

annual **report** 2021-22



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about **our organization**

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The California Alliance:

The California Alliance of Child and Family Services is the unifying force in the charge to lead change and provide support for the state's children, youth and families.

For those dedicated to improving the lives of these at-risk populations, the California Alliance stands apart as the champion and leading voice for organizations that advocate for children and families, and for advancing policy and services on their behalves.

When you join the California Alliance, your organization's voice is amplified and its mission is advanced. That's because our expert staff and consultants advocate proactively to impact policy, legislation and budgets. When our advocacy, expertise and effectiveness are paired with your organization's mission and services, children, youth and families win.

Passionate representative for California's children and families facing vulnerable circumstances

More than 160 chief executives of organizations that serve California's most vulnerable populations trust the California Alliance to provide legislative and regulatory advocacy to the Governor and the Legislature, as well as a host of state departments, including: Health and Human Services, Finance, Healthcare Services, Social Services, and Education.

Member agencies rely on the California Alliance to:

- Unite an engaged, expert network of California's leading nonprofit child and family service agencies.
- Provide trusted leadership to organizations that address the most vulnerable circumstances facing the state's populations.
- Deliver trustworthy resources, policy-area expertise, real-world experience and sought-after guidance.
- Represent a collective voice in pursuing an aggressive agenda of advocacy to bring change.
- Act as a galvanizing force in uniting public and private child and family serving agencies.
- Fulfill a commitment to accreditation, high standards, best practices, successful client outcomes and high quality continuing education.
- Recognize innovation and excellence in service of children, youth and families.

The value of CA Alliance to its members:

Member organizations of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services (CA Alliance) receive many important benefits, centered around four strategy platforms of the CA Alliance:



Policy and Advocacy



Media



In-Person Conferences

Technical Assistance and Training



Sponsored Legislation —

AB 366 (Rubio) - This bill will prohibit the physical capacity of a resource family home from being the sole reason to deny placement of a sibling group if each child has an age-appropriate place to sleep and there are no safety risks.

AB 1686 (Bryan) - This bill will require the county child welfare department, in making a determination to refer a case to the local child support agency for child support services, to presume that the payment of support by the parent is likely to pose a barrier to the proposed reunification. This change would be required to be in effect on or before October 1, 2023.

AB 1735 (Bryan) - This bill will provide that a child in foster care, who speaks a primary language other than English, has the right to receive a copy of their rights in their primary language. Furthermore, this bill would require that the child's court report, case plan, and transition to independent living plan be provided in their primary language.

AB 2159 (Bryan) - This bill will prohibit the denial of reunification services for parents and guardians who are in custody before conviction.

AB 2317 (Ramos) - This bill will add the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) in state statute for the purpose of establishing children's crisis residential treatment programs. This measure will require that regulations and guidance align with federal Medicaid provisions to maximize federal financing for this new program.



— Sponsored Legislation

AB 2417 (Ting) - This bill will require county ombudspersons, who are required to investigate or refer complaints brought up by or on behalf of justice-involved youth of harmful conditions or practices, to notify the complainant in writing of the intention to investigate or refer the complaint. Furthermore, this bill would require the ombuds- man to provide written notice of the final outcome to the complainant.

AB 2598 (Weber) - This bill will require the California Department of Education to develop evidence-based best practices for restorative justice practice implementation on a school campus and make these resources available on the department website. This policy would be required to be in place on or before June 1, 2024.

AB 2697 (Aguiar-Curry) - This bill will require Medi-Cal managed care plans to engage in outreach and education efforts to inform enrollees of the community health worker benefit and a list of providers authorized to refer an enrollee to services.

SB 354 (Skinner) - This bill will authorize a court to order placement of a child removed from their parent or guardian with a relative, regardless of criminal exemption or resource family approval, if found the placement does not pose a health or safety risk to the child.

[To see our current list of Public Policy Priorities, click here.](#)



Media

In 2022, the CA Alliance staff actively promoted our members' exceptional work through various media outlets. This concerted effort served two key purposes: aiding our policy endeavors and shedding light on the remarkable achievements of our members. By strategically placing positive news stories, we effectively showcased not only the impactful legislation and policies we sponsored but also the remarkable contributions made by our members.

We take immense pride in the compilation of articles that have successfully been placed in the media. These articles are a testament to the hard work and commitment exhibited by both our staff and the collective efforts of our organization.

To access these articles and delve into the inspiring narratives that have emerged from our work, we invite you to visit our online repository by clicking here.



— Return to In-Person

The 2022 CA Alliance Homecoming Conference marked a momentous occasion as we joyfully reunited in person after a two-year hiatus. Held at the picturesque Rancho Bernardo Inn in sunny San Diego, the conference brought together prominent voices advocating for children, youth, and families.

Over three exhilarating days, attendees participated in insightful workshops, listened to powerful speakers, and celebrated our 2022 youth legislative champions, **Assemblymember James C. Ramos** and **Senator Anthony Portantino**, for their transformative legislation in support of our cause.



Assemblymember James C. Ramos



Senator Anthony Portantino

This long-awaited return to in-person gatherings revitalized our sense of community and provided invaluable networking opportunities. Participants reignited their passion for our shared mission, fostering new connections and partnerships that will amplify our impact in the future.

The success of the 2022 CA Alliance Homecoming Conference showcases our resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to advocating for the well-being of children, youth, and families. **We express our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to this resounding triumph and eagerly anticipate the future conferences that will further our collective progress.**



2022 CA Alliance Members

- Alameda Family Services
- A Better Way
- A Coming of Age Foster Family Agency
- A Greater Hope
- A New Beginning Foster Family Agency
- Advent Group Ministries
- Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
- Aldea, Inc.
- Alliance Human Services
- Allies for Every Child
- Alpha Youth and Family Services
- Alternative Family Services
- Angels Foster Family Network
- Ark Homes Foster Family Agency
- Aspiranet
- Aviva Family and Children's Services
- Bayfront Youth & Family Services
- Berhe Group Home
- Bethany Christian Services
- Boys Republic
- Building Bridges Foster Family Agency
- California Family Life Center
- Casa de Amparo
- Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families
- Casey Family Programs- CA Strategies
- Changing Faces Inc/Agage Homes
- Childhelp, Inc.
- ChildNet Youth & Family Services
- Children First Foster Family Agency
- Children's Bureau
- Children's Health Council
- Children's Home of Stockton
- Children's Institute
- Children's Legacy Center
- Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento
- Community Solutions
- Contra Costa Youth Service Bureau
- Courage to Change
- Creative Solutions for Kids & Families, Inc.
- Crittenton Services for Children and Families
- Crittenton Services for Children and Families
- Cultural Awareness, Inc.
- Dangerfield Institute of Urban Problems
- David & Margaret Youth and Family Services
- Diakonia
- Didi Hirsch
- Dimondale Adolescent Care Facility
- D'Veal Family & Youth Services
- East Bay Agency for Children
- Edgewood Center for Children and Families
- Eggleston Youth Services
- Elite Family Systems, Inc.
- Ettie Lee Youth & Family Services
- Extraordinary Families
- Family Builders by Adoption
- Family Care Network
- Family Extension Foster Care
- Father's Heart - A Ranch for Children, Inc.
- Fields Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc.
- First Place for Youth
- For the Future
- Foster Children Safe Haven Inc.
- Foster Hope Sacramento
- Fred Finch Youth & Family Services.
- Fresno Youth Care Homes, Inc.
- Future Stars Youth Services
- Gateway Residential Programs
- Golden State Family Services
- Greater New Beginnings Youth Services
- Greenacre Homes and School
- Greenhouse Family Services
- Guiding Light Home for Boys Inc.
- Haven of Hope, Inc.
- Helpline Youth Counseling
- Heritage Group Homes, Inc.
- Hermanitos Unidos-Siblings United FFA
- Hillsides
- Inner Circle FFA
- Inspire A Youth Inc.

2022 CA Alliance Members

- International Christian Adoptions
- Kamali'i Foster Family Agency, Inc.
- Kern Bridges Youth Homes
- Koinonia Family Services
- KYJO Enterprises, Inc.
- Latino Family Institute Inc.
- Legacy Behavioral Services
- LifeCare Coalition Outreach FFA
- Lincoln Families
- Litehouse Children & Family Services
- Luvlee's Residential Care, Inc.
- Mary's Help
- Mary's Shelter DBA Mary's Path
- Maryvale
- McKinley Children's Center
- Mile High Group Homes
- Milestone House
- Mountain Valley Child & Family Services, Inc.
- New Beginnings Residential Treatment Facilities
- New Destiny Youth Facility
- New Dimensions Foster Family Agency
- North Star Family Center
- Nuevo Amanecer Latino Children Services
- Oak Grove Center
- Oakendell Facility
- Olive Crest
- Optimist Youth Homes
- Pacific Clinics
- Paradise Adolescent Home, Inc.
- Paradise Oaks
- Parents by Choice
- Peacock Acres Inc.
- Pennylane
- Plan It Life, Inc.
- Plumfield Academy
- Progress Ranch, Inc.
- Promesa Behavioral Health
- Purposely Chosen, Inc.
- Rancho San Antonio
- Rebekah Children's Services
- Rebuilding Lives Foster Family Agency
- Redwood Community Services Inc.
- Remi Vista, Inc.
- Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers
- Sacramento Children's Home
- Safe & Sound
- San Diego Center for Children
- Seneca Family of Agencies
- Side By Side
- Sierra Child & Family Services
- Sierra Nevada Connections
- Sierra Vista Child & Family Services
- South Coast Children's Society, Inc.
- Spiritt Family Services
- St. Anne's
- Stanford Sierra Youth & Families
- Stars Behavioral Health Group
- Summitview Child & Family Services
- Sycamores
- Tender Loving Care Home for Boys, Inc.
- The Heart Matters FFA
- The REFUGE
- The Village Family Services
- TLC Child & Family Services
- Transitions Children's Services
- Trinity Youth Services
- Two Feathers Native American Family Services
- Unicorn Gardens
- Unity Care Group, Inc.
- Valley Teen Ranch
- Victor Treatment Centers
- Victory Family Services
- Vista Del Mar Child & Family Services
- Walden Family Services
- Wayfinder Family Services
- Westcoast Children's Clinic
- Wellness Together
- Youth For Change
- Youth Homes, Inc.

2022 Associate Members

- 501© Agencies Trust
- Behavioral Health Collaborative of Alameda County
- Accreditation Guru, Inc.
- ACHSA
- Armanino LLP, CPA & Consulting
- Beacon Health
- BINTI, INC.
- Cardenas Consulting Group
- Careprovider.org Residential Training Services
- Charis Youth Center
- Company Mileage
- Dennis Miller & Associates
- Der Manouel Insurance Group (O'Hub)
- eINSIGHT Behavioral Health Data Platform
- Exym
- Gilmore & Associates, CPA
- Harrington Group
- Heffernan Insurance Brokers
- Khush Cooper
- Insperity
- InterWest Insurance Services
- Mason Insurance Services
- McGriff
- M. D. Manouel Insurance Agency
- RPS Monument (formerly Monument Insurance Services)
- Mutual of America
- Nonprofit HR
- Nonprofits' Insurance Alliance of California -NIAC
- NonProfits' United
- Nonstop Health
- Opeeka
- Partnership Health Plan of California
- PRAXES
- ProCo (formerly Suhr Risk Services of California)
- SageSurfer
- Streamline Healthcare
- Together We Rise
- Unemployment Services Trust (AGIA)
- United Agencies Insurance
- D. T. Paulk
- Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar
- Monica Hendrix
- Lynn Thull
- Robyn Harrod
- Melissa Martire
- Joe Costa
- Steve Elson
- Carroll Schroeder
- William Martone

— The Catalyst Center

Leveraging Connections Between Research, Policy, and Practice While Promoting the Health, Well-Being, and Safety of Children, Youth, and Families in California.

The Catalyst Center is a leading training and technical assistance organization representing the interests of child and family serving professionals in the state of California and beyond.

The Catalyst is committed to advancing evidence-based innovations that support diverse communities, and dedicated to research and evaluation that promotes social justice in these fields. As one of the cornerstones of this work, our resource center prioritizes research, capacity building, and peer connection methods that elevate the voices and realities of historically marginalized communities and those that are most impacted by the work of community-based organizations.

Projects and Partnerships —



Thriving Into Adulthood

The Thriving into Adulthood Project aims to reduce the risk of homelessness and increase the capacity of housing and service options for transition aged youth. Through the strength of existing partnerships and the development of new collaborative relationships, we will leverage youth identified supports needed to help them thrive into adulthood. This project is funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation.

Catalyst to Wellbeing in Community Apprenticeship Program Partnership

The Catalyst Center and Chabot Las Positas Community College District have partnered together to create a Behavioral Health Apprenticeship program that will address the workforce crisis and pipeline issues many students face. We expect to get the initial pilot running by the Fall 2023.

Stuart Foundation

In 2022, the Catalyst Center was awarded a grant from the Stuart Foundation to explore and uncover barriers, challenges, and the enabling conditions for successful systems alignment for coordinated care. This grant was used to support Catalyst and Alliance activities that provided our team an opportunity to gather information on student-centered systems alignment, with a focus on key elements for equitable distribution of funds and services, successful community-schools partnerships, and balancing local-level implementation with overarching systems change.

Casey Family Programs

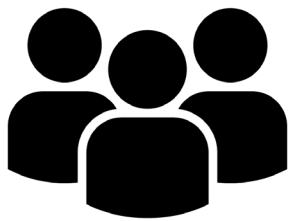
In 2022, the Catalyst Center partnered with Casey Family Programs to establish the Youth First project – a pilot program in which Catalyst and Casey designed and delivered capacity-building training and technical assistance to a cohort of providers seeking to implement Enhanced Care Programs (ECPs). Through Youth First, we developed the [ECP Guide](#) that serves as a manual to assist counties and providers with the development and implementation of individualized programs serving foster youth with unmet complex needs to safely and successfully thrive in family and community-based settings.

The Catalyst Center

Training and Technical Assistance

The Catalyst Center is a leading training and technical assistance organization for California providers, leaders, staff, and stakeholders in the child and family service sector. Through partnerships with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the Catalyst Center hosted trainings that ranged from policy/regulatory updates to innovative practice techniques, such as “Client Development with Hip-Hop Music.” Within nine months of launching our training platform, our reach has grown to over 2,500 individuals.

Over 2,500 Unique Users



50+ Trainings



California Provider Helpline - 1-833-99YOUTH (999-6884)



Through our DHCS partnership, we used our expertise to guide Short Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) providers as they navigated new regulations that would result in them being designated as Institutions of Mental Disease (IMD). Through our partnership with CDSS, we delivered technical assistance through our California Provider Helpline, guiding foster care and youth residential care providers with tools, tips, and resources in effort to improve the quality and consistency of care provided to youth within our California systems.

Helpline Year by the Numbers

Total Cases 390	Cases Closed 328	Avg. Min. Per Case 13
# of Distinct Callers 165	Avg. Days Cases Open 5.7	Avg. Min. Per Contact 13

Through both partnerships, our dedicated staff delivered compassionate customer service to ensure providers had the guidance and resources needed to make well-informed decisions for the benefit of their staff and the youth and families they serve. As a result of this work and other training and technical assistance efforts, our CDSS and DHCS partnerships will not only continue, but also expand in scope.



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