

**2018 Project Leadership Alumni Meeting – Southern California
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SPEAKER BIOS

ELAINE LINN

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Elaine Linn serves as FVCA's training manager, where she coordinates and supports Project Leadership facilitators and oversees program curriculum. She also works with the California Children's Hospital Association to raise awareness about issues faced by CYSHCN, supporting families to share their stories with decision makers and the media. Previously Elaine served as vice president of Perry Communications Group, where she supervised and conducted public affairs activities to improve local, statewide and federal health policies and promote access health care treatment and services. Before that, she worked for The Dolphin Group, where she managed government affairs activities for a variety of clients. Elaine co-founded the Down Syndrome Information Alliance in Sacramento, and is active in local, statewide, and national Down syndrome organizations. She serves on the State Council of Developmental Disabilities Sacramento Regional Advisory Committee, and she is a FVCA Project Leadership facilitator. Elaine has two sons, both of whom are medically involved. She has a Bachelor's degree from California State University Sacramento.

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Janis Connallon works to improve the health care delivery system for California's most vulnerable children and coordinates CDF-CA's work with the California children's health coverage coalition. Prior to joining the Children's Defense Fund, Janis worked to strengthen health care programs for children with special health care needs at the state and county-levels at the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. She also represented the interests of children with special health care needs in Washington DC for Family Voices. She was instrumental, along with other advocates, in securing the passage of the Family Opportunity Act in 2005. Janis volunteers on the executive committee of the family partnerships network with American Academy of Pediatrics. She began her public health career working on state immunization campaigns with former first lady, Rosalyn Carter, and Senate spouse, Betty Bumpers.

KAITLIN PERRY

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Kaitlin Perry's focus on the intersection of politics and public affairs, along with a wealth of experience and passion for political data, policy research, and digital advocacy led her to Perry Communications Group in 2016. Prior to joining PCG, she coordinated media relations efforts for a statewide ballot initiative during the 2016 election. She also played an integral role in the management and success of many high-profile public and legislative affairs campaigns. At PCG, Kaitlin assists senior staff in project development and implementation, specializing in digital advocacy and social media campaigns. Kaitlin graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, and a minor in Business.