

Opportunity Update – Project Leadership
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Family Voices of California seeks family representation at every level of community and government policymaking. Below are 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

Various organizations provide policy updates and action alerts for those who sign up for their newsletters. Below are just a few. You can also sign up for newsletters from elected officials. Find yours at: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

- Family Voices of California: <http://www.familyvoicesofca.org>
- Family Voices (national): <http://www.familyvoices.org>
- Children’s Defense Fund-California: <http://www.cdfca.org>
- Children Now: <https://www.childrennow.org/themovement/>

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PREPARE TO VOTE!

- The Children's Partnership and the Children's Defense Fund-California have published ***Building California's Future - A Voter Guide to Championing Policies that Improve the Lives of California's Children.*** <http://www.childrenpartnership.org/tools-list/voter-guide-2018/>
- The Lanterman Coalition **interviews Gubernatorial candidates.** <http://bit.ly/CandInterviews>
- **VOTE! Traditional polling places will no longer be used for voting in Madera, Napa, Nevada, San Mateo, and Sacramento Counties.** Get information and find your Vote Center at <http://bit.ly/FindMyVoteCenter>

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-notices>

TRAINING/INFORMATION – Meetings, Conferences, Webinars

- **Online Webinar – Understanding California’s Regional Centers – English:** <http://www.familyvoicesofca.org/webinar-archive/>; Spanish: <https://youtu.be/uNDOfCFzFUo>
- **Saturday, 6/2 (Bakersfield) – Central Valley Down Syndrome Summit.** <https://www.ndscenter.org/down-syndrome-summit>
- **Wednesday, 6/6 (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>
- **Wednesday, 6/6 (Webinar) –** Family Voices of California presents, **“Educational Advocacy after Brain Surgery, Part 2.”** <http://bit.ly/AfterBrainSurgeryWebinar>