



4CA Policymaker Education Day – July 11th 2017

Overview and FAQ

Purpose:

Educate policymakers at the state level on childhood adversity, its impact across sectors, and policy opportunities that can mitigate the consequences of childhood adversity. Engage and empower 4CA members and other participants, especially those from communities impacted by childhood trauma.

Locations:

The California Endowment, Adelante Room • 1414 K Street, 1st floor, Sacramento CA 95814

The California State Capitol • 11th and L Streets, Sacramento, CA 95814

Schedule:

9:30 a.m.	Registration begins
10 a.m.	Event kick-off and advocacy training. Teams prep for policymaker meetings
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and speaker
1 to 4:30 p.m.	Meetings with policymakers and legislative staff

Registration and outreach:

- Register at www.4cakids.org/education-day asap (deadline June 1).
- Please distribute the event flyer to colleagues, neighbors, and friends – ESPECIALLY those from communities disproportionately impacted by childhood trauma – and encourage them to attend.
- Limited funds are available to reimburse travel expenses (such as mileage, flight or train tickets, or booking a charter bus for a group). Contact Benita Tsao at btsao@centerforyouthwellness.org or 415-684-9511 for more info.

What are we educating policymakers about?

1. **General information about childhood trauma (using communications toolkit materials)**
2. **Vote for an active bill aligned with 4CA goals (TBD by policy committee)**
3. Consider these policy ideas from CA communities or other states
4. **Make their own bill more trauma-informed**
 - a. For example, AB 1340 (Maienschein) on Continuing Medical Education credits – ask his office to add (early identification of) childhood trauma
5. Consider these recommendations to make future legislation more trauma-informed

How will the legislative visits be handled?

- Children Now staff will schedule the visits for all participants, according to zip codes provided during registration.
- We will create teams based on experience level and geography. The teams will stay together for all visits in order to build momentum and camaraderie, and avoid logistical nightmares.
- Team captains will be designated. Captains are more experienced with legislative visits and will be responsible for moving the team from meeting to meeting as well as turning in brief written reports of each meeting.

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