



*Happy Holidays and New Year Cheer,
Children's Caucus!*



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We've had quite a year! Eleven virtual meetings including a statewide Superintendent of Public Instruction candidate forum, two in-person socials and phone banks; one [resolution](#), one [press release](#) and lots of Party organizing ~ door-to-door for Prop 50, and voter-to-voter around schools, schoolboard candidates, child welfare and immigration, plus many other issues of importance to children and their advocates.

Find 2025's
programs
archived
[here](#):

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... and all
sixteen
2025
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CADEM Children's Caucus 2025 Meetings

Membership business meetings ~

- May Convention (Anaheim):
 - *Energize And Organize* (virtual); Soapbox Social (in person):
- August Executive Board (virtual):
 - *Looking Around For Insight* (remote)
- November Executive Board (Monterey):
 - *Federal Impacts on Policy and the Political Impacts for CA's Families and Children* (virtual); Joint five-caucus networking Social (in person)

Focused programs (virtual) ~

- Conversations with PLEOS
 - *Asm. Al Muratsuchi*, Asm Education Committee Chair
- Special Topics
 - *From Cradle To Career: The Importance of Career Technical Education*
 - *Food Insecurity: the BigBadUgly During Holiday Season*

Party business ~

- Forum, State Superintendent of Public Instruction candidates
- Legislative Study Groups (June, July; virtual)
- Platform discussion, with committee co-chair Ingalsbee
- CalKids Network meeting (virtual) and organizing (on-going)

Programs archived at: youtube.com/@cdpchildrenscaucus
cademchildrenscaucus.org

And we have plenty of information, resources and meetings planned for 2026: from down-ballot candidate training to more in person joint caucus socials, special-topic programs (e.g., *Maternal and Infant Health*), more organizing around our [CalKids Network](#) and of course elections to win and seats to flip. So **[JoinUS!](#)** at ...

CADEM's Spring Endorsing Convention in San Francisco

The California Democratic Party [convenes](#) **February 20-22, 2026**, in San Francisco at [Moscone West](#) to endorse candidates for the 2026 election season.

[JoinUS!](#) Monday, February 16, 2026; 7pm for our remote, regular caucus meeting in association with the Convention during the week preceeding its convening. Stay tuned for agenda and Zoom link registration...

Then **[JoinUS!](#) Friday evening, February 20, 2026; 7:30pm - 9:15pm** in person to hear candidate introductions and questions expressly directed through the lens of [CADEM Children's Caucus issues](#).

So *please*: consider renewing your CADEM Children's Caucus membership today. Dues are annual; no one is turned away for lack of funds! We have a membership pin-drive that approximately matches in number sponsor-members with those who request waived or reduced membership dues. And a cadre of extra-special generous mentors, patrons and lifetime members, all of whom keep the information flowing, the soapbox strong, the popcorn popping and the Zoom electrons flowing! Our huge contingent of more than 350 members appreciates the give and take; our membership has more than doubled this year!

Remit CademCC membership dues

Request membership dues waiver

Membership pins (\$25 contribution offsetting dues waivers) will be available for pickup at the February Endorsing Convention; ASK PLEASE if we still owe you yours!

Your Voice

CademCC Platform

The CDP Platform is updated every other year. The CADEM **Platform Committee's** draft will be considered for ratification at February's Endorsing Convention. The draft 2026 Platform is **here** and the current, 2024 Platform is **here**.

Amendments may be submitted by any CADEM delegate until **5pm, January 8, 2026**; submission form **here**. To be involved with the caucus response, please email **chair.cademcc@gmail.com**.

Food Insecurity during the Holiday Season



Our Voice is Their Voice

CADEMChildrensCaucus.org

A Children's Caucus special presentation:

Food Insecurity:
the BigBadUgly during Holiday Season



Jessica Bartholow
Legislative Director,
SEIU CA



Susie Shannon
Chair, DNC
Poverty Council



Vincent Hall
CEO, CASA CA;
FeedingAmerica (fmr)

Review the meeting with poverty, housing-first, and foodbank policy experts Jessica Bartholow, Susie Shannon, and Vincent Hall **here**; meeting notes and information, **here**.

SSPI Forum with the 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](#).

Your Children's Caucus

...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 357, an increase of 232% 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.

CHIRLA - 213.353.1333
Los Angeles - 888.624.4752
Boyle Heights (L.A.) - 323.805.1049
San Bernardino/Riverside - 909.361.4588
ORALE (Long Beach) - 562.276.0267
Orange County - 714.881.1558
Sta Barbara/Ventura/SLO - 805.870.8855
Central Valley - 559.206.0151
Kern County - 661.432.2230
San Francisco - 415.200.1548
Contra Costa - 925.900.5151
Alameda - 510.241.4011
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 branch. Please feel free to share these phone numbers for reporting immigration citings or requesting community assistance.

Pass It On ...

Immigrant and civil rights are very much on the minds of our members, working closely with children and families at risk.



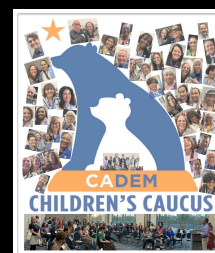
Here is a "red card" of information for you to keep on hand, with printer's instructions, from the **Immigrant Legal Resource Center**.

More Caucus links

- Socials:
 - 🐾 Locate our growing [WEBSITE here](#)
 - 🐾 Find CDP Children's Caucus on [Facebook here](#)
 - 🐾 Follow us on [Instagram @childrenscaucus here](#)
 - 🐾 Watch our [youtube channel @cdpchildrenscaucus here](#)
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- Engagement:
 - 🐾 Download missed newsletters [here](#) and [here](#)
 - 🐾 Prioritize a working committee [here](#)
 - 🐾 Signup for the email listserv with fellow caucus members [here](#)
 - ...then communicate directly with the membership via [email](#)
- Caucus business:
 - 🐾 Review the 2024 Annual Children's Caucus Report [here](#)
 - 🐾 View 2024's recertified Bylaws [here](#)
 - 🐾 Submit this year's caucus dues [here](#); (request dues waiver [here](#))

A note on membership and inclusion

* You needn't be an elected or appointed delegate to the CDP to belong to the CDP Children's Caucus! We require only your interest in supporting children's issues. *



CDP caucus membership is accessible to all California Democrats. And meeting attendance does not require Convention or Eboard Meeting registration. It is a good way to engage the state Party, without being a voting delegate to it. Dues are collected annually [here](#); request a hardship waiver [here](#). Direct questions to: chair.cademcc@gmail.com. If you no longer wish to receive news from the Children's Caucus, please accept our apologies for troubling you, and simply unsubscribe through the automated link below.



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