

**Senate Human Services Committee
Informational Hearing**

**February 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.
1021 O Street, Room 2200**

**Reforming California's Child Welfare System:
Recent Mandates and Innovations**

Agenda

I. Opening Remarks

- Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil, Chair, Senate Human Services Committee

II. How State and Federal Laws Have Changed to Focus on a Family-Based System

- Kim Johnson, Director, California Department of Social Services
- Daniel Webster, California Child Welfare Indicators Project

III. Issues of Concern and Promising Practices

- Jennifer Rodriguez, Executive Director, Youth Law Center
- Lauren Mendez, Child and Family Policy Institute of California, Youth Engagement Project
- David Swanson Hollinger, Deputy Director Children and Family Services Human Services Agency, Ventura County
- Sanja Bugay, Director Department of Social Services, Fresno County

IV. Prevention and Looking Forward

- Sophia Jeffe, lived expert
- Anna Gennari, Director of Strategy and Operations, California Youth Connection
- Leticia Galyean, Chief Executive Officer, Seneca Family of Agencies
- Leslie Heimov, Executive Director - Children's Law Center of California
- Cindy Cain, Parent Support Coordinator - Children's Law Center of California

V. Public Comment