

April - September 2024



SYSTEMS CHANGE POSTCARD

UPDATE ON FLY'S 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 6 Bills Signed into Law
- FLY Cosponsored Bill, AB 1186, Signed into Law

FLY STATEWIDE ADVOCACY

- BSCC Advocacy Update
- Quest 4 Democracy
- YOUTH Day in Sacramento
- Youth Policy Fellowship Year in Review

VOTER REGISTRATION

- Alameda County YAC continues work in JH
- Systems Change Department Voter Registration Events

Bills Signed into Law

One of FLY's co-sponsored bills, AB 1186, and five other bills we supported, were signed into law this year! Assembly Bill 1186 makes important reforms to California's youth restitution system by ending youth restitution fines, releasing uncollectable debt that is over 10 years old, eliminating wage and trust garnishment, and right-sizing financial orders.

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

**Guarantee
Access to
Menstrual
Products in
JH**

**Click the circles to learn
more about FLY
supported bills signed
into law this year**

**Protecting
Incarcerated
Youths' Right
to Equitable
Education**

**Improving
Record
Clearance
Process for
Youth**

**Dignified
Care for
Pregnant
Incarcerated
People**

**Allow Peer
Restorative
Justice in
Expulsion
Hearings**

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2024 YOUTH POLICY FELLOWS

FLY had an amazing cohort of Youth Policy Fellows in 2024: Jose, Aydeth, Erial, Luca, & Maleek! The fellows supported FLY to identify our legislative priorities by carefully [analyzing 21 bills](#). Of these bills FLY co-sponsored 2, supported 13, and opposed 6. The fellows then spent the year tirelessly advocating for our priorities in the state legislature with [7 trips to Sacramento](#) and [over 50 legislative visits](#) with Senators and Assemblymembers.

Erial Pierr, Youth Policy Fellow, on her experience this year:



“I didn’t realize how much I would learn this year, the experience was profound. We pulled back the curtain and learned about how the government really works. It’s important for youth to be close to people in power because it shows we belong in those spaces and we can affect change. Also, you realize the people in Sacramento aren’t so out of reach. People like us can run for city council or the State Legislature. After this fellowship, I’ll always be involved in some type of organizing work because I want to leave the world better than I found it.”



FLY'S BSCC ADVOCACY UPDATE



>>>>> Youth Policy Fellows Mobilizing Youth Advocates!

In addition to their legislative advocacy, FLY's 2024 Youth Policy Fellows picked up where last year's Fellows left off and continued FLY's Board of State and Community Corrections advocacy. They hosted a series of three trainings to teach youth about the BSCC and how to advocate for improved conditions in youth locked facilities through public comments. The Fellows supported five youth to make a public comment for the first time on topics including addressing the lack of hygiene and menstrual products, ending the use of chemical spray against youth, and providing high-quality meals with proper nutrition.

>>>>> What's Next?

We are nearing the end of a 3-year process of revising the minimum standards probation must follow when operating a juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or SYTF. FLY youth have been involved in every step to demand accountability to their lived experiences and push for real solutions that change the dangerous and inhumane conditions inside locked facilities. In the coming months, the Executive Steering Committee will reconvene to finalize the revisions. FLY youth and staff will attend to make public comment and continue holding them accountable.

“Serving as a BSCC Medical & Mental Health Workgroup Member allowed me to uplift youth voices and experiences, work together with health experts who are genuinely concerned with how the state cares for our youth, and push back against those trying to maintain the status quo”

-Nallely Navarro, SCC Youth Voice Coach

Quest 4 Democracy 2024



In April, FLY staff & youth joined system-impacted folks from across the state in Sacramento for Quest 4 Democracy! Youth Policy Fellows, AC YAC, & FAAB spent the day lobbying on behalf of a variety of FLY-supported bills. 5 FLY staff and 17 FLY youth networked with justice reformers from across the state and participated in legislative visits.



Y.O.U.T.H Advocacy Day



In August, FLY joined partners from across the state for YOUTH Day (Yes to Opportunities to Uplift, Thrive, and Heal)! Youth Policy Fellows, SCC YAC, & AC YAC spent two days in Sacramento advocating to prioritize healing for all system-impacted youth. FLY youth and staff met with 35 Senate and Assembly offices during the trip!

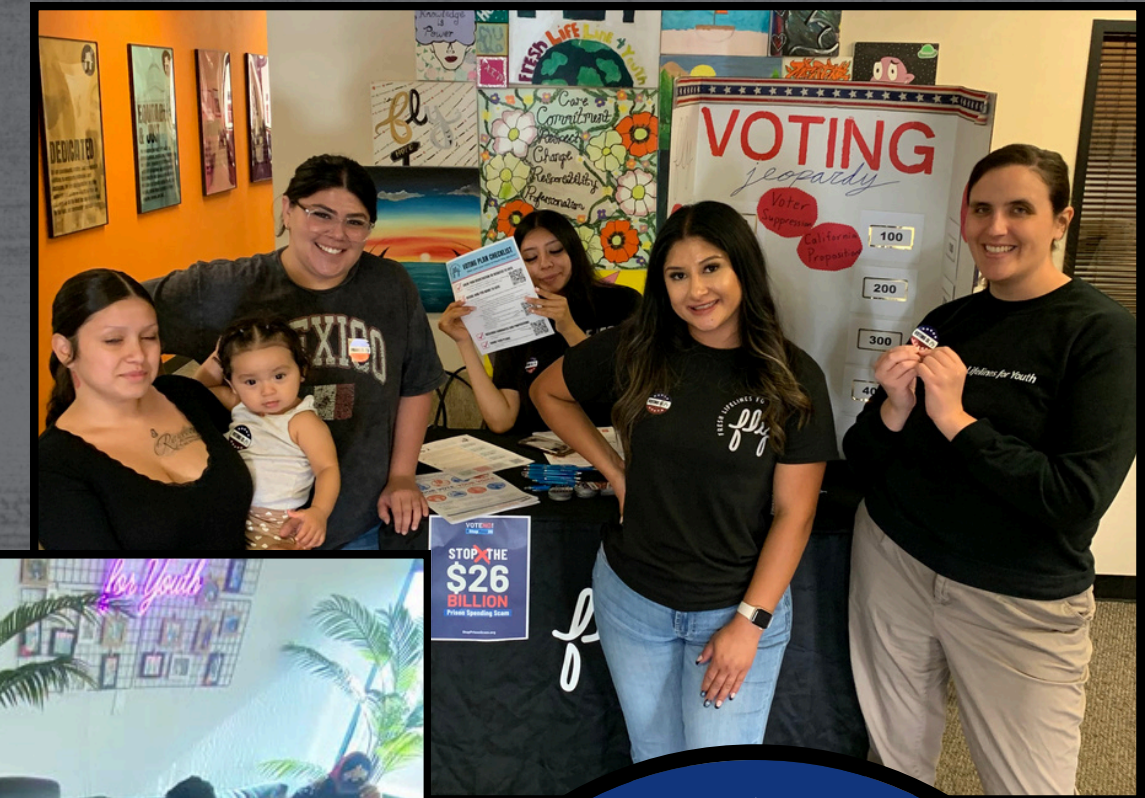


FLY is Getting out the Vote!



In the Community:

- Youth Policy Fellows, FAAB members, and Systems Change staff hosted Voter Registration Events at all four FLY offices in September. We had a great time playing Voting Jeopardy, supporting youth to register or pre-register to vote, and helping youth create voting plans!



In Juvenile Hall:

- Alameda County Youth Advisory Council members are building on their efforts from the March primaries by hosting another series of voter education workshops in Alameda County Juvenile Hall in October. They are working to register and pre-register youth in the hall and spread the word that youth over 18 years old have the right to vote even if they are currently incarcerated!

