



Happy Holidays to CADEM's Children's Caucus ...

JoinUs!

tomorrow morning, to hear from some of California's most respected advocates for the rights of the poor, to dispel hunger in children and families:

**12/6/25
at 9:30 am**

Food Insecurity: *the BigBadUgly* during *Holiday Season*

- **Jessica Bartholow** ~ *SEIU CA Legislative Director, policy advocate, Western Center on Law and Poverty (fmr)*
- **Vincent Hall** ~ *CEO, CA CASA; CGRO, Feeding America/CEO, Feeding San Diego (fmr)*
- **Susie Shannon** ~ *Chair, DNC Poverty Council, City of LA Health Commissioner*

**JoinUS, CademCC -
for our final
program of 2025!**



Saturday, Dec 6, 2025 @ 9:30am

Zoom registration:
tinyurl.com/CademCCHunger
CADEMChildrensCaucus.org



Please **REGISTER NOW!** – tinyurl.com/CademCCHunger

Reprise: ... from last week's newsletter....

CADEM Conventions and Eboards

Monterey's executive board meeting provided for spectacularly scenic canvassing!

The Children's Caucus gathered in person for a successful, joint networking-social with four other CADEM caucuses: **Black**, **Computer-Internet**, **Small Business and Professionals**, **Seniors**

The regular caucus meeting in association with Monterey's Eboard may be reviewed on our youtube channel :

10/21/25 video recording,
CademCC membership meeting

**Federal Impacts on Policy and the Political
Landscape for California's Families and Children**

Agenda:
tinyurl.com/MontAgda

👤 **Corrin Buchanan**; Undersecretary, CalHHS
👤 **Reginald Carter**; Deputy Director, LAC DCFS

CADEM's **Spring Endorsing Convention** will convene **February 20-22, 2026**, in San Francisco at the **Moscone West**.

HoldTheDate for our remote, regular caucus meeting in association with the Convention on the preceeding **Monday, February 16, 2025**

Tentatively scheduled for **Friday evening, 7:30pm** at the Moscone Center, please consider joining us in person to hear candidate introductions expressly filtered through a lens of **CADEM Children's Caucus issues**.

Making Your Voice Heard

CademCC Platform

The new CDP Platform will be ratified at February's Endorsing Convention. Stay vigilant to changes proposed around children's issues. Stay engaged with these edits by ensuring you are **signed onto our email loop** or follow our **Facebook page**.

CademCC Legislation Study Group

Submit legislation around children's issues of

interest for CademCC's next Study Group, which will convene upon receipt of 4-6 bills.

Submit legislation
to study here

As a chartered caucus of the CA Democratic Party, CademCC itself takes no independent position on legislation, resolutions or the Platform; but CademCC's constituent individuals may. The Caucus may advocate as a collective entity for the Party's official, democratically-voted position. The caucus may convene to share information and resources among its membership.

If you would like help with or more information about CADEM internal processes, or to urge caucus advocacy for [CADEM-supported legislation](#), CADEM [resolutions](#) or the [CDP Platform](#), please email chair.cademcc@gmail.com.

California Rural Schools Under Threat

Small, remote schools, and school districts across California are facing a twin squeeze: steady federal cuts to school programs that directly support rural education, and rollbacks to broadband and digital-equity funding that schools need to keep students connected. The result is fewer dollars for classroom programs, fewer staff, deferred repairs, and students who can't access reliable internet for homework, telehealth, or supplemental learning.

Congress recently let lapse a long-standing lifeline for rural counties. For years, the *Secure Rural Schools Act* has helped districts pay for after-school programs, bus repairs, and facility needs. In California that has translated to roughly \$35–40 million a year for 39 counties. Now, without this support, small districts are scrambling to avoid layoffs and shuttered services.

At the same time, federal budget maneuvers this year have stripped or reprioritized digital-equity and broadband programs, putting connectivity projects on shaky ground. Grants and initiatives that would have expanded internet access in rural areas - the very projects that let students join classes from home or let buses and hotspots provide service to far-flung communities - have been scaled back or targeted in the federal budget. That gap hits rural students hardest: many districts rely on federal support to extend connectivity where private providers won't build.

Cuts at the Department of Education and large staff reductions have made statewide and local responses harder too. Lawsuits and political fights over these reductions are underway, but in the meantime school districts report delays in grant processing and fewer federal resources for compliance and support adding administrative strain to already thin local

What this looks like in practice: teachers doubled up on duties, special-education services routed far from students, roof repairs and bus maintenance postponed, and students who lack home broadband left without reliable access to coursework or mental-health teleservices. For rural Californians, where distances are large and tax bases small, those practical losses are also community losses.

- Contact your member of Congress and your state legislators to urge restoration of Secure Rural Schools Act funding and support for digital-equity grants.
- Ask local districts what broadband projects or grant applications they need help amplifying; share and support their appeals on social media and with your networks.

-Matthew Hilliard, Northern CA Vice-Chair, CADEM Children's Caucus

Find the forum video on our youtube page, [here](#).



And our advance caucus discussion about [the post of SSPI](#) queued up [here](#).

...is healthy and growing! Our new steering committee meets monthly – hop in with your own ideas (email the chair [here](#)) ~ and join the planning. We'll conduct special meetings and **Conversations** with our elected officials and Party leaders all year long. JoinUS on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [youtube](#), [Linktr.ee](#), via [newsletter](#), [email](#) and [website](#), or however you might prefer and wish to help us as we continue to forward information, resources and support around children's issues.

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Your dues support caucus infrastructure and communications, and membership dues for those in need. Our pin-membership drive has been a great success; please be in touch if we still owe you yours, or if you'd like to learn how to obtain one (chair.cademcc@gmail.com).

A shout-out in gratitude to those who have contributed beyond the standard level:

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CademCC's current membership numbers 351, an increase of 228% over last year's! Our members hail from all but 8 assembly districts: {36, 43, 45, 47, 48, 53, 54, 58}. Can you extend our reach to the far corners of CA?

To join the Children's Caucus for 2026, click [here](#) to pay membership dues (press on the fifth "+" down), or [here](#) to request waiver of membership dues.

Dues paid after October 2025 shall be grandfathered for 2026, but *dues waivers must be resubmitted for and in each new calendar year.*

Thank you all for renewing your CademCC membership right now!

Standard Dues
(\$15/annum)

Patron-level Dues
(\$25/annum)

Mentor-level Dues
(\$50/annum)

Update Your Caucus Membership ~

Dues support our hybrid programming costs - media and communications subscriptions, conference meeting facilities

Pre-registered Democrat
(Youth; \$5/annum)

Benefactor-level Dues
(Lifetime; \$500)

Request of
Dues Waiver

CademCC Statement On ICE Incursions

The raids throughout California – from Elementary School graduations, children's CIF finals, grocery stores, growing fields and immigration courts – unveil an agenda of terror, intimidation, and menace. America's democracy morphs into totalitarianism before the eyes of our children.

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Sacramento - 916.382.0256
Immigrant Defenders - 213.833.8283
GI Rights hotline - 877.447.4487

**If you see ICE/HSI,
call your Rapid
Response Network
to alert and
protect your
community**



Follow your Rapid Response Network on social media for information, training, e.g.: @chirla_org, @ocrn, @rrn_kern

The Children's Caucus of the Democratic Party of California condemn the attacks upon our communities. We call for calm and control by our elected, bi-cameral leaders, who must halt the overreach of our executive

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