

**Support of Youth in Foster Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

On April 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced \$42 million in new investments to protect younger Californians who are at heightened risk for abuse and mistreatment due to COVID-19. These investments are allocated as follows: (1) Supporting Families Struggling to Stay Together – \$27,842,000; (2) Additional Social Worker Outreach – \$6,896,552; (3) Family Resource Centers – \$3,000,000; (4) Expansion of Helplines – \$250,000; (5) Age Extension for Foster Youth – \$1,846,165; (6) Additional Support for Resource Families Impacted by COVID-19 – \$1,728,655; (7) Extended Timeframe for Caregiver Approvals – \$166,000; (8) Access to Technology – \$313,128. This significant investment must be leveraged by Los Angeles County to support its children and youth in foster care, including those aging out of the system, and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-53-20, which authorizes additional support for children and families in the foster care system. This includes allowing emergency caregiver payments to be extended for an additional 60 days beyond the allowed 365 days. Additionally, the Governor’s action suspends specified criteria to ensure foster youth have continued access to programs, including

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through the extended foster care system.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Children and Family Services, in partnership with the Probation Department, Chief Executive Office Service Integration Branch, Parents Anonymous, iFoster, and stakeholders, to report back in one week, and bi-monthly (twice monthly) thereafter for the next three month period, with an implementation plan on Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-53-20 and his investment for youth in foster care and families.

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