

### **California Alliance Program Committee Descriptions**

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. That's why the heavy lifting at the California Alliance is handled by the board of directors in conjunction with a host of business and program committees made up of member agency executives and senior level management.

Each program area represented by the Alliance has a committee that determines and monitors the legislative and regulatory agenda in the program area. Member agencies with active programs in California Alliance advocacy areas are allotted one voting member on the corresponding program committee. Committee chairs have a seat on the California Alliance Board of Directors.

1. FFA/Adoption Committee
  - a. The FFA and adoption committees focus on all topics related to the work FFAs and adoption agencies are involved in including community care licensing, budgets, family finding, rate adjustments, and more.
2. Residential Care/Juvenile Justice Committee
  - a. The residential care and juvenile justice committees focus on all topics related to residential care and juvenile justice areas including FFPSA, STRTPs, guardianship, and more.
3. Education Committee
  - a. The education committee focuses on all topics related to education including nonpublic schools, special education, community schools' updates, grants, and more.
4. Prevention Services Committee
  - a. The prevention committee focuses on topics related to wraparound programs, family resource centers, and other family-based programs.
    - i. Keep members informed with latest updates regarding federal Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and accompanying state Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program and Block Grants.
    - ii. Regular updates from expert consultants.
    - iii. Closely monitor legislation seeking to address disproportionality in the Child Welfare System, including efforts to remove a parent's economic disadvantage as a reason which requires mandated reporting of general neglect.
5. TAY Services Committee
  - a. The TAY committee focuses on topics related to the TAY population including programs and services and share best practices and concerns related to housing, funding, and more.
6. Behavioral Health Committee
  - a. The Behavioral Health Committee focuses on topics related to programming, services, best practices, and policy updates related to behavioral health, SUD, and more.
7. CEO/ED Meeting



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- a. Facilitated by Alliance CEO, Chris Stoner-Mertz, the CEO/ED meeting is the place where member CEO/Eds come together to network, make connections, hear updates directly from state and other stakeholders, and share best practices in a confidential forum.
8. HR and CFO Directors Workgroup
  - a. HR and CFO directors are responsible for creating and/or monitoring policies and procedures within their organizations. This group, facilitated by Operations Director, Kim Janoe, meets monthly to share best practices, hear from financial and human resource experts, and network.
9. Commercial Insurance Committee
  - a. The commercial insurance committee focuses on helping members learn how to contract with managed care plans.
10. Evolving CEO group
  - a. The CEO/ED's job is as difficult as it is important, therefore, we have created a group for CEO/EDs new to their job and/or field. This group offers a supportive environment that offers presentations, networking, and opportunities to share best practices facilitated by Alliance CEO, Chris Stoner-Mertz.
11. DEI Workgroup
  - a. The DEI workgroup focuses on equity issues related to topics for BIPOC communities and sharing best practices within organizations facilitated by Director of Strategic Initiatives, Cornelle Jenkins.