

Statewide Foster Care Advisory Council
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
July 24th, 2020
Webex
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Webex Conference
Call in number: 415-655-0002
Meeting number (access code): 807 221 503

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

Ken Keefe

This special meeting has been called to address issues and concerns regarding the 2020-21 return to school and the availability and the appropriate reimbursement of daycare for foster parents and caregivers due to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols. The Statewide Foster Care Advisory Council will provide recommendations regarding these issues and concerns to DCFS administration.

Meeting Topics:

- 1) 2020-2021 Back to school– As school plans are released, more schools are opting for partial day attendance, half day attendance, or complete remote learning options. What resources are being offered by the department to support the array or possible school openings?
- 2) Daycare availability - Many daycares are not open yet or currently operating at decreased enrollment per safety protocol. Many of our school-aged youth-in-care are not able to be home alone due to age or level of maturity if remote learning is instituted. What does the department propose for daycare for the remainder of the school day for working parents if the only option is a half day school program? What options are available if children do not attend in person school at all?
- 3) Daycare payment – Given the limited daycare options, foster parents are paying out of pocket for providers they find. The unlicensed provider rate paid by the department is very minimal and foster parents are seeking help with the out of pocket expenses. What options or payment alternatives can be offered by the Department to address these issues?
- 4) Plan of action for recommendations by the SWFCAC to DCFS Administration.

Public Comment

Stakeholder Comments

10:00 am Adjourn

Next Meeting: September 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. via Webex