

Background Information on All For Kids 2025 Supported Legislation Signed by the Governor (information pulled from leginfo.legislature.ca.gov)

AB 607 (Rodriguez, Celeste)

SUMMARY: Extends the allowable duration of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Home Visiting Program (HVP).

What is a Home Visiting Program? Home Visiting is a preventative approach or strategy designed to provide support to low-income pregnant persons and new parents in their homes by pairing them with a support person to connect families to services as they go through the early stages of raising a family. This strategy is aimed at improving outcomes in infant and child health, education, school readiness, and preventing entry into the child welfare system. This nationwide strategy is voluntary in each state. Home visitors are typically trained nurses, child development specialists, and/or social workers and they connect parents to prenatal care, coach parents to develop healthy attachments with their infants, and advise on how best to aid in their child's development. In California, there are two modes of home visiting: 1) California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) California Home Visiting Program, administered through local health jurisdictions, and 2) CDSS' CalWORKs HVP administered through county welfare departments. Each has different eligibility requirements including the duration and population served. CDPH's program serves more than CalWORKs clients and participants are eligible until five years of age.

This bill will extend the eligibility timeframe for CalWORKs HVP to allow families to participate for the full duration of the evidence-based models currently used in counties, instead of limiting participation to a duration of 24 months or until the child's second birthday, whichever is later.



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AB 753 (Garcia, Robert)

SUMMARY: According to Child Action, Child Care Resource Center, Early Edge California, Kidango, and Unite-LA, "The ongoing staffing crisis in ECE programs across California threatens the stability and availability of care for families with young children. Childcare programs are struggling with insufficient staff for existing classrooms, let alone the additional classrooms needed to ensure that every California family has access to high-quality ECE opportunities."

This bill would allow the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue an assistant teacher permit that allows an individual with at least six units of ECE, child development, or human development coursework to assist in the care, development, and instruction of children under supervision, including temporarily supervising children independently when a supervising teacher steps out of the classroom. To qualify, an applicant must maintain an annual education plan, be enrolled in coursework toward the next permit level, and be sponsored by an employer contracted with CDE or CDSS to provide CSPP or general childcare and development services.

This bill further requires employers to keep a copy of the permitholder's education plan on file, and permitholders are required to work under the supervision of a teacher-level or higher permitholder. The permit is valid for up to two years, cannot be renewed, and does not confer the rights of higher-level permits. This bill takes immediate effect as an urgency statute and will remain in place until the Commission's revised Child Development Permit Matrix is implemented, after which it becomes inoperative and is repealed the following January.



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AB 779 (Lackey, Tom)

SUMMARY: The provisions of this bill expand the locally operated Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Consultant Program to apply to additional regional child welfare offices across the state as a pilot program. The original program partnered the Los Angeles Department of Child and Family Services offices with local domestic violence service providers to ensure that families experiencing domestic violence receive specialized, trauma-informed support.

Based on the success of this local program, this bill seeks to improve outcomes for children and families who are experiencing domestic violence in California by ensuring child welfare workers have specialized domestic violence consultants to guide interventions, provide trauma-informed services, and help keep families safely together when possible. Survivors would gain better access to shelters, legal protections, and support services, while their children would receive improved stability, and protections as well. The author is seeking to address systemic gaps in the child welfare system, by enhancing the capacity of social workers to respond to domestic violence in a way that prioritizes family stability and well-being.

According to bill author Assemblymember Tom Lackey, "[This bill] is a step toward ensuring that survivors of domestic violence and their children receive the support they need to stay safe and together. Too often, survivors are unfairly penalized by the child welfare system when they are already in vulnerable situations. By expanding the Antelope Valley's successful Domestic Violence Consultant Program, we can provide specialized guidance to child welfare workers, prevent unnecessary family separations, and connect survivors to life-saving resources."



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AB 898 (Bryan, Isaac)

SUMMARY: The Family Urgent Response System (FURS) was designed to provide children or youth currently or formerly in foster care, as well as their caregivers, with immediate, trauma-informed support via the 24/7 statewide hotline whenever issues or conflicts arise. When calling the hotline, youth or caregivers are connected to trained counselors who specialize in conflict resolution and de-escalation. These counselors help address conflicts in real time, often resolving issues without requiring further intervention.

By providing immediate support, FURS provides a trauma-informed alternative to calling 911 or law enforcement, which previously was often the only option. If additional support is needed, the hotline can connect youth or caregivers to county mobile response and stabilization teams. These teams provide in-home services focused on de-escalation, stabilization, conflict resolution, and ongoing support from a trauma-informed perspective. Both the hotline and the mobile response teams help link youth and caregivers to local services for continued assistance, if needed, ensuring access to a comprehensive network of support.

This bill aims to expand access to FURS, increase its use among families involved in the child welfare system, and further improve placement stability through... [authorizing] county-based mobile response systems that are not otherwise responding to calls placed through the statewide hotline... to utilize staff based on local needs, and expands their usage to include those receiving family preservation or voluntary or court-ordered family maintenance services.



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