



Eighteen means new choices. We'll be by your side.

Please note - youth and caregivers should first talk to their *caseworkers, attorneys or probation officers* to get more information about how to take advantage of the new law giving California foster youth the option to continue receiving supports and services until age 20. Caseworkers, attorneys or probation officers will be able to provide youth the best information on if and how they can qualify to continue receiving supports and services.

The following organizations may have additional information on their websites about the new law.

If you are a (an)...	Statewide Organization	Webpage(s) with Additional Information
Foster Youth	California Youth Connection www.calyouthconn.org Founded in 1988 by a group of foster youth and supportive adults to provide a vehicle for California foster youth to learn leadership and advocacy skills and to engage directly with policymakers to improve the foster care system.	Implementation News www.calyouthconn.org/ab12-implementation
Foster Youth or Caregiver	The Alliance for Children's Rights kids-alliance.org/ Protects the rights of impoverished and abused children and youth so that they have safe, stable homes, health care and the education they need to thrive.	November 2011 Press Release kids-alliance.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/AB12-press-release_Final.pdf

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Foster Youth or Caregiver	<p>Youth Law Center www.ylc.org</p> <p>A public interest law firm that works to protect children in the nation's foster care and juvenile justice systems from abuse and neglect, and to ensure that they receive the necessary support and services to become healthy and productive adults.</p>	<p>2010 Fact Sheet on Assembly Bill 12 www.ylc.org/pdfs/AB12FactSheet.pdf</p>
Foster Youth or Attorney for Children/Youth	<p>Children's Law Center of California www.clcla.org/</p> <p>Created by the Superior Court in 1990 to serve as appointed counsel for children and youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned and come under the protection of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Dependency Court system.</p>	<p>Information on the 2010 Legislation www.clcla.org/whtnew_legisl.htm</p>
County Representative or Advocate	<p>California Department of Social Services www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG59.htm</p> <p>Serves, aids, and protects needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence.</p>	<p>All County Information Notices and Letters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2012 Information Notices - www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/PG2855.htm • 2011 Information Notices - www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/PG2437.htm • 2012 All County Letters - www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/PG2856.htm • 2011 All County Letters - www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/PG2438.htm

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Advocate	California Fostering Connections www.cafosteringconnections.org/ Provides information on implementation of the new law.	www.cafosteringconnections.org/
Social Worker Trainer	California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) calswec.berkeley.edu/ A consortium of the state's 21 accredited social work graduate schools, the 58 county departments of social service and mental health, the California Departments of Social Services (CDSS) and Mental Health (CDMH), the California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, professional associations, and foundations.	Training Resources calswec.berkeley.edu/CalSWEC/OtherTraining_AB12.html
Probation Officer	Chief Probation Officers of California www.cpoc.org/ Provides leadership in the mobilization, coordination, and implementation of probation programs including detention and treatment, victim services and the prevention of crime and delinquency.	Variety of Materials www.cpoc.org/php/AB12/ab12home.php
Local CASA Worker	California CASA Association www.californiacasa.org Gives abused and neglected children a voice and the services they need for a stable future.	General Information www.californiacasa.org/Action/Legislative_Advocacy.htm

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Child Welfare Attorney	California Administrative Office of the Courts Center for Families, Children & the Courts & the Judicial Council of California	Subscription-only Site www.courts.ca.gov/dependencyonlineguide