

2023 ABMoC POLICY PRIORITIES

EDUCATION EQUITY

- **SB 274 (SKINNER) END DEFIANCE SUSPENSIONS, KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL**

Ends the practice of suspending students for defiance; and suspending or expelling students for tardiness or truancy—helping to keep youth in school and connected to support.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, ACLU Cal Action, Black Parallel School Board, Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition, Community Asset Development Re-defining Education (CADRE), C.O.P.E., Children Now, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Disability Rights California, East Bay Community Law Center, Generation Up, Mid-City CAN, Public Counsel, Youth Alliance, Youth Justice Education Clinic – Loyola Law School

- **AB 1323 (KALRA) EMPOWER EDUCATORS, PROTECT STUDENTS**

Eliminates state mandates that require educators to notify police of a broad range of student behaviors and incidents.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, ACLU Cal Action, Black Organizing Project, Black Parallel School Board, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, Disability Rights California, Dolores Huerta Foundation, East Bay Community Law Center, Public Counsel, Social Justice Learning Institute

- **[IMPLEMENTATION] CA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Community-based organizations across the state are working to ensure the \$4.1 billion CCSPP creates racially just, relationship-centered schools—where power and decision-making is shared with students, families, educators, and community—and investments promote police-free schools and restorative school cultures.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND JUSTICE

- **AB 958 (SANTIAGO) FAMILY UNITY**

Strengthens visiting rights for Californians and their loved ones who are incarcerated in California's state prisons, supporting the emotional health of incarcerated people and their families.

Co-Sponsors: [The Coalition for Family Unity](#)

- **AB 1226 (HANEY) KEEP FAMILIES CLOSE ACT**

Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to respect the rights of minor children to remain in contact with their incarcerated parents. CDCR would be required to place an incarcerated parent, legal guardian, or caregiver of a minor as close to a child's home as possible.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, Jesse's Place, Place4Grace, Underground Scholars, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

- **[AUDIT] LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS FUNDING (LEE)**

Requests that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approve an audit of law enforcement expenditures and recommendations for reducing the footprint of law enforcement by employing alternative responses.

- **AB 60 (BRYAN) COMMUNITY-BASED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ACCESS**

Ensures that victims are informed of community-based restorative justice options available in their region. The bill will increase access to healing-centered approaches to mitigate harm and promote non-punitive accountability.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, Community Works West, Centinela Youth Services, Insight Prison Project, A Division of Five Keys Schools & Programs, The Collective Healing and Transformation Project, Californians for Safety and Justice, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice

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- **AB 1306 (CARRILLO) HARMONIZING OUR MEASURES FOR EQUALITY (HOME) ACT**

Protects immigrant community members from being transferred from California prisons to ICE detention centers after they are deemed eligible for release. By ending unnecessary transfers to dangerous ICE facilities, California can keep families and communities together and ensure Black, Latinx, and AAPI immigrants do not face double punishment of incarceration by ICE and possible deportation.

Co-Sponsors: [ICE out of California Coalition](#)

- **[IMPLEMENTATION] CRISES ACT: POLICE FREE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

CRISES Act pilot program promotes police-free and community-based responses to local emergencies, including public health crises, mental health crises, intimate partner violence, natural disasters, and community violence.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND JUSTICE

- **AB 1512 (BRYAN) PRESERVING BENEFITS FOR FOSTER YOUTH**

Prevents counties from taking critical social security and survivor benefits from foster youth and ensures that supplemental security income goes directly to foster youth. This bill will ensure that youth are provided the financial support they need to successfully transition out of the system.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, Youth Will, Alliance for Children's Rights, Children's Advocacy Institute, Children's Law Center, Youth Law Center

- **AB 702 (JACKSON) PROMYSE ACT**

Would help California fully realize the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act's vision of providing collaborative, restorative, community-based services for young people and ensuring equitable representation and decision-making within county oversight bodies.

Co-sponsors: ABMoC, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Children's Defense Fund-California, CURYJ, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, National Center for Youth Law, SBX Youth & Family Services

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Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

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[IMPLEMENTATION] CALIFORNIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CORPS

- \$60 million, over four years, to scale and expand the California Youth Leadership Corps program to 12 community colleges and provide over 1,800 students with the opportunity to gain work and leadership experience in community building.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

- [IMPLEMENTATION] CALIFORNIA YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

\$65 million, over three years, to establish the Youth Apprenticeship Program, link together existing apprenticeship programs and support with outreach and engagement of youth across the state.

HEALING TOGETHER AND GENDER JUSTICE

- AB 1028 (MCKINNOR) CENTERING SURVIVOR SAFETY & HEALTH

Would eliminate requirements that healthcare providers notify law enforcement of a broad range of injuries related to domestic violence. The bill will mandate that victims of domestic violence get referred to domestic violence supports and ensures survivors are provided the agency and information they need to be safe and healthy.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, Futures Without Violence, UC Irvine Domestic Violence Law Clinic, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network, Los Angeles LGBT Center

- [BUDGET] DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE SERVICES & PROGRAMS

\$44 million proposal that will create stable and ongoing funding for organizations that support survivors of domestic and sexual violence, prevention programming, and invest in innovative approaches to ending domestic and sexual violence in California.

Co-Sponsors: ABMoC, California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, ValorUS, Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network