The family is the constant in a child’s life, while service systems and personnel often fluctuate. State health care policymaking is improved when the family’s perspective is included. This can only happen when legislators and administrators meaningfully engage with families of children and youth with special health care needs and the youth themselves.

We invite you to learn more at

The Senate Select Committee on Children with Special Needs
Family Engagement Informational Hearing
Monday, April 3rd at 10:00-11:30 a.m.
State Capitol Room 3101

A panel of speakers will share their expertise on family engagement in policymaking in California. Speakers include:

- Parents/caregivers and youth
- Senator Richard Pan, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Children with Special Needs
- Jennifer Kent, Director, Department of Health Care Services
- Juno Duenas, Executive Director, Support for Families of Children with Disabilities
- Katie Schlageter, California Children’s Services Administrator, Alameda County
- Ted Lempert, President, Children Now

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