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Keeping Movement Members Informed on Key Kids' Issues

Highlights from The Children's Movement Team

This edition we're highlighting state-level developments: lawmakers are back in Sacramento making key decisions on Pro-Kid bills, our campaign to hold health insurers accountable is gaining momentum, and we're sharing new resources and member stories from across the Movement. At the same time, don't forget about our [Navigating Federal Actions hub](#) — your go-to for tracking what's happening in Washington D.C., how it affects kids, and when to take action. As always, if you have any questions, feedback, or would like to connect with our staff, please email us at tcm@childrennow.org.

Inside the Capitol: Which Bills Will Make It to the Governor's Desk?

Legislators returned from summer recess on August 18 with less than a month to decide the fate of this year's bills — both chambers face a September 12 deadline. Key decisions made during this period will determine whether Pro-Kid bills keep moving forward or stall out.

After the Legislature adjourns on September 12, we will provide an update on which Pro-Kid bills made it to the Governor's desk and highlight ways you can help ensure these important pieces of legislation cross the finish line. Need a refresher on this year's Pro-Kid bills? Check out [this blog post](#) from our June newsletter for a high-level summary of each bill. You can also check out the posts below for a more in-depth perspective on some of the Pro-Kid bills we're tracking:

- [Get Recovery Aid to Disaster-Impacted Foster Children and Youth](#) (AB 689)
- [Improve Kids' Teeth with More Access to Fluoride](#) (AB 350)
- [Address California's Teacher Shortage](#) (AB 291)
- [Increase Access to Home Visiting for California](#) (AB 607)

Campaign Update: Hold Health Insurers Accountable (SB 363)

One of the most urgent Pro-Kid bills this session is SB 363, which would hold health insurers accountable for wrongfully denying children the care they need, especially mental health services. From July through mid-August, more than 600 Children's Movement member organizations signed [this letter](#) urging the Assembly to move SB 363 forward. We delivered that letter the week of August 18, marking a powerful

Pro-Kid milestone, but we're not done yet.

If the bill passes the Assembly, the final step will be securing the Governor's signature. Every organization that signed the letter to the Assembly will automatically be included on the upcoming letter to Governor Newsom, and new organizations can still add their support! If you want to help build momentum, make sure your organization has signed the letter, then share this campaign webpage with your networks so even more organizations can add their voices: www.childrennow.org/campaigns.

New Resource: Supporting Caregiver Advocates

Caregivers are powerful advocates for kids, but too often their voices are underrepresented in decision-making spaces. This new resource from Children Now offers best practices and real-world lessons on how organizations can better engage, support, and sustain caregiver advocates in their work. Explore the guide [here](#) to learn how you can build meaningful, lasting partnerships with caregivers.

Member Spotlight: Angel Flight West

Angel Flight West is a nonprofit organization that arranges free air transportation for children and adults who need to travel to non-emergency, far-off medical care. Their network of volunteer pilots donates time, aircrafts, and resources to fly people to critical health care appointments across the Western United States. For many individuals, these flights can make the difference between missing and receiving essential treatment. Every flight is a powerful act of care, hope, and community — always at no cost to the passenger or their family. Watch their mission in action [here](#) and learn more at <https://go.childrennow.org/e/638511/2025-08-28/7ktdv4/2140842921/h/GOwOg4jgRTAr2v1sqix53P-w9y7iM7euL6kVPdczkqj>. You can also follow [@angelflightwest on Instagram](#) to read more testimonials and stories. Thank you, Angel Flight West, for being a part of The Children's Movement!

Need help spreading the word about your organization or an upcoming event? Reach out to The Children's Movement staff at Children Now to be featured in our next newsletter!

Thank You Fellows!

In just eight short weeks, The Children's Movement Equity Fellows welcomed more than 350 new members into the Movement. Achieving that much growth in such a short time reinforces the widespread support that exists for prioritizing kids in policymaking. To those 350+ organizations: welcome to the Pro-Kid network! We're so glad you're here. To our Fellows: we're honored to have worked with you and look forward to watching you grow as changemakers and child advocates.

Want to learn more? Check out [this blog post](#) to read about each of our Fellows and how the Fellowship Program plays a key role in building power for kids.

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