

The Children Youth and Family (CYF) Network is a statewide network of youth and family serving community organizations that serve as consultants to help deepen and strengthen ongoing, meaningful, authentic youth and family engagement within the work of the [Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative \(CYBHI\)](#).

Background

Since its inception, CYBHI has sought to [center the experiences](#) and insights of children, youth, and families in the work of reimagining the behavioral health ecosystem for Californians ages 0-25. As part of the Initiative's commitment to building a more coordinated, youth-centered, equitable, and prevention-oriented behavioral health ecosystem, California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) and its departments began engaging youth and families while also examining how these efforts could be strengthened over time. The CYF Network was formed in Spring 2023 to help deepen and strengthen ongoing, meaningful, authentic youth and family engagement within the work of CYBHI.

Participation

Organizations that are part of the Network are able to have a formal relationship with the CYBHI to provide community perspectives and expertise to the initiative. Organizations will also have the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with other organizations and entities throughout the State.

Organizations that participate in the CYF Network will be compensated monthly and become subcontractors of The Social Changery (the Changery). Organizations will choose their level of participation and receive ongoing support from Changery staff. Compensation amounts will be determined by the participation level chosen. Joining the Network is a one-year commitment, with options to renew.

Network Activities

The goals of the network activities are to both increase the number and types of opportunities to engage with youth and family organizations and to increase organizational capacity to participate in different ways. Ongoing learning opportunities and increased communication channels will be utilized as partners continue to work together to deepen strategies and practices for authentic and meaningful CYF engagement across stages of CYBHI's work.

- **Serve as Consultants to CYBHI:** Community Organizations will increase and facilitate CYBHI engagement with communities, families, and youth for consultation and feedback, including “rapid response” requests and longer technical assistance needs.
- **Participate in Internal Quarterly Learning Webinars:** Community Organizations will participate in Internal Quarterly Learning Webinars that will include case studies followed by group discussion, opportunities to discuss any developing needs, and a time for organizations to share learnings and feedback from the communities they represent.
- **Join Monthly Community Partnership Meetings:** These meetings are aimed at building community among our CYFN partners from across the state. These meetings will serve as a platform to share resources, discuss upcoming events, and exchange best practices and lessons learned.
- **Attend Statewide In-Person Meeting:** Participate in a statewide meeting to strengthen CYBHI's connection to communities of interest and increase community awareness of and participation in workstream activities. In 2025, this statewide meeting will serve as an opportunity to begin sustainability planning and transition as the initiative draws to a close in 2026.

2025 Levels of Engagement

Required Activities	Engagement Level A	Engagement Level B
Attends CYFN 2025 Kickoff meeting or views recording	X	X
Shares information about CYBHI activities with its members and communities at least once a month	X	X
Participates in, and/or shares about, additional engagement opportunities (focus groups, surveys, outreach to specific communities, sharing resources, etc.)	X	X
Completes Quarterly Reports	X	X
Attends Quarterly Learning Webinars	X	X
Attends and Participates in Monthly Community Partnership Meetings	X	Optional
Attends 1:1 Check Ins with TSC <i>as needed</i>	X	X
Site Visits with TSC and CYBHI staff <i>as requested</i>	X	
Attend the Statewide Gathering location TBD	X	X
Provides feedback on CYBHI materials and/or reports	X	Optional
Is available for 'rapid response' requests (review CYBHI materials, provide feedback, consult on various initiatives)	X	
Have CYBHI resources out while tabling events	X	X

Community organizations will determine the degree of engagement in the CYF Network by selecting an engagement level that works best for them. Organizations may move between groups, and additional ad hoc engagements are possible.

Next Steps: Interested in learning more about the network? Email Dayna Barrios, at dayna@thesocialchangery.com



Children Youth and Family Network Partners 2025

- ACLU of Southern California
- Black Students of California United
- California After School Network
- California Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- California Coalition for Youth
- California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
- CalPride
- California Children and Families Foundation
- Diversity in Health Training Institute
- First 5 Monterey County
- Foundation for California Community Colleges
- Generation UP
- Hoops 4 Justice
- Institute for Public Strategies
- Kno'Qoti Native Wellness, Inc.
- Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
- LYRIC
- Native Sisters Circle
- PRO Youth and Families
- Sista Bees
- Sol Collective
- Youth Forward

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