

Public Policy Priorities

FY 2024 – 2025

Pacific Clinic's FY 2024-25 public policy priorities center on the intersection of the Agency's mission and vision and CA's complex and changing health care landscape. We recognize that influencing policy change is imperative to achieving Whole Person Care, health equity, timely access to care and positive health outcomes, particularly for the most vulnerable members of society. We also understand that policy change takes time, commitment and a laser focus on the policy change effort. Racial equity and justice serve as our North Star in delivering CA's promise of a more integrated, equitable and just system of care for children, youth, adults and families.



Advance Behavioral Health

- State Certification for CCBHCs in CA
- Crisis Services
- Supportive Housing, Bridge Housing and Homelessness Services
- Gender Affirming Care
- Neurodiverse Affirming Services (ASD/IDD)
- Payment and Documentation Reform
- Physical/Behavioral Health Integration – CalAIM initiatives
- Prevention and Early Intervention Programs
- Trauma Informed Care
- Workforce
- Data and Technology
- Implementation of Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives
- Health Plans and Rates



Expand School Based Behavioral Health and Ensure Quality Early Education

- Expand Head Start services, funding and ensure adequate reimbursement rates
- Expand School Based Intervention Teams (SBIT)



Transform Child Welfare System

- Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)
- Expansion of Resource Parents model
- Rate Reimbursement - FFA and CCR
- Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)
- Presumptive Transfer
- Family Finding and Kinship Care
- Transitional Housing Program (THP) and THP Plus
- FFA Insurance Coverage



Prioritize Racial Equity and Justice

- Coalition Building around Root Causes of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care, Justice and Social Services
- Contribute to Research Papers on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in State and Local Systems of Care
- Equity and Inclusion in Systems of Care for Children, Youth, Adults and Families

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Our policy platform is grounded on the premise that meaningful partnerships lead to collaborative strategies and action plans to successfully change systems. In most circumstances, advocacy is successful when organizations and individuals join forces to advocate and lobby for systems change. Agencywide alignment on policy priorities is crucial to ensuring a unified voice on decisions before city/county, state and national policymakers.

Behavioral Health

We innovate service delivery models to advance integrated health care for children, youth, adults and communities, and advance systems change by leading in the delivery of integrated health care and building the crisis continuum of care. We advocate for maximizing federal, state, managed care and private insurance reimbursement.

Child Welfare Services

We advocate for evidence-based and community-based practices that guide child and youth safety, permanency, and well-being. We partner with other advocates to support strength-based programs that meet the unique needs of each child. We advance the development of innovative family-based care options, particularly for children and youth formerly placed in congregate care or out-of-state facilities.

School-Based Mental Health Services

We initiate meaningful and trusted partnerships with schools for the provision of comprehensive, multi-tiered behavioral health care and advocate for robust partnerships to best meet the needs of all children, youth, and adult caregivers.

Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

We prioritize efforts to eliminate health disparities and address racial, gender and disability inequities. We engage in internal organizational and broader systems change that transform practices and policies. We identify strategies and partner with a diverse group of stakeholders to further inclusive practices, racial justice, equity, and community change.

Early Education

We advance the expansion of and access to high-quality, subsidized early education for vulnerable children to increase educational success and life-long opportunities.