



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA

Legislative Endorsement Guidelines

Children's Advocacy Centers of California (CACC) will be asked during the legislative cycle to endorse or oppose legislation. The following are the guides that CACC will use to establish the level of endorsement for each legislative cycle. The final decision on endorsement will reside with CACC membership which will be voted on during CACCs board meetings.

Guiding Principles:

When making recommendations on endorsement, the CACC Legislative Committee will consider the following:

- Does this support CACC's goal of promoting the availability, accessibility, and quality of needed services to children and their families?
- Does this provide positive outcomes for the broad network of Children's Advocacy Centers, rather than a single location?
- Does this specifically pertain to CACs, child abuse investigations, prosecution, treatment, or MDTs?
- Is CACC the best group to move this forward? Is it our issue?
- Does this promote coordination with existing programs and systems to maximize use of funds and personnel?
- Does this enhance existing partnerships, not undermine those partnerships?

Definitions

Levels of CACC Endorsement

- Tier 1 – Active Endorsement/Opposition
- Tier 2 – Support (Name)
- Tier 3 – Monitor

Tier 1 – CACC actively endorses (or opposes) this legislation and is an active member supporting (opposing) this legislation with partners or coalitions

- CACC works in partnership with a coalition or other organizations
- CACC attends coalition meetings
- CACC offers support in creating supporting documents, including action alerts
- CACC testifies at committee hearings and/or creates a panel of CACC members
- CACC works together to strategize moving legislation throughout the process
- CACC lists legislation on website with a link to the legislation

Tier 2 – CACC supports this legislation

- CACC offers name to any supporting documents
- CACC may provide written testimony to committee

Tier 3 – CACC monitors the legislation