



## 2025 Policy Agenda Year-in-Review

Each year, All For Kids supports a slate of bills and budget positions designed to build momentum around more prevention. **Looking back on the year, we are proud of our efforts to safeguard critical state programs that prevent abuse and nurture child well-being.**

### Advocacy Overview - California

- 👍 **Boosted childcare and preschool capacity**
- 👍 **Secured longer-running early development programs**
- 👍 **Protected the family crisis intervention hotline**
- 👍 **Supported Foster Family Agencies dealing with rising costs**
- 👍 **Improved training to better connect families with supports**

However, we are disheartened by actions at the federal level that will further destabilize our most vulnerable families.

### Advocacy Overview - Federal

- 🗨️ **Massive reductions in Medicaid and children's mental healthcare**
- 🗨️ **Bureaucratic red tape separating eligible families from benefits**
- 🗨️ **Damaging cutbacks to food assistance programs**

As we move towards the coming year – the voices of those fighting for a world where every child is safe to grow are needed now more than ever. Please visit [allforkids.org/advocacy](https://allforkids.org/advocacy) for effective advocacy tools and links to contact your local elected officials.



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If you need more info or have questions about the All For Kids Advocacy Program, please email [advocacy@allforkids.org](mailto:advocacy@allforkids.org).

The All For Kids Advocacy Program provides trusted input to policymakers and connects communities with resources to inspire local engagement. Speaking out together we are creating a world where every child is safe to grow.



In April 2025, All For Kids released its annual Policy Agenda outlining supported bills and budget positions. Joining with allies, we achieved key victories in California to prevent abuse and nurture child well-being. However, unfortunately at the national level we were unable to reject sweeping changes to the federal budget that will harm millions of our most vulnerable families for years to come.

### Childcare and Early Childhood Development

- 👍 **Maintained the state's commitment** to increased childcare slots
- 👍 **Protected the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program** helping foster parents quickly find help
- 👍 **Passed AB 753 (Garcia)** allowing more people completing licensure to work in supervised roles at facilities like the California State Preschool Program at our Magnolia Place Headquarters

### Healthcare for Children and Their Families

- 🗨️ **Failed to prevent federal budget** from slashing nearly \$1 trillion in Medicaid over the next decade with:
  - 🗨️ California losing billions of dollars each year and up to 3 million Californians kicked-off healthcare
  - 🗨️ Bureaucratic red tape separating even eligible families from needed benefits
- 👍 **Passed AB 607 (Rodriguez)** keeping young children healthy longer by allowing Home Visiting Programs like we administer with Healthy Families America to continue through their recommended duration

### Family Financial Stability

- 🗨️ **Unsuccessful at stopping federal budget** from cutting SNAP programs with:
  - 🗨️ California losing \$1.7 billion each year leaving up to 395 thousand Californians without food assistance
- 🗨️ **Failed to advance bills** that would expand and streamline child tax credits and family foster care benefits

### Strong Communities Where Children Thrive

- 👍 **Protected funding for the FURS crisis hotline** helping foster families stay together through conflicts
- 👍 **Passed AB 898 (Bryan)** expanding FURS to children on the cusp of entering the foster care system
- 👍 **Adopted language in House and Senate Appropriations** recognizing the family-strengthening impacts of Family Resource Centers like we lead in Palmdale, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach and Santa Ana

### A Robust Foster Care System

- 👍 **Passed AB 779 (Lackey)** authorizing programs to provide child welfare workers with regular training from Domestic Violence experts to better connect vulnerable families with needed supports
- 👍 **Passed elements of AB 601 (Jackson)** requiring county prevention plans and the state's mandated reporter training to focus on connecting families with resources we provide in the community
- 👍 **Secured \$31.5 million to help Foster Family Agencies** like ours contend with rising insurance costs

**All For Kids thanks the legislators, organizations and community members who supported our agenda for more prevention and increased child well-being.**

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