

# California's Budget & Legislative Landscape: Impact of a Pandemic on Child Wellbeing



Thursday, June 11, 2020  
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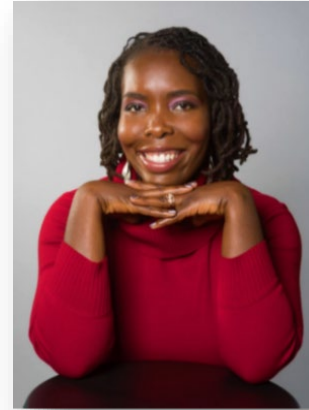
# Today's Presenter and Facilitators



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# Today's Agenda

1	California's Budget & Legislative Landscape: Impact of a Pandemic on Child Wellbeing
2	Q&A with Kelly Hardy
3	Policy Subcommittee Overview
4	Facilitated Discussion
5	Next Steps



## Purpose

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- An **overview of the current legislative and budget situation** in California and its impact on child wellbeing will be shared.
- **Participate in a discussion** facilitated by Policy Subcommittee Chairs, Pamela Mejia and Flojaune Cofer.
- ***Suggest priorities in light of COVID-19, for the Essentials for Childhood Initiative, Policy Subcommittee.***



## **Kelly Hardy, MPP, MPH**

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- Impact across domains of child wellbeing
- Status of the state budget
- Landscape of legislation on child wellbeing
- Federal funds
- Discussion and questions

- **Child vaccinations down 40% from the same time last year.** [Immunization levels](#) in January/February were similar to last year, but fell sharply in March/April – difference of 40% for 0-2 year olds, decrease of 40% in March, and 50-55% in April for 0-18 year olds.
- **Too many students not connected to school.** In an [Education Trust-West survey](#) of CA public school parents, only 45% said they were in regular contact with or had access to their child's teacher.

- **Latinx children disproportionately represented among COVID cases.** 74% of cases of virus for children 0-17 in California are Latino (but Latino kids are only 48% of population).
- **Some child care providers are shutting their doors for good.**
- **Reports of child abuse/neglect down**, due to less contact with mandatory reporters.

- Deadline for state budget looming (June 15, but really June 12)
- Enormous budget deficit (Legislative Analyst's Office [LAO] says \$18-31B; Administration says \$54B)
- Proposed [May Revise](#) includes some increased revenue, some cuts, some withdrawn proposals, and ~\$15B in “trigger” cuts that would be rescinded if at least \$14B in federal funds are received.
- Legislature passed a [budget on June 4](#) with some differences.

### Key budget items related to children's wellbeing:

- Child welfare – Family Urgent Response System (foster youth crisis hotline) and other cuts; child welfare disaster fund.
- K-12 Education – \$19B less in May Revise than in January budget proposal; schools would receive \$6B in federal funding specifically for COVID-related learning loss and other costs.

### Key budget items related to children's wellbeing:

- Early childhood – cuts and withdrawn proposals totaling \$1B for early childhood programs; Black Infant Health Program
- Medi-Cal – Proposition 56 funds repurposed away from children's priorities
- Trauma provider training and screenings – “decreased but not eliminated”

## Legislative items related to children's wellbeing & trauma:

- Childhood lead poisoning prevention bill package
- Student absences for behavioral health reasons
- Office of suicide prevention
- Support for telehealth mental health services for children & pregnant women
- Student Trauma, Grief, and Loss Pilot Program

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) (signed March 18) – \$104B total; temporary 6.2 percentage point increase in the federal Medicaid matching rate; paid family leave; additional food assistance for families.

[Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) (signed March 27) – \$2.2T total; \$150B in state, local, & tribal fiscal relief; \$13.5B for K-12 virtual offerings; \$425M for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to support student mental health initiatives.



[Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions \(HEROES\) Act](#) (passed by House May 15) - \$3T total cost; includes \$1T in state, local, & tribal fiscal relief; \$100B in education funding for states & districts; increased SNAP benefits; 14 percentage point increase in federal Medical matching rate; housing assistance.

- An update on the implementation of trauma screenings
- Where opportunities exist to protect children and families from state budget cuts
- The latest on federal relief funds
- Pro-active initiatives to support kids and families

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# Q&A with Kelly Hardy



# Questions?



# Facilitated Discussion



# Essentials for Childhood Initiative: Policy Subcommittee Overview



## Activities

## Updates



Evidenced-based/informed policy and community strategies (e.g., local or state organizational, institutional, legislative, etc.) to enhance child wellbeing

- Reviewing resources (e.g., CDC Technical Review, ACT-CA Literature Review, Veto Violence, etc.)
- Partnering with Violence Prevention Initiative



Develop a policy toolkit on a key policy concept: Local Control Accountability Plans

- Two Success Stories (Rural & Urban) will be included to help the target audience see themselves
- Consumer testing underway



Develop educational materials that would support the efforts of advocates to take on various policy topics

- Development of a County Coalition List underway
- CDC Technical Package Crosswalk as a “Final Product”



Provide webinars showcasing communities/institutions that have undertaken various policy efforts successfully

- County Coalition List





# Guiding Discussion Questions


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Given Kelly Hardy's presentation and our current public health crisis:

- ☉ What **supports (e.g., data, educational information, etc.) might you need** to expand or enhance your efforts to address and improve child wellbeing that could be considered by the Policy Subcommittee?

# Announcements



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## **Stay Home, Save Lives, Check-in Campaign**

<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/31/governor-newsom-launches-campaign-to-protect-health-and-well-being-of-older-californians-during-covid-19-pandemic/>





Provides support and resource referrals to parent and youth during the current COVID-19 pandemic, 7-days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Call or text 1-855-4APARENT (855-427-2736)** for services in English, Spanish and other languages. For more information, please visit:

<https://caparentyouthhelpline.org/>



For COVID-19 Resources for Women and Families, please visit the California Department of Maternal Child Adolescent Health at:  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DMCAH/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-Women-and-Families.aspx>





## Participate in the Census

Let's ensure all Californians are counted so we can put those resources to good use here at home!



BUILD BETTER ROADS AND SCHOOLS



FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



CREATE JOBS



IMPROVE HOUSING

## How To Complete

**Online:** For the first time, the Census form will be available to complete online in 13 languages.

**By Phone:** The Census can be completed by phone in 13 languages including Telecommunication Device for the Deaf.

**By Mail:** The paper Census form will be available in English and Spanish languages and can be mailed back to the U.S. Census Bureau.

To learn more, visit [CaliforniaCensus.org](https://www.california.gov/census)



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Division of Violence Prevention

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# Next Steps







## Next Steps

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- Please consider joining us for a special presentation from Drs. Sege and Burstein from the Tufts University, School of Medicine:

**Topic:** Fostering HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences) during COVID-19

**When:** June 16, 2020 from 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM PST

**Registration Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/efc-hope-covid-19>



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**Thank You!**