Children’s Cabinet Networks
The Forum is committed to changing the odds that all children and youth are ready for college, work and life.

We connect leaders to ideas, services and networks that can help them make more intentional decisions that are good for young people, even in the face of limited resources.

We help leaders who are trying to improve & align policies, plan & partner for impact, and/or strengthen programs & adult practice.
Why Children’s Cabinets?

State Agency Silos...
Why Children’s Cabinets?

...Can Make Programs Messy in Real Life

Education
- Public Schools
- ESEA, Title I
- School Lunch & Breakfast
- Head Start
- IDEA
- After-School Programs
- Textbook Funding
- Tests & Achievement
- Teacher Issues
- GED

Health & Food
- Medi-Cal, EPSDT
- Healthy Families Parent Expansion
- Child Health & Disability Program
- Expanding Access to Primary Care
- Medi-Cal, EPSDT
- GAJK, Cal-Kids, etc.

Social Services
- Child Care - CCDBG, SSBG, Cal WORKS
- Child Care, etc.
- After School Programs - 21 st Century Learning Centers, etc.
- Early Child Care & Head Start Programs
- Early Head Start
- Child Care
- Foster Care
- Adoption Assistance
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Juvenile Halls

Child & Family Services
- School-Based MH Services for Medi-Cal Kids
- Probation Officers In Schools
- Cardenas-Schiff Legislation
- Health Care Through Probation
- Mental Health Evaluations
- Juvenile Halls

Mental Health & Probation
- Mom
- Dad
- 9 year old
- 5 year old
- Baby 1 1/2
- Mom’s sister

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What: Children’s cabinets bring agencies and other stakeholders together from across silos to...
• Coordinate services
• Develop a common set of goals and outcomes
• Collaboratively decide upon and implement strategies, plans, and initiatives

Who: Heads of child- and youth-serving government agencies, who may be joined by representatives from nonprofits, business, and/or youth and families.

Why: To foster equity and well-being for young people based on state/local priorities and context
How We Work across Levels of Government

Federal Agencies

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What the Network Does

We connect through:

• Individual site coaching
• Virtual meetings & webinars
• Peer-to-peer exchange
• Learning cohorts
• Case studies & toolkits
• Newsletters
• In-person convenings
Learning cohorts:
• Action Cohort to Build Capacity for Youth Participatory Action Research (June 2021 – March 2022)

Targeted support on request:
• Coaching and facilitation to help children’s cabinets develop a strategic plan as requested

Network-wide support:
• Equity in Action workshop series for state and local cabinets (quarterly through 2021)
• COVID calls for cabinets (periodic)