

#### **HEALTH**

- A- Health Insurance
- D- Health Care Accountability
- C- Health Care Access
- Preventive Screenings
- **D+** Behavioral Health Care: Mental Health
- **D-** Behavioral Health Care: Substance Use
- **c-** Preventing Trauma & Supporting Healing
- C- Oral Health Care
- C- Food Security

#### **CHILD WELFARE**

- **c** Stable Homes & Enduring Relationships
- **c** Health Care for Kids in Foster Care
- D Education Supports for Students in Foster Care

#### **EDUCATION**

- D+ Child Care
- A- Preschool & Transitional Kindergarten
- C Early Care & Education Workforce
- **B** Expanded Learning Programs
- **D+** Early Intervention & Special Education
- C- Education for Dual Language & English Learners
- C+ Education Funding
- C- STEM Education
- C- Teacher Pipeline & Retention
- D School Climate: Connections with Adults on Campus
- **C-** School Climate: Discipline & Attendance
- C+ Connected Cradle-to-Career Systems
- **B-** Higher Education

#### **FAMILY SUPPORTS**

- C- Voluntary Evidence-Based Home Visiting
- C Paid Family Leave
- B Income Assistance for Lowincome Families

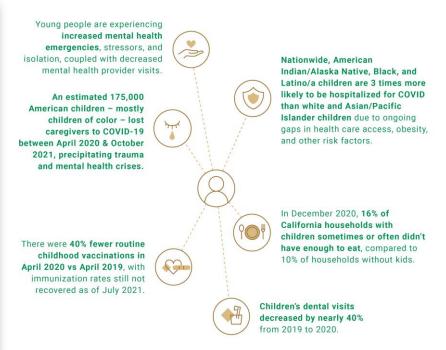
#### ADOLESCENTS & TRANSITION AGE YOUTH

- **C-** Relationships & Sexual Health Education
- **D+** Supports for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
- **D+** Decriminalization of Youth
- C- Opportunities for Youth Leadership & Engagement



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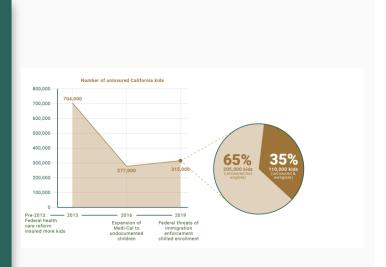
## Health



**Health Insurance**Grade A-

California needs to ensure that all kids have health insurance.

California's Latino/a children are at an increased risk of being uninsured.

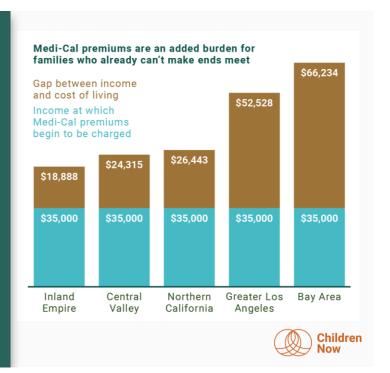




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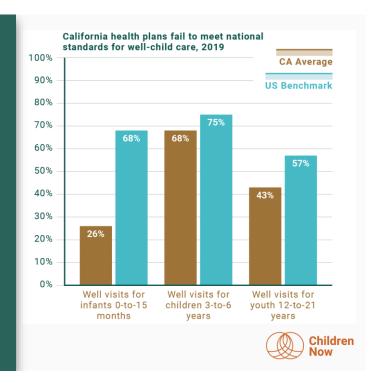
#### Health Insurance Grade A-

California is one of only four states that charges monthly premiums for kids in Medicaid (Medi-Cal).



**Health Care Accountability**Grade D-

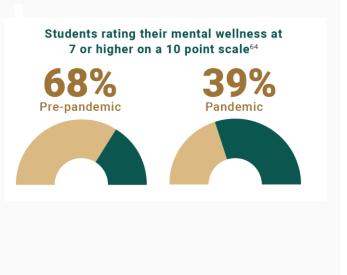
Despite a legal guarantee, California kids are not getting the basic services they need and for which the State is paying.



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Behavioral Health Care: Mental Health Grade D+

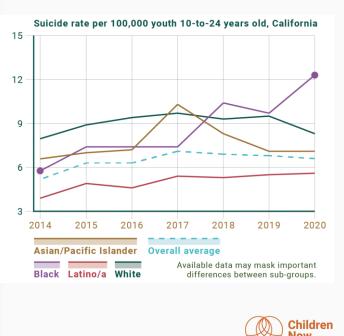
The isolation, stress, and increased material hardships of the pandemic have strained the vulnerable mental health of California's young people.



Children Now

**Behavioral Health Care: Mental Health** Grade D+

The suicide rate among Black youth has dramatically increased from 2014 to 2020.

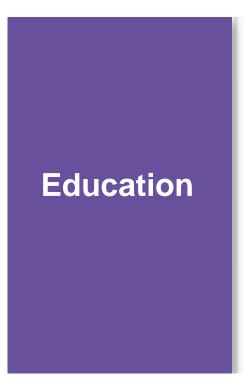


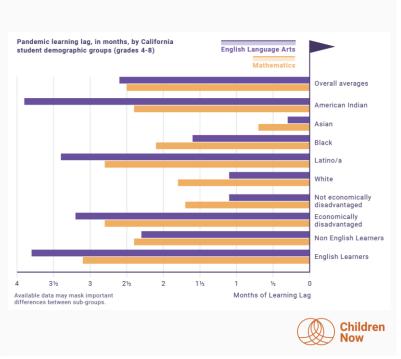
Now



Indicators	California	County Percentages						
		All	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Other	Rank
Health								
Newborns who were not low birthweight	92%	94%	93%	94%	94%	95%	93%	20
Kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations	95%	97%	-	-	-	-	-	14
Students who met at least 4 of 6 state fitness standards	70%	77%	79%	77%	61%	84%	83%	14
Students who reported they did not experience chronic sadness/hopelessness	62%	66%	67%	73%	67%	71%	60%	19
13-year-olds who were vaccinated for Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	28%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	1
Students who reported they did not consider suicide	80%	82%	83%	83%	83%	85%	75%	27
Children with Medi-Cal who had an annual preventive check-up	43%	47%	51%	43%	55%	42%	49%	7







Early Care and Education Workforce

Grade C

The pandemic has significantly exacerbated the impact of low wages and increased pressures on the child care workforce.

California child care providers have been stretched thin by the pandemic:

29%

of child care providers report experiencing food insecurity.

**77%** 

of child care worker survey respondents identified low wages as the main recruitment challenge. 48%

of child care programs impacted by staffing shortages are serving fewer children.

70%

of child care programs experienced loss of income due to low attendance and other factors.



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Early Care and Education Workforce

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To fulfill the promise of Transitional Kindergarten, California must onboard thousands of professionals.

9,000-14,000

new **Transitional Kindergarten** teachers are needed in California by 2025-26

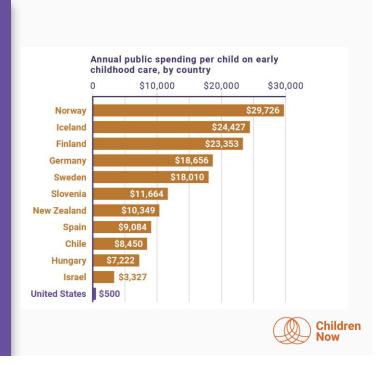
12,000-19,000

new assistant Transitional Kindergarten teachers are needed in California by 2025-26



#### **Education Funding** Grade C+

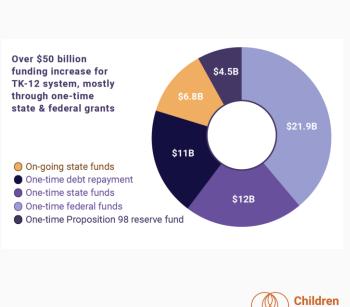
The US has persistently under invested in both child care and preschool, resulting in high parent costs, low provider wages, and far fewer children being served than are eligible.



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#### **Education Funding** Grade C+

The 2021-22 State Budget included massive investments in the TK-12 system to deal with pandemic impacts on the schools, but much of the funding is onetime.



School Climate: Connections with Adults on Campus
Grade D

The ratio of teachers and other professionals to students is a key factor in education quality and student connectedness; California ranks near the bottom among the 50 states on these measures.

	California rank	National average ratio	California ratio 10:1		
Total staff	45th	8:1			
Teachers	49th	16:1	23:1		
Principals & assistant principals	46th	261:1	348:1		
Guidance counselors	46th	430:1	612:1		
Student support staff 46th		135:1	295:1		



Indicators	California	County Percentages						County
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Education								
Children in working families for whom a licensed child care space was available	25%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	25
Students who were college- or career-ready	38%	45%	50%	25%	25%	68%	53%	25
Students who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	31%	45%	45%	21%	21%	64%	37%	5
Students who reported feeling connected to their school	54%	61%	61%	59%	57%	69%	56%	6
English Language Learner students who gained proficiency in English	50%	46%	-	-	-	-	-	29
3-and-4-year-olds enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten	58%	66%	*	*	*	71%	*	2
12th graders who graduated high school on time	81%	88%	91%	82%	81%	93%	87%	18
8th graders who met or exceeded standards in math	38%	51%	50%	17%	27%	68%	52%	4
Students who were not chronically absent from school	84%	90%	88%	82%	85%	93%	85%	10





#### **Family Supports**

**Voluntary Evidence-Based Home Visiting**Grade C-

Despite research proving the benefits of voluntary home visiting programs, they do not reach enough California families.

1,044,572 California families who have one or more risk factors and could benefit from home visiting

(1.4%)

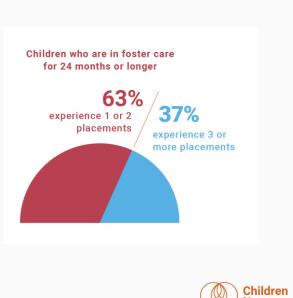
14,788 families actually served



#### **Child Welfare**

**Stable Homes & Enduring Relationships** Grade C

Many children and youth in foster care experience frequent placement changes, adding to their trauma.



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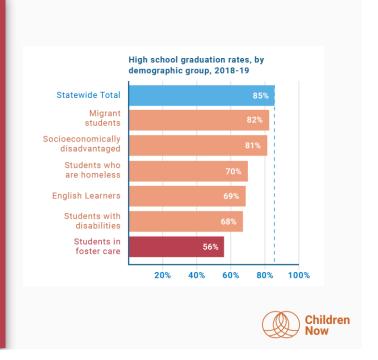
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#### **Child Welfare**

**Education Supports for Students in Foster Care** 

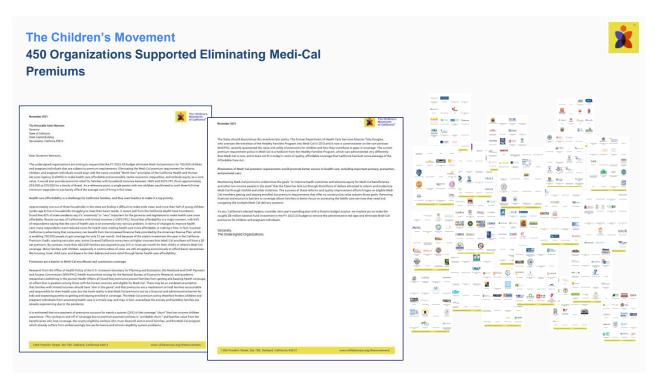
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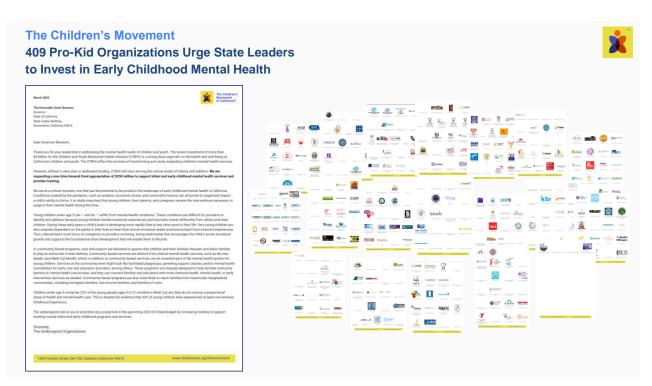
As a result of inequities in the education system, too few youth in foster are finishing high school on time.





# More than 1,000 Diverse Organizations Demanded Kids be Prioritized in 2021 Many 1,311 Prioritize California Kids in 2021 The drawn forms the first prioritized of the control of the co





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# Puente de la Costa Sur



First5 Presentation



# Who we are

- Puente is a non-profit located in the rural south coast of San Mateo County
- Our service areas are: Pescadero, La Honda, Loma Mar, and San Gregorio
- We provide services in the following:
  - Community Development
  - Education
  - Housing Advocacy
  - Mental Health
  - Physical Health

#### **Our Mission**

Puente fosters wellness and prosperity for the South Coast community by promoting and advocating for equitable access to education, health, and economic security.

#### **Our Vision**

The South Coast region is an inclusive and thriving community where people embrace diversity and equity.

# Our partnership with First5

- Sueños Unidos United Dream Childcare Coop
- Mami, Papi, y Yo
- Trauma Informed Trainings
- Abriendo Puertas
- Referrals

### **Sueños Unidos - United Dreams Childcare Coop**

- A parent coop for 8 families with children ages 18 36 months old
- Families participate in the everyday experience of the center by supporting and working with the staff
- Parents' engagement allows for on-hand experience about the ways in which to support child development and best approaches to guiding children's growth
- Our coop believes that all families bring strengths with them, and therefore we leverage their skills and knowledge into the everyday routine
- The environment is bi-cultural and bi-linguistic, allowing our monolingual Spanish speaking families to feel seen, represented, and valued

## Mami, Papi, y Yo

- An intimate space where families with children 0-12 months old come together to learn about best practices to supporting their little one's development
- Parents build a networking space to share their fears, joys, and concerns as new parents and/or parents with a little one for a 2nd time
- The group settings are small to provide families a safe space to share and to get to know one another
- Lead by a professional in the field of early childhood development



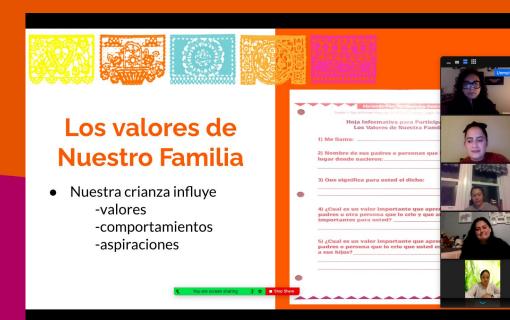
# Trauma Informed Trainings



The training provides a foundation of shared language in Spanish about what trauma is and the ways in which in impacts the self, those we work with, and the families we support. By understanding trauma we are better equip at supporting those who most need it and can help minimize its impacts.

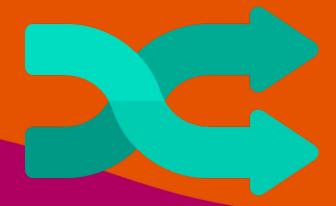
#### Abriendo Puertas

- An evidence-based curriculum taught to families with children 0 - 5 regarding best approaches to supporting a healthy child development.
- Families learn about the ways in which to support the different domains of growth and the importance of taking care of their own mental health



# What changed with COVID-19?

- Delivery of services
- How we supported families;
   their needs
- COVID-19 Safety Protocols
- Finding a balance between families needs and our staff's needs with a Trauma Informed Lens



# A Success Story

 Mother reaches out to discuss a referral to our Community Mental Health & Wellness team

During our ASQ
 assessment, mom opened
 up about language
 development concern



Thank you for your support!

