

NASW-CA Legislative Action Alert

Tuesday, June 6, 2026

Join Us for Our June Policy in Action Session

Dear Social Work Members,

As California lawmakers finalize budget decisions that could significantly impact behavioral health services, child welfare workforce development, and crisis response systems, now is the time for social workers to stay informed, engaged, and ready to advocate.

Join us for Policy in Action: Juneteenth, Solidarity, and Social Work Advocacy in a Time of Budget Cuts, a timely conversation that centers Juneteenth as both a commemoration of freedom and a continued call to action for justice and equity. This session will explore the intersections of racial justice, behavioral health, immigration, and social work practice while examining how proposed state budget reductions may affect California's public service systems and the communities we serve.

Participants will learn about proposed cuts to the Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program, Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funding, and mobile crisis response services, reductions that come amid growing behavioral health needs, workforce shortages, and increased demand for child welfare and crisis intervention services. Together, we will discuss the implications of these proposals and explore how social workers can remain grounded in advocacy, dignity, self-determination, and social justice during challenging times.

Featured Panelists:

- Dr. Susan Eggman, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Chair of the School of Social Work at CSU, Sacramento; Former California State Assemblymember and Senator
- Dr. Sarah Taylor, PhD, MSW, Professor and Chair, Department of Social Work, CSU, East Bay
- Sin Goh, MSW, M.Ed., Title IV-E Principal Program Lead, CSU, East Bay
- Dr. Blake Beecher, PhD, LCSW, Chair, Department of Social Work, CSU, San Marcos
- Adrienne Shilton, Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Strategy, California Alliance of Child and Family Services
- Divya Shiv, Senior Policy Advocate, Behavioral Health Policy, California Alliance

Join us on Thursday, June 26, from 12:00-1:00 PM PT for this free virtual event. One (1) free CEU will be offered.

Register Here: [Policy in Action: NASW-CA Advocacy Series](#)

The budget decisions being made today will have lasting implications for California's behavioral health workforce, child welfare systems, and community-based services. We encourage you to join this important discussion, gain valuable policy insights from leading experts, and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of social work advocacy in California.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Election Day Reminder: Make Your Voice Heard

As social workers, we understand that public policy decisions directly affect the individuals, families, and communities we serve. Civic engagement is one of the many ways we can help shape the systems that impact access to healthcare, behavioral health services, housing, education, child welfare, and social services.

Today, June 2, is the last day to vote in person or return your ballot by 8:00 PM.

Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked no later than June 2.

If you are mailing your ballot on Election Day, we strongly encourage you to obtain a hand-stamped postmark from a postal employee at a United States Post Office to ensure your ballot is properly postmarked.

Voter Resources:

- Register to vote: [Online Voter Registration | California Secretary of State: California Secretary of State](#)
- Check to see if you live in a Voter Choice Act County: [VCA Participating Counties: California Secretary of State](#)
- Check your voter status: [My Voter Status - California Secretary of State](#)
- June 2 Primary Election Info: [Primary Election - June 2, 2026: California Secretary of State](#)
- Poll Locator: [Find Your Polling Place: California Secretary of State](#)
- CalMatters' 2026 Voter's Guide: [2026 California Voter Guide - CalMatters](#)

- Choose Your Governor Quiz: [How can you tell CA governor candidates apart? Take this quiz](#)
- Brief Governor Candidate Interviews: [Videos: Governor Q&As](#)
- League of Women Voter's Voter Guide: [Easy Voter Guide](#)

Thank you for staying informed, engaged, and committed to strengthening our communities through both your professional practice and civic participation.