

Opportunity Update – Project Leadership
5/23/18

Family Voices of California seeks family representation at every level of community and government policymaking. Below are several upcoming opportunities that may interest you. *Project Leadership staff are available to assist parent leaders and training facilitators with participation, applications, etc. Contact lansari@familyvoicesofca.org for assistance.*

POLICY—ACTION ALERTS

Due Wednesday, 5/25 – The California Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education Sub-Committee to Improve Access is seeking **recommendations from parents, providers, advocates, research organizations as it develops plans for an early learning system.** Learn more at <https://speaker.asmdc.org/blue-ribbon-commission-early-childhood-education>. Request the template to submit comments at: Assembly.BlueRibbonCommission@asm.ca.gov.

PREPARE TO VOTE!

The Lanterman Coalition interviews Gubernatorial candidates. <http://bit.ly/CandidateInterviews>

POLICY—CONVENE AND LEARN

Thursday, 6/7 (Sacramento) – Disability Capitol Action Day in downtown Sacramento. <https://disabilityactioncoalition.org/dcad-registration/>

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE – BOARDS/COMMITTEES/WORKGROUPS

(Statewide) – State Plan for Independent Living planning/writing committee is seeking members. <https://www.calsilc.ca.gov/meeting-notice>

(Statewide) – The California Department of Health Care Services is accepting applications for the **Medi-Cal Children’s Health Advisory Panel (MCHAP)**. Must be a Medi-Cal enrollee or a parent, foster parent, relative caregiver, or legal guardian of an enrollee who is 21 or younger. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Medi-Cal_Childrens_Health_Advisory_Panel.aspx

(National/Statewide) – The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Board of Directors is seeking a youth/young adult representative and members-at-large for members of its advisory group, Executive Committee of the Family Partnerships Network (FPN). Learn more at www.aap.org/fpn; apply at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/fpn2018>.

TRAINING/INFORMATION – Meetings, Conferences, Webinars

Wednesday, 5/30 (Webinar) – Family Voices of California presents, “**Educational Advocacy after Brain Surgery.**” <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5657071278090414082>

Saturday, 6/2 (Bakersfield) – Central Valley Down Syndrome Summit. <https://www.ndscenter.org/down-syndrome-summit>

Wednesday, 6/10 (Webinar) – Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health presents, “**A Conversation on Meaningful Family Engagement, from Clinical Care to Health Policy.**” <http://lpfch.org/aapsupplement>.

Friday, August 3 (Davis) – MIND Summer Institute on Neurodevelopmental Disorders. Family Scholarships available. http://www.ucdmc.ucdavis.edu/cme/course_pages/MIND/mind_pagelink.html

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Saturday, August 4 (Hayward) – Congreso Familiar conference (in Spanish!). <http://www.congresofamiliar.org/hayward-2018.html>

RESEARCH

Help improve **state and workplace policies for family caregivers** in California by completing this brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/workcare18> . Link to survey in Spanish:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/encuestacalifornia>

Disability Rights California wants to know what kind of legal help Californians with disabilities need and want. Survey is available in 11 languages, **deadline is 5/25**. <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/post/we-want-to-hear-from-you>.