

**Child Welfare Policy Roundtable Agenda  
August 2, 2024 10am-11:30am**

**Zoom Webinar ([Registration Required](#))**

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**Policy Focus for August:  
Child Welfare in the California State Budget**

The August Child Welfare Policy Roundtable will focus on the 2024-25 California State Budget, including an overview of the budget and a closer look at critical investments to support system-involved children and youth.

**Budget Overview:**

- a. Legislative Analyst's Office, [lao.ca.gov](http://lao.ca.gov)  
Angela Short, Principal Fiscal and Policy Analyst, [angela.short@lao.ca.gov](mailto:angela.short@lao.ca.gov)

**Panel:**

- b. Children Now, [childrennow.org](http://childrennow.org)  
Susanna Kniffen, Senior Director, Child Welfare Policy, [skniffen@childrennow.org](mailto:skniffen@childrennow.org)
- c. John Burton Advocates for Youth, [jbay.org](http://jbay.org)  
Simone Tureck Lee, Director of Housing and Economic Mobility, [simone@jbay.org](mailto:simone@jbay.org)
- d. County Welfare Directors Association of California, [cwda.org](http://cwda.org)  
Diana Boyer, Director of Policy for Child Welfare and Older Adult Services, [dboyer@cwda.org](mailto:dboyer@cwda.org)
- e. California Department of Social Services, [cdss.ca.gov](http://cdss.ca.gov)  
Foster Care Rate Reform Proposal, [cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/foster-care-audits-and-rates/foster-care-rate-reform-proposal](http://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/foster-care/foster-care-audits-and-rates/foster-care-rate-reform-proposal)  
Sara Rogers, Chief, System of Care Branch, Children and Family Services Division, [sara.rogers@dss.ca.gov](mailto:sara.rogers@dss.ca.gov)  
Emily Smallson, Project Manager, Children and Family Services Division, [emily.smallson@dss.ca.gov](mailto:emily.smallson@dss.ca.gov)

**Open Discussion**

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**Next Roundtable Meeting: September 6, 2024  
Topic: TBA**

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\*The Child Welfare Policy Roundtable is held on the first Friday of every month unless it is moved to accommodate the legislative calendar or holidays.

\*\*Meeting information and materials from past meetings can be found at:  
[childrennow.org/cwroundtable](http://childrennow.org/cwroundtable)

\*\*\*Please contact Susanna Kniffen at [skniffen@childrennow.org](mailto:skniffen@childrennow.org) if you have suggestions for format or topics or would like additional information or to be added to the invite list for future meetings.