

# THP-Plus in the State Budget

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# Outline of presentation

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- Budget Update
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  - Budget Advocacy
  - THP-Plus Allocation for FY 2010-11
- AB 12 Implementation Process
- THP-Plus Announcements and Questions

# Webinar technical details

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# Today's Presenters

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- Michele Byrnes, Simone Tureck, and Sara Kimberlin, John Burton Foundation
- Cathy Senderling, CWDA
- Angie Schwartz, Alliance for Children's Rights

# Child Welfare in the Governor's Budget

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- Realignment
- Continuation of Veto
- THP-Plus

# THP-Plus Budget Update

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- Proposes to cut THP-Plus by \$19 million in FY 2011-12
- Budget rationale: 18 & 19 year olds will have access to THP-Plus Foster Care through AB 12

# Impact of Proposed Cuts to THP-Plus

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- Makes 1,000 youth homeless: reduces capacity to 998
- State loses \$9 million in federal funds
- Leaves vulnerable youth without an option
- Undermines goals of AB 12

# Budget Advocacy

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- Sign-on letter submitted January 20
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee hearing held on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Next hearing date: Senate Budget Subcommittee February 8<sup>th</sup>
- To participate, email [simone@johnburtonfoundation.org](mailto:simone@johnburtonfoundation.org)



# THP-Plus Allocation for FY 2010-11

- Released on January 7, 2011
- 2009-10 allocation is base
  - New counties in 09-10 funded at 100%
  - New counties in 10-11 funded at 50%
  - Veto applied evenly
- Available at [www.thpplus.org](http://www.thpplus.org)
- Essential that program funds expended by 6/30/11

# AB 12 Implementation Process: Three-Tier Structure

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- AB 12 Steering Committee
- Coordinating Leadership Team
- Focus Area Teams
  - Placement & Program
  - Eligibility, Rates & Placements
  - Training & Informing
  - Administration & Fiscal
  - Rules of Court

# AB 12 Co-Sponsors Will Solicit Input in Two Ways

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  - Surveys
  - Focus groups
  - Community forums
- Soliciting your response to draft proposals

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# Proactively Collecting Input

Stakeholder Group	AB 12 Lead
Child welfare & eligibility workers	CWDA & SEIU
Judicial officers	Children's Law Center
Youth	California Youth Connection
Providers	CA Alliance and JBF
Foster parents	Youth Law Center
Relative caregivers	Alliance for Children's Rights
Education stakeholders	John Burton Foundation
Juvenile probation system	Youth Law Center
Legal service organizations	Alliance for Children's Rights

# Soliciting Your Response to Draft Proposals

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- Wednesday, March 23rd 1 to 4
- Wednesday, April 27th 1 to 4
- Wednesday, May 25th 1 to 4
- Wednesday, June 22nd 1 to 4
- Wednesday, July 27th 1 to 4

# THP-Plus FC Stakeholder Input

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- JBF will gather input in 4 areas:
  - THP-Plus Foster Care Rate
  - Placement Standards
  - Allocation
  - Administration & Oversight
- Through:
  - Surveys
  - Focus groups & meetings

# THP-Plus FC Stakeholder Input: Participant Surveys

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- *Purpose:* Collect THP-Plus participant input to inform AB12 implementation
- Need participation from large number of youth served by diverse providers
- *Format:* Confidential online survey completed by individual participants



# THP-Plus FC Stakeholder Input: Participant Surveys

- Link to survey posted at [www.thpplus.org](http://www.thpplus.org) this week; email announcement will be sent out
- Responses needed by Monday, 2/28/2011
- Providers can encourage participants to complete surveys:
  - At end of case management meetings
  - At end of class meetings
  - When using computer labs
- John Burton Foundation will follow up with providers on survey response

# Project Announcements: How to Get Involved

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- Provide testimony at the Senate Budget Subcommittee Hearing February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Participate in legislative visits
- Submit a letter of support for restoring full funding to THP-Plus to Budget Committees, Governor, & legislative leadership Encourage youth to complete the participant survey at [www.thpplus.org](http://www.thpplus.org)
- Complete a provider or county survey in February

# Questions or comments?

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Enter questions on your screen now by clicking the “Question” arrow, typing your question, and clicking “Send.”

Or direct later questions or comments to:

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