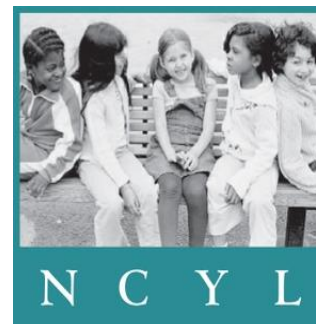
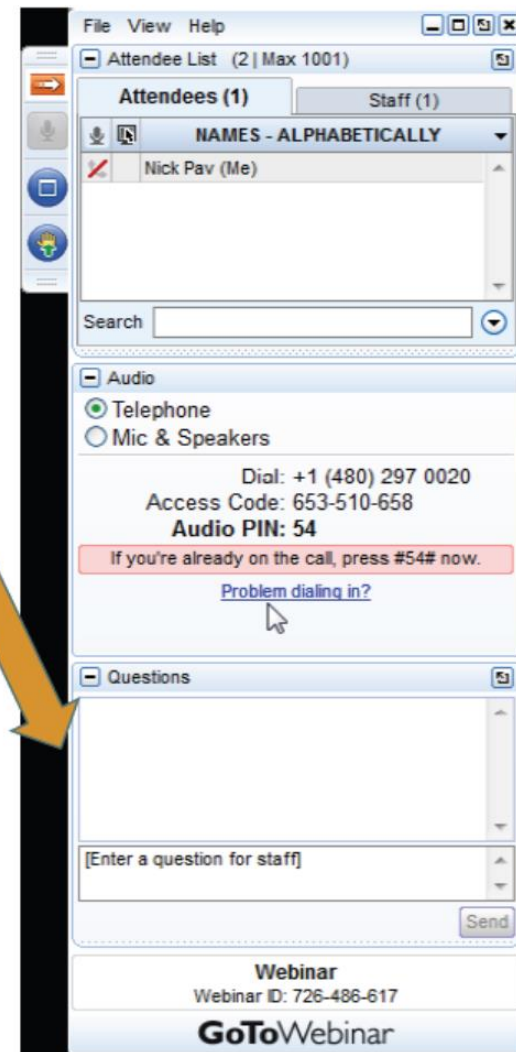


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# Agenda

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FY 2019-2020 Budget

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# Presenters

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National Center for Youth Law

## FY 2019-2020

### *Governor Newsom's First Budget*



# Governor Newsom's First Budget

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- \$214.8 billion budget
- Includes constitutionally required set-asides:
  - \$81.1 billion for K-12 & community college funding under Prop 98
  - \$16.5 billion for state's "rainy day fund" reserve under Prop 2

# Child Welfare – Family Support

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## Family Urgent Response System

- \$15 million in 2019-2020 and \$30 million ongoing to establish FURS, a 24/7 statewide hotline and county mobile response system

## Emergency Caregiver Funding at the Time of Placement

- \$4.1 million to ensure funding remains available to children in emergency placements and their caregivers from time of placement to approval as a resource family

## Emergency Child Care Bridge Program

- \$10 million annually to expand the Bridge program and help more foster families and parenting foster youth access child care

## Foster Parent Recruitment, Retention and Support

- \$21.6 million to continue FPRRS funding to retain, recruit, and support foster parents and relative caregivers



# Child Welfare – Housing Support

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## Housing Navigators

- \$5 million one-time funding to develop housing navigators to help young adults secure and maintain housing, with priority given to young adults in the foster care system



## Transitional Housing Program - Plus

- \$8 million annual augmentation of THP-Plus to reduce homelessness among California's former foster youth ages 18 to 24



## Bringing Families Home

- \$25 million to expand housing supports for child welfare-involved homeless families and those at risk of homelessness

## Rapid Rehousing

- \$19 million for rapid rehousing of homeless and housing insecure students in CSU, UC and CCC systems

# Child Welfare – System Support

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## Dependency Counsel Funding

- increase of \$20 million annually for dependency counsel to help reduce caseloads and additional \$1.5 million annual funding for administrative costs related to claiming federal reimbursement to support court-appointed dependency counsel representing children and parents



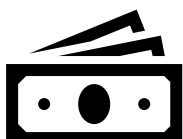
## Office of Foster Care Ombudsperson

- \$407,000 to address an increased caseload backlog associated with the investigation of complaints about child welfare and foster care



## Indian Child Welfare Act Compliance

- \$392,000 to support ICWA compliance



## Foster Family Agency Social Worker Rate Increase

- \$6.5 million for a CNI-based COLA for Foster Family Agency rate

# Other Investments in Children

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## Youth Reinvestment Grant Program

- \$5 million to divert children and youth from juvenile justice system by providing trauma-informed services and alternatives to arrest and incarceration

## Tribal Diversion Grant Program

- \$10 million to fund trauma-informed diversion programs for federally recognized tribes



# Other Investments in Children

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## Screening for Developmental Delays & Trauma

- \$105 million for developmental and trauma screenings and \$50 million for provider training to deliver trauma screenings

## Home Visiting

- \$90.3 million for newly created CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative and \$45.9 million for CDPH California Home Visiting Program

## Child Welfare Public Health Nursing Program

- \$8.3 million to create Child Welfare Public Health Nursing Early Intervention Program in Los Angeles County



## 2019 New Laws

*Laws Become  
Effective  
January 1, 2020*



# Supporting CCR Implementation

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## AB 1068 (Cooley) - Improving Child & Family Teams

- strengthens the child and family team process to promote positive outcomes for the safety, permanence, and well-being of children and youth in foster care



## AB 865 (Reyes) - RFA Training

- requires information related to CSEC be provided during the preapproval caregiver training process, requires counties to ensure that resource families caring for children 10 years or older attend training on best practices for providing care to children who have been trafficked



## AB 819 (Stone) - CCR Update

- adopts changes to further facilitate CCR, specifically as it relates to flexibility for resource families, exclusions from resource family homes, financial resources available to tribally approved homes, ISFC and the ability of group home staff to administer emergency injections, among others

# Supporting ICWA Compliance

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## AB 686 (Waldron) - Supporting ICWA Compliance

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counties &  
FFAs to apply  
prevailing  
social &  
cultural  
standards to  
RFA

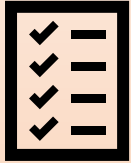
tribal home  
approvals are  
not subject  
to RFA  
requirements



ensures access  
to phone or  
electronic  
remote access  
options for  
court  
appearances

# Supporting Youth in Care

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## AB 175 (Gipson) - Foster Youth Bill of Rights

- updates Foster Youth Bill of Rights to reflect recommendations of a working group convened by CDSS
  - enumerating the right to receive grooming and hygiene products regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity
  - adding substance use disorder services among other currently required health-related resources to be provided to foster youth
  - specifying that the current right to freedom from the administration of medication or chemical substances shall be without consequences or retaliation

# Supporting Youth in Educational Progress

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## SB 419 (Skinner) - Willful Defiance

- extends the permanent prohibition against suspending a pupil enrolled in K or any of grades 1 to 3 for disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of school staff to include grades 4 and 5 permanently; and to include grades 6 to 8 until July 1, 2025; and applies to charter schools



# Supporting Youth in Educational Progress

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## AB 493 (Gloria) - Teacher Training

- requires the CDE to develop resources or update existing resources for in-service training on schoolsite and community resources for the support of LGBTQ students, for use in schools serving students in grades 7-12



## AB 1097 (Holden) - Credit Recovery

- requires the CDE to provide a report to the governor and Legislature on credit recovery programs



## AB 1354 (Gipson) - Juvenile Court School IEPs

- requires COEs to ensure that a student enrolled in a juvenile court school for more than 20 school days has an individualized transition plan and access to educational records upon release

# Supporting Youth in Educational Progress

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## AB 1004 (McCarty) – Developmental Screening Services

- requires that California's babies and toddlers, birth to age 3, receive the developmental screenings they are entitled to through the Medi-Cal EPSDT benefit

# Supporting Youth in Educational Progress

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## SB 150 (Beall) - Chafee Grant Awards

- relaxes the eligibility requirements and appellate process for Chafee recipients, which provides financial aid to current and former foster youth

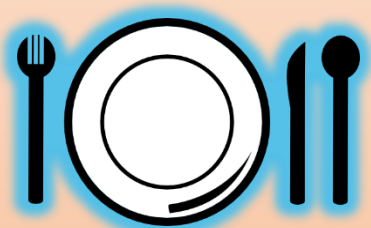
## SB 716 (Mitchell) - Postsecondary and Career Tech Education

- requires each county probation department and the DJJ to ensure that youth with a high school equivalency certificate have access to various public postsecondary academic and career technical courses and programs



# Supporting Transition Age Youth

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## AB 612 (Weber) - Access to RMP

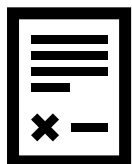
- allows CDSS to enter into a MOU with the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges in order to enable qualifying food facilities located on the campus to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program

## AB 1278 (Gloria) - Supporting Access to Resources on College Campuses

- requires each campus of the CSU and CCC, and requests each campus of the UC to include on the campus website notification of, and a link to information on the CalFresh program, county or local housing resources, and county or local mental health services

# Supporting Transition Age Youth

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## AB 718 (Eggman) - Supporting Youth in EFC

- helps to ensure that youth in foster care are provided access to critical documents and services to help them successfully prepare for their transition to independence



## AB 748 (Gipson) - Supporting Access to EFC

- allows youth that are subject to an order for foster care before they reached 18 years of age, but were not yet adjudged wards of the juvenile court before reaching their 18th birthday to be eligible for extended foster care benefits

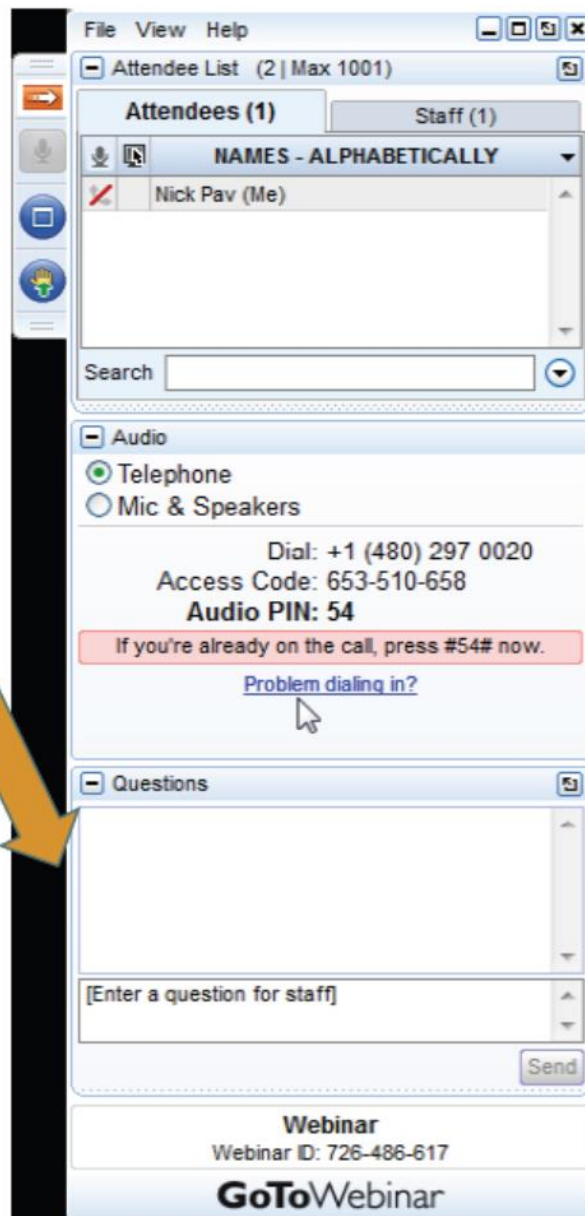


## AB 1061 (Gipson) - Placement Changes

- includes probation-supervised foster youth, and responsibilities for probation officers, in provisions of current law stipulating certain processes, requirements, and timelines regarding placement changes for foster youth who are dependents of the court

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