

FOSTER CARE: AN UPDATE ON RECENT REFORMS

**Joint Informational Hearing
Assembly Committee On Human Services
Assembly Select Committee On Foster Care**

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

1:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento, California

AGENDA

I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Assemblymember Noreen Evans, Chair
Assemblymember Ray Haynes, Vice Chair
Assembly Committee on Human Services

Assemblymember Karen Bass, Chair
Assemblymember Bill Maze, Vice-Chair
Assembly Select Committee on Foster Care

Other members of Human Services, and Select Committee on Foster Care

II: Child Welfare System Improvement and Accountability Act (AB 636)

History and Progress:

- ❖ California Department of Social Services (10 minutes)
The Concepts and Philosophy Behind AB 636
Ms. Mary Ault, Deputy Director, CDSS Children and Family Services Division
- ❖ County Welfare Directors Association of California (20 minutes)
County-Close-Up – How AB 636 Was Implemented In Orange County.

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Panel Presentations with 15 minutes (total) Follow-up Discussion

- ❖ Ms. Barbara Needell, M.S.W., Ph.D. (15 minutes)
Performance Indicators for Child Welfare Services
- ❖ Mr. Curt Child, Senior Attorney, National Center for Youth Law
A County-by-County Analysis of Performance (10 minutes)
- ❖ Mr. Stuart Oppenheim, Executive Director, Child and Family Policy Institute of
California
Statewide Analysis and Review of County System Improvement Plans (10 minutes)

III. Foster Care Implementation: Status Report on Selected Bills

- ❖ Department of Social Services
Update on Implementation of Select Foster Care Legislation Passed Between 2000
and 2005 (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, Children's Law Center of L.A.
Implementation Challenges and Systematic Improvements (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Lisa Chin, Governmental Relations Advocate, SEIU
Implementation from the Social Worker Perspective (10 minutes)
- ❖ Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez, Legislative and Policy Coordinator, California Youth
Connection
Implementation from the Foster Youth Perspective (10 minutes)

IV. Public Comment (15 minutes)