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FLY's 2024 Legislative Priorities

FLY is co-sponsoring two bills this year, AB 1186 and SB 1057, and voicing our support for a dozen other bills. We are excited by the great reforms we are pushing forward this year to disrupt the pipeline to prison and protect the rights of all young people in CA!

**Reform
California's
Broken Youth
Restitution
System**

**Community
Representation
on Juvenile
Justice
Coordinating
Councils**

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some of the bills FLY
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**Guarantee
Access to
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Products in
JH**

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**Strengthen
Prison & Jail
Visitation
Rights**

**Ban Police
use of Racist
Facial
Recognition
Tech**



FLY'S BSOC ADVOCACY



>>>>> Nutrition Workgroup

FLY is continuing to advocate for improved conditions in juvenile halls, camps, ranches, & SYTFs across the state. To learn more about the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSOC) and the Title 15 and 24 Regulations revisions process, check out their [webpage](#).

In February, a workgroup convened to discuss changes to food and nutrition in locked facilities. FLY showed up to advocate for changes and we had some great initial victories from the workgroup, including:

- Youth cannot be forced to eat meals in silence
- Youth must be offered a snack between each meal and after dinner
- Discipline policies cannot include denying youth access to food, including snacks

>>>>> Medical & Mental Health Workgroup

At the end of April, Nallely Navarro, former FLY Youth Policy Fellow and current Youth Voice Coach, will serve as a Medical & Mental Health Workgroup member. She is preparing to advocate on behalf of our youths' priorities, while supporting youth to learn about this process and coaching them to make public comments.

YOUTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP

FLY has welcomed four new Youth Policy Fellows to our team for 2024: Aydeth, Maleek, Erial, & Sela! We are also rejoined by Jose, who is serving as the Lead Youth Policy Fellow.

The fellows have spent the past few months getting grounded in FLY's systems change work while helping guide FLY's 2024 policy priorities.



Youth Policy Fellows on why they are excited to engage in policy and advocacy work:



“If they don’t know what the community needs, then how will those in power know what to do?
I feel like everyone should have a voice to speak about their needs!”

-Maleek Lewis, Youth Policy Fellow



“We must lead by example, and we need to be the architects of the design we want for our
community.” -Jose Ventura, Lead Youth Policy Fellow

ABMoC Advocacy Day



In March, FLY's Policy Team traveled to Sacramento for the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color (ABMoC) Advocacy Day. We shared our policy priorities and learned about the work of our allies before heading to the capitol to meet with legislators. Youth Policy Fellows met with Senator Skinner's staff and directly with Assemblymember Ash Kalra.



Check out some photos from the day!

SMC: LOCAL SPOTLIGHT!

The SMC Network is a new FLY initiative to connect FLY alumni with one another! In addition to building community with one another, the network participants are interested in engaging in local advocacy. Led by Rose Lavalley, FLY Youth Voice Coach, they have built relationships with local groups such as the Coalition for a Safer SMC and the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission.

A recent highlight for the SMC Network was two youth making their first ever public comment at the SMC Board of Supervisors meeting. They advocated for more intentional sheriff oversight in the county.



Click on the play button to watch a video of an SMC Network member advocating for sheriff oversight!



AC: LOCAL SPOTLIGHT!

The Alameda County Youth Advisory Council has been hard at work over the past few months:

- In December, the YAC spread holiday cheer by creating stockings for youth in the foster care system who were on probation. They also gifted calendar pocket books and personalized bookmarks to youth at Juvenile Hall & Camp Sweeney. One council member recalled having a calendar while incarcerated and spoke about how helpful it was to keep track of court dates, birthdays, and other important information.
- In January, the YAC traveled to Sacramento to attend an Assembly Public Safety Committee Hearing and toured the capitol.
- Finally, in February, the YAC collaborated with the Public Defender's Office to lead a 3-part workshop series on Voting for youth in juvenile hall. After completing a facilitation training, five council members led workshops focused on voting rights, the importance of the board of supervisors, and an overview of the primary ballot.

