

**JOINT OVERSIGHT HEARING
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
&
ASSEMBLY SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOSTER CARE**

**June 28, 2011
9:00-11:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 444**

**Congregate Care Reform:
The Future of Foster Youth in Group Homes**

Opening Comments

PANEL I. Foster Youth Panel: Day to Day Life in a Group Home (30 mins.)

A. Growing up in a group home setting

1. Jonathan Littman, CYC Youth Member, Sacramento
2. Eddy Yanez, CYC Youth Member, Merced
3. Demorie Lockhart, CYC Youth Member, Alameda
4. Karen Grace-Kaho, State Foster Care Ombudsperson

PANEL II. California's Congregate Care Reform (30 mins.)

A. Relevant Laws and Context Related to Group Homes

1. Christine Frey, Legislative Analyst

B. RBS and Beyond: Reform Initiatives with Statewide Implications

1. Will Lightbourne, California Department of Social Services
2. Greg Rose, California Department of Social Services

2. Carroll Schroeder, California Alliance of Child and Family Services

PANEL III. Reform at the Local Level (30 mins.)

A. San Francisco County Example

1. Liz Crudo, San Francisco Human Services Agency
2. Sara Schumann, San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department
3. Mark Nickell, Seneca Center

B. Orange County Example

1. Hellen Howe, Orange County Children and Family Services
2. Daniel Hernández, Orange County Probation Department
3. Brenda Wagner, Orange County Probation Department

PANEL IV. Barriers and Recommendations for Continuing Reform (30 mins.)

A. Response Panel

1. CYC Youth Member
2. Damon King, Youth Law Center
3. Don Kingdon, PhD, County Mental Health Director's Association
4. Frank Mecca, County Welfare Director's Association
5. Carroll Schroeder, California Alliance of Child and Family Services
6. Karen Grace-Kaho, State Foster Care Ombudsperson

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Closing Remarks