

# CalSAWS | Agenda

Meeting: Foster Care Programs Committee Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Date: January 27, 2026

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Attendees:

Region 1: Aaron McDougal, Evelyn Gonzalez, Selia Johnson

Region 2: Alisa Young, Anthony Ramirez, Stacey Jackson, Yvonne Freeman

Region 3: Brandy Foushee, Jeff Weston, Sam Hart

Region 4: Lisa Bandoni-Rangel, Madeleine Robinette, Maria Tinoco, Paula Perkins, Yvonne Martinez

Region 5: Amy Carter, David Fair, Georgina Torres, Kelly Heredia, Kim Phung

Region 6: Ana Adame, Kimberly Wilkerson, Latrice Anderson, Ofelia DeLeon, Wendy Aguilar

CalSAWS: Michelle Ramos, Nancy De Casas, Corey Morris, Kristi Rodríguez, Ignacio Lazáro, Cindy Coggins, Nicholas Trusso and Giovanni Gonzalez

Time	Lead	Topic	Notes
1:30 PM	<b>Cindy Coggins</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	Region 4 for Minutes
1:35 PM	<b>Corey Morris/ Michelle Ramos</b>	<b>FCED Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EUST 3 will begin tomorrow.</li><li>• The first FCED newsletter has been released; newsletters will now be sent monthly.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Feedback was positive. Counties appreciated the clarity around alignment in training and business processes.</li></ul></li><li>• For the 2026 go-live, demos will be presented to give counties a preview of upcoming changes.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Minimal changes to CalSAWS itself; updates are primarily business process-related.</li><li>◦ No formal statewide training will be provided. Counties will be responsible for training their staff.</li><li>◦ Resources will be provided to support updates to county training materials.</li></ul></li><li>• WBTs will be reviewed to ensure training reflects updated pages and navigation.</li></ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All resources will be posted on the web portal.</li> <li>Live demo sessions will include Q&amp;A opportunities.</li> <li>A process simulator is being discussed, but it is too early to confirm.</li> </ul>
1:45 PM		<b>SCRs/CERs</b>	
	<b>Nicholas Trusso</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>SCR CA-209270</u></a></li> </ul>	<p>Federal Kin-GAP Eligibility for LPR Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview provided on Federal AC eligibility for LPR children who meet Kin-GAP criteria per ACL 25-39.</li> <li>Counties will receive a list of cases to review for potential new eligibility.</li> <li>Vote required by 2/6/2025.</li> <li>Target release: 26.05.</li> </ul>
	<b>Ignacio Lazáro</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>CER CA-293690</u></a></li> </ul>	<p>Requesting Flexibility to Opt In-Out of Automatic Annual Clothing Allowance Payment for Specific Placement Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request may not be county-configurable at this time.</li> <li>Fiscal team will attend the next FC meeting to review what is included.</li> <li>Kin-GAP and STRTP are excluded.</li> </ul>
	<b>Cindy Coggins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>SCR CA-265635</u></a></li> </ul>	<p>NEW POLICY REFERRING FAMILIES W/ A CHILD IN FOSTER CARE TO CHILD SUPPORT AGENCIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A separate discussion and vote will be held to ensure all counties are in agreement with all recommendations.</li> </ul>
	<b>Cindy Coggins/ Giovanni Gonzalez</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#"><u>SCR CA-234976</u></a></li> </ul>	<p>Add STRTP to be a selectable rate on Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All regions voted Yes on this SCR. <b>(Committee will be voting on SCR)</b></li> </ul>
2:30 PM		<b>County Discussion</b>	

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	<b>Brenda Ulloa – Santa Clara</b>	AAP Placement List page displaying placement record of sibling with own AAP case.	
	<b>Michelle Ramos</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page is displaying a sibling's placement record tied to their own AAP case.</li> <li>Counties asked to share examples for review; may be a rare issue.</li> </ul> <p>Discuss 4M Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCR for THP+ will create a placement type with AC 45 and no MC.</li> <li>MC AC will be 4M, but this may cause issues since AC 45 is cash-based.</li> <li>Question raised: Should these be on the same case?</li> <li>Impact limited to counties offering these placement types.</li> <li>Current conclusion: Two separate cases will be required. More research needed.</li> </ul>	

**Follow Up**

#	Action Item	Who	Due
1	Provide a list of current county configurations for clothing allowance.	Corey	
2			

#	Decision Made	Who	Date
1			
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3			