



California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) 17/18 Priorities and Goals

Policy Priorities:

1. Advocate for there to be mental health education included in the school curriculum every year in every school.
2. Advocate for there to be at least one mental health professional on all school campuses.
3. Advocate for continuity of care between children's system and adult system.
4. Advocate for there to be no wrong door to receive mental health services and supports.
5. Advocate for the abolition of the use of seclusion and restraint on juveniles.
6. Advocate for policies that support the mental health of immigrant and undocumented youth.

Awareness and Education Goals:

1. Increase awareness of the importance of focusing PEI efforts on TAY, as this is the age span where PEI efforts can be most effective to achieve B4Stage4 outcomes. (B4Stage4 = Before Crisis)
2. Increase awareness of the term TAY and the importance of TAY being recognized as its own unique demographic that does not fit into children services or adult services.
3. Develop a training for adults teaching them how to work with TAY.
4. Engage in awareness campaign to educate youth on the shortage of mental health professionals in CA and encourage them to enter into those positions.
5. Develop a training teaching youth how to advocate for themselves in a variety of settings.
6. Promote existing behavioral health services and supports for youth by creating a resource list that includes state and local resources.
7. Launch patient's rights awareness campaign focused on low income Californians.
8. Build bridges between the pre-TAY, TAY, and post-TAY years.
9. Advocate for continued supports and services for youth, especially in diverse unserved, underserved, and poorly served communities after they turn 18, which is when they usually lose Medi-Cal benefits.
10. Participate in Prop 64 implementation with focus on funding for youth treatment services.
11. Participate in No Place like Home implementation.
12. Launch an education campaign introducing the CAYEN program, mission, vision and goals