



Announcing the Groundbreaking State-wide Survivor Advisory Board

The CSEC Action Team and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) are thrilled to announce the spring 2016 launch of the Survivor Advisory Board. This new advisory body will provide critical guidance to California counties with regard to survivor engagement. It will also be tasked with preparing recommendations on CSEC Action Team priorities, state policy and other topics as brought to the attention of the CSEC Action Team by counties or state agencies.

The Survivor Advisory Board will consist of approximately ten individuals representing diverse experiences and geographic regions from across the state. In addition to providing individual consultation on policy, the board will meet in-person and virtually several times throughout the year. The first meeting is set for May-June 2016.

The CSEC Action Team highly values this opportunity to work with these ten individuals and to build their capacity for continued advocacy and professional success beyond the Survivor Advisory Board. For that reason, the CSEC Action Team and CDSS will be coordinating high-level professional development opportunities and trainings throughout the survivors' tenure that match their identified needs and interest areas. Individuals will be compensated for their involvement.

For more information about the Survivor Advisory Board or to nominate a survivor for consideration, please contact CSEC Action Team Assistant Director Elizabeth Laferriere at (510) 835-8098 ext. 3005 or elaferriere@youthlaw.org.