

# Monthly THP-Plus/THP+FC Conference Call

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THURSDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>: 10:00 TO 11:00 A.M.



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# AGENDA

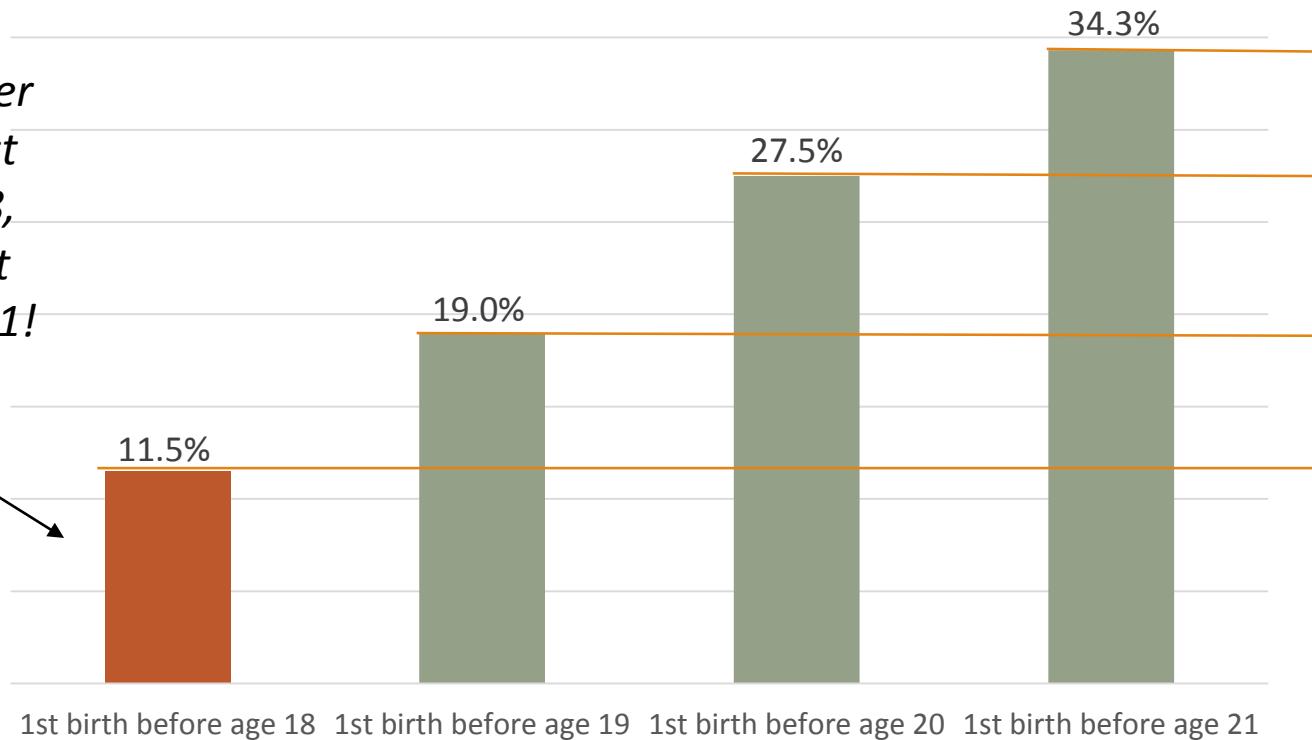
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1. Welcome and introduction
2. May: Teen Pregnancy Prevention & Foster Youth Awareness Month
3. Policy Update
  - Status of \$30 Million Budget Proposal
  - Update on SB 1252 ACIN & THP+FC Regulations Meeting
4. Data
  - Realignment Expenditure Report
  - Launch of PTS for THP+FC!
5. Future JBF Project

# Why are We Talking about Pregnancy Prevention?

*Cumulative % of Girls in a Foster Care Placement at Age 17 Who had a First Birth by Age 21*

*Among girls in foster care who had a first birth before age 18, 38.7% had a repeat teen birth by age 21!*



# THP-Plus and THP+FC Providers Can Make a Big Difference

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Incorporating reproductive health and pregnancy prevention into case management

Educating staff that the vast majority of foster youth do not want to get pregnant.

Helping youth remain eligible for Medi-Cal to age 26 to allow for affordable access

Ensuring youth have access to medically-accurate, age-appropriate information about contraception

Rebecca Griesse,  
National Campaign

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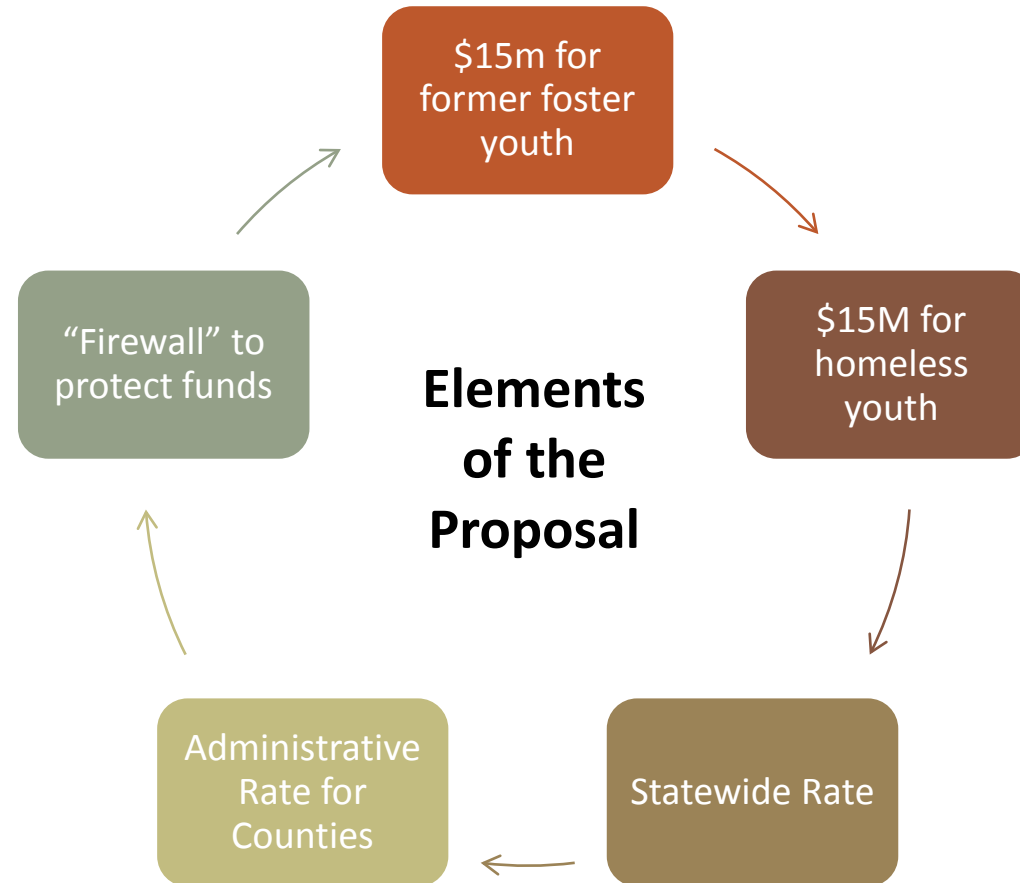
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# Policy Updates



# \$30 Million THP-Plus Expansion

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# Draft Homeless Youth Definition

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(3) Any homeless youth, at least 18 years of age and not more than 24 years of age, who is a “homeless youth” as defined in Section 11434a(2) of Title 42 of the United States Code. The California Department of Social Services shall, in consultation with stakeholders, including public and nonprofit organizations that provide services to foster or homeless youth, and youth advocacy organizations, draft guidelines for administration of this program. The guidelines shall do each of the following:

(A) Prioritize assistance for youth who have sustained or suffered abuse or neglect.

(B) Prioritize assistance for youth who are at risk for long-term homelessness.

(C) Prioritize applicants who can demonstrate experience in implementing best practices in providing transitional housing, and experience in providing services and supports to homeless youth.

(D) Consider geographic diversity.



# We Need Your Help to Make this Happen

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Write letters to:

- Assembly Member Tony Thurmond, Chair of Budget Subcommittee #1 Health and Human Services
- Assembly Member Shirley Weber, Chair of Assembly Budget Committee
- Senator Holly Mitchell, Chair of Budget Subcommittee #3 Health and Human Services
- Senator Mark Leno, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee

We will send out template in follow-up email

Please let us know if you send a letter!

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# Legislation and CDSS Workgroups

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## Update on legislation:

- SB 1252 in final stages; likely 3 to 4 more weeks until ACIN is released
- AB 1327 was made into a two-year bill

## THP+FC Rate and Regulations Workgroup:

- Next meeting in July.

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# Realignment Report



# Realignment Refresher

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- 2011 Realignment is a series of laws passed in 2011 and 2012 (AB 118, AB 16, SB 1013, Prop 30)
- What did Realignment do?
  - Transferred responsibility to fund Adoption Services, Foster Care, Child Welfare Services from the state to the county level
  - Directed portion of the state sales tax to the counties to fund these functions
  - Eliminated the state share of cost (used to be 20% for federally eligible child; 40% for non-eligible)
  - Provided new discretion to the counties for certain programs, such as THP-Plus!
- Prop. 30 made Realignment permanent
  - Amended the California State Constitution to include Realignment
  - Requires state to pay 100% of new mandates

# Realignment & THP-Plus

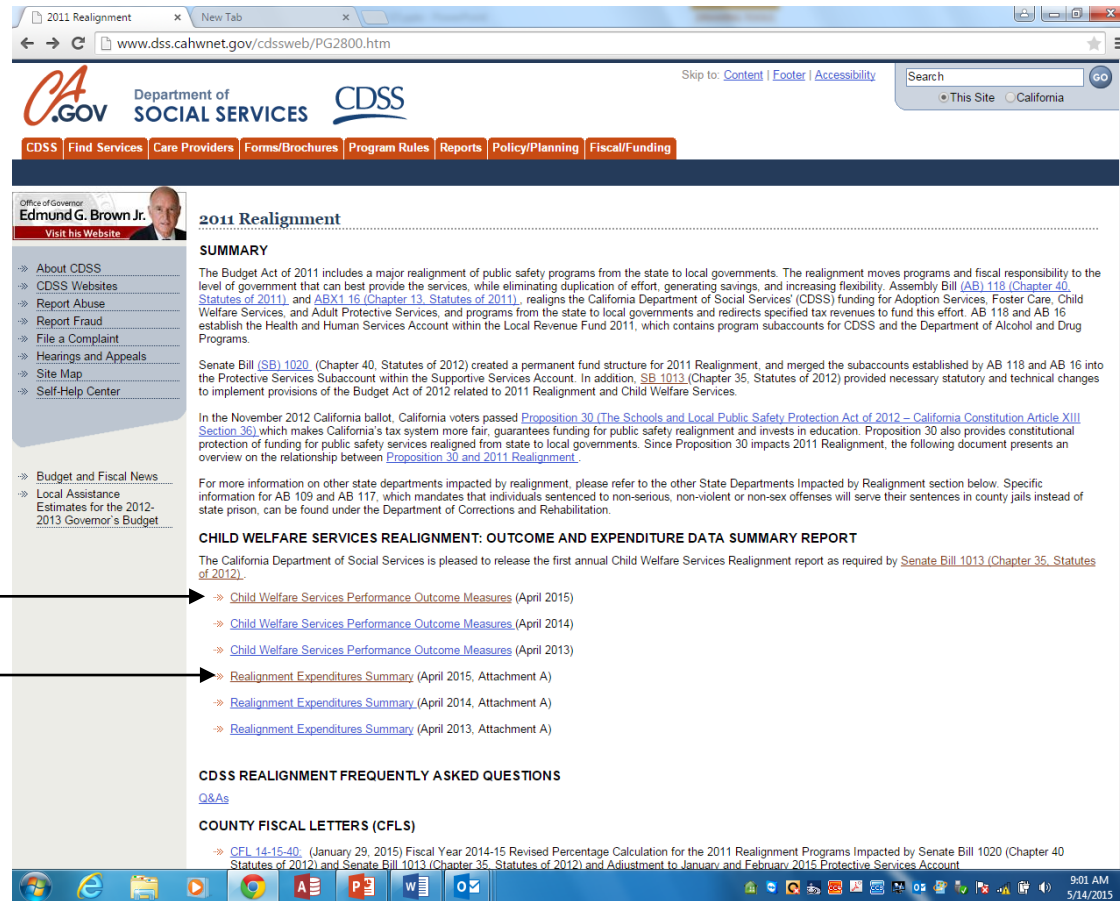
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- Changed process from an annual plan to a one-time allocation
- Realignment provided new discretion to the counties for certain programs, such as THP-Plus!
- Counties may reduce or even eliminate THP-Plus
- Realignment does not provide counties with discretion to change eligibility requirements or program services.

## Government Code section 30026.5(f)

Any **decision** of a county or a city and county to eliminate or significantly reduce the levels or types of optional or discretionary...child welfare services.... that the county or city and county is or has previously funded, in whole or in part, from allocations received from the Support Services Account of the Local Revenue Fund 2011 may, as a condition of the county or city and county receiving funding, only be made in **open session**, as an **action item**, at a **duly noticed** meeting of the **board of supervisors**. For the purpose of this subdivision, "significant reduction" shall include a 10-percent reduction in funding in any one year or a cumulative 25-percent reduction over the previous three years.

# SB 1013 Requires CDSS Produces an Outcome and Expenditure Report to Measure the Effect of 2011 Realignment



Performance Outcome Measures

Expenditure Report

THP-Plus Expenditure data is on the second to the last page of the expenditure report

# Change in THP-Plus Expenditures Over Last Five Years

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Year	THP-Plus Expenditures (\$)
FY 2009-10	35,248,000
FY 2010-11	32,358,000
FY 2011-12	32,358,000
FY 2012-13	30,414,000
FY 2013-14	26,739,000

*Amt. realigned: \$34,928,000*

*23% reduction;  
(\$8,189,000)*

# Where Were these Expenditure Reductions?

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6 counties never had THP-Plus programs (\$452,626)

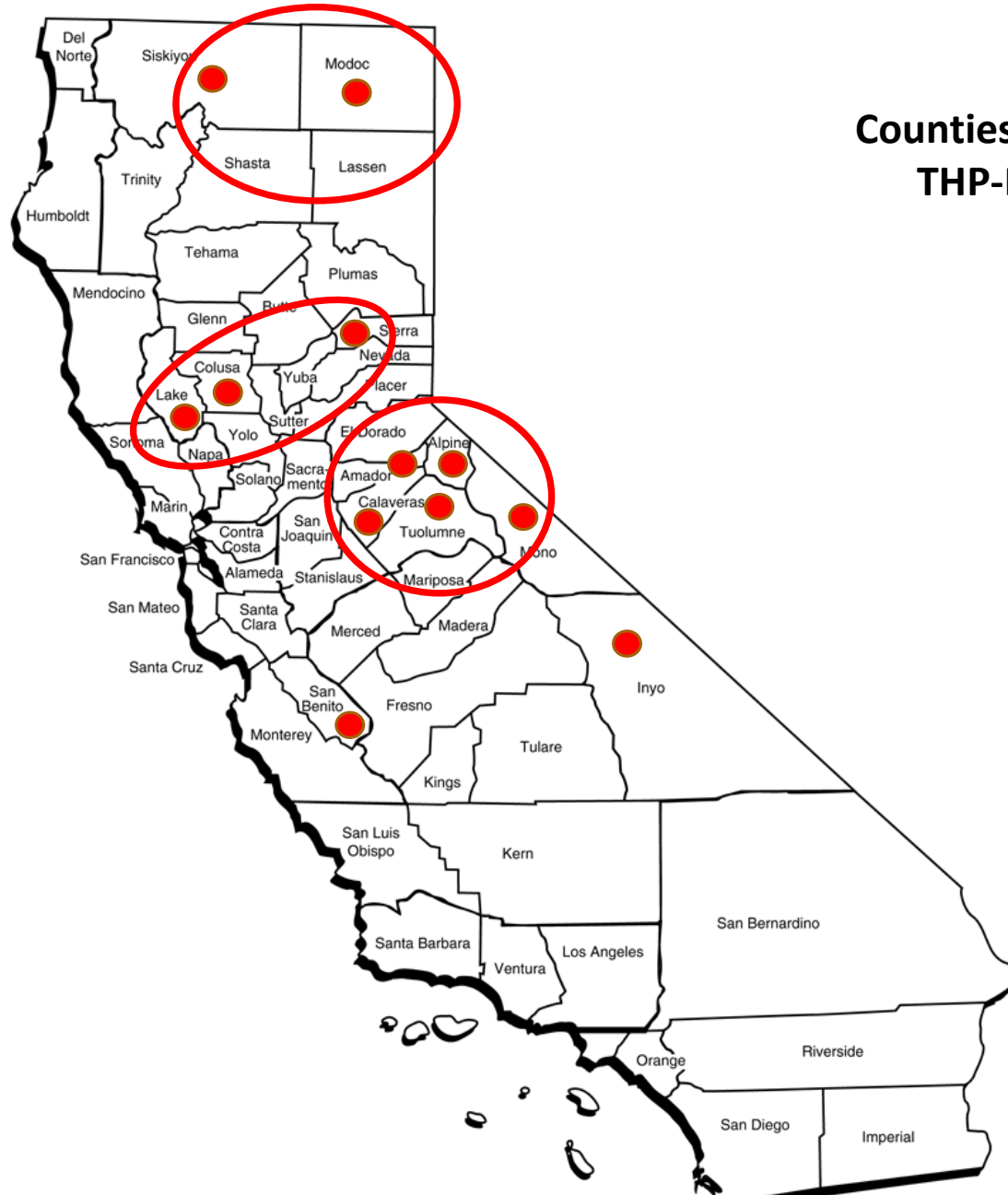
- Alpine (\$67,344)
- Amador (\$67,344)
- Colusa (\$48,622)
- Mono (\$67,344)
- San Benito (\$67,344)
- Sierra (\$67,344)

6 counties have eliminated their programs since Realignment (\$816,010)

- Calaveras (\$104,190)
- Inyo (\$121,554)
- Lake (\$250,055)
- Modoc (\$82,859)
- Siskiyou (\$197,036)
- Tuolumne (\$105,316)

*This brings the total number of counties implementing THP-Plus from 50 in 2012-13 to 46 in 2013-14.*





**Counties that did not expend any THP-Plus Funds in 2013-14**

# So Where are the Rest of the THP-Plus Expenditure Reductions?

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*Of the 46 counties with THP-Plus expenditures in 2013-14*

# of counties	% Reduction in Expenditures since Realignment
3 counties	76% to 100% reduction
6 counties	51% to 75% reduction
13 counties	26% to 50% reduction
17 counties	1% to 25% reduction
7 counties	No reduction or increased claiming

# Where Do We Go From Here?

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## 1. Review the 2013-14 Realignment Expenditures Report

- THP-Plus is the second to the last page of expenditure report
- Share with providers in your county and your county representatives
- Compare it with what the providers have invoiced for collectively

## 2. Meet with your county make sure the numbers are *correct*

- If they aren't, notify CDSS and ask them to correct and re-issue
- If they are correct, create strategy to utilize funding, including specialized outreach to older former foster youth

## 3. If there is 10% reduction since last year or 25% of the last three years, determine if there was a **decision** or if the funds were simply unspent?

- If there was a decision, make sure it meets the criteria required by SB 1013.
- If there was NOT a decision, get confirmation that the full allocation remains in the program.

# Again, What are the Criteria for an allowable Reduction to THP?

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To reduce THP-Plus funding 10-percent reduction in any one year or a cumulative 25-percent reduction over the previous three years, the decision must be made in an:

1. open session
2. as an action item
3. at a duly noticed
4. meeting of the board of supervisors

*This decision will be in the public record as part of the official minutes of the Board of Supervisors*

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# Participant Tracking System for THP+FC

# Background on Participant Tracking System

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PTS developed in 2008 to track data for THP-Plus

Developed in consultation with providers, counties and CDSS

Currently 35 providers entering data for 550 youth in a quarterly basis

Reports available at the youth, provider, county or state level

Allows county and provider comparisons with state averages

# THP+FC Data to Be Tracked

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# Benefits of Using PTS for THP+FC

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**Comparable data** across counties for providers, counties and youth

Allows programs and sector to learn and **better serve** youth

Provides insight into experiences of youth to **change and improve policy**

**No-cost** to use and technical assistance provided

Helps make your case to **foundations and individual donors**

*System to be launched in the Summer*

*Technical assistance and training will be provided!*



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# Possible JBF Project



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## Goal

- Improve rate of college attendance and completion among youth in THP-Plus and THP+FC

## Structure

- 18 to 24 month project
- Up to 20 organizations could elect to participate
- Receive intensive individual technical assistance
- Convene regionally and on state-level to learn from each other and experts
- Receive financial support to promote educational outcomes

***Survey will be sent to you to gauge your interest!***

# Next Call: Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

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