



**Meeting Notes
From
Joint Liaison Meeting
September 9, 2025
9 AM**

Welcome and Introductions!

Handouts from today's meeting can be accessed at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10LKR9_lwgt_7Qjtk7UOpESOI-SoDI_h?usp=sharing

Rady Children's Health Presentation:

DSEP Presented on their evaluation and screening process for foster youth to help with their school success outcomes.

Homeless Education Services:

Christina Luna talked about a few reminders including a reminder to submit Annual Data Collection – Due September 23rd. Also, a reminder on the new Transportation MOU and McKinney Vento 101 Training on September 18th and encouraged folks to sign up and attend the NAEHCY Conference on November 14th in Dallas, Texas.

Regional Meetings will be back in the East North and South and are in-person three times per year. Additionally, the Homeless team will be bringing back the Homeless Liaison Academy. It is geared for new liaisons and new homeless education staff. They are 50 minutes via Zoom and will begin in October and be held every other month. There will be more information coming.

Leah Mendez shared on the success of Stuff the Bus this year!

It was also announced that the San Diego Homeless Education Summit will be held on November 14, 2025, from 8 am to 2:30 am at Marina Village Conference Center and can register at: <http://sdcoe.k12oms.org/1085-271709>.

FYSCP Updates:

Charisma De Los Reyes shared the link to the FYSCP Hub which provides wonderful resources and encouraged everyone to create a bookmark to quickly access them.

It was also shared that the Foster Youth Services team is offering the Foster Youth Learning Institute this year.

In addition, the CDE is offering a School Mobility Webinar on September 30, 2025.

Everyone was reminded that the CA Foster Youth Education Summit will be held on April 20-21, 2026, next year.

Tutor Connection:

Michelle Bailow shared Tutor Connection is a college and SDCOE partnership that provides one-on-one in-home tutoring for Foster Youth. Everyone has been background checked, and most students have been matched with youth at this time for the new semester. Please be sure to fill out the referral form and send it in to Michelle for foster youth students that could benefit from this program and tutoring. Please reach out with any questions to Michelle at Michelle.Bailow@sdcoe.net.

Interagency Agreement:

Charisma shared there has been a committee formed to review the Interagency Agreement for 2026-2031. The Executive Advisory Committee is looking at the first draft. If anyone is interested in

being a part of the review team you are encouraged to reach out to Charisma at charisma.delosreyes@sdcoe.net.

John Burton Advocates for Youth - CalKids Presentation:

Gabrielle Ridley presented CalKids Investment and Savings Accounts for College Savings Accounts. Christina Lomeli, will be the point person going forward from the John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY). The program funds two different initiatives for children at birth and school-age accounts for foster youth and McKinney Vento Students that meet the criteria. It is a pilot program. The first year of implementation was 2021-2022 for all students in grades 1-12. The funds start at \$500 and have a maximum of \$1,500 in their accounts depending on the criteria of the application. It takes about 2 minutes to set up the account as long as you have all the information. The funds can be used at any post-secondary or trade school in the United States as long as fully accredited and in FAFSA. The money can be for books, housing, transportation etc. Spreading the word about the program can be included in school registration packages, curriculum and programming and hosted trainings and promotional and shared information and materials.

There is a webinar coming up on October 22nd at 10 am for completing the FAFSA/CADAA and also Gabrielle shared Resources. (The Resources will be uploaded in the JLM Handouts folder). Christina Lomeli will be the point person for the program and can be reached at christina@jbay.org.

Resources:

The meeting convened at 10:59 am