)**
"My name is _____. I am with (organization/ affiliation/ lived experience). I'm calling to urge the Governor to preserve the \$13.7 million Housing Navigation & Maintenance Program serving former foster youth, and to remove the trigger placed on the new foster care rate structure, as proposed by the Legislature and supported by stakeholders statewide."



Social Media this Week

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

INSTAGRAM:

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FACEBOOK:

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