


Legislative Accomplishments

Safe Housing	Safety in Care	Health & Well-being	Youth Empowerment
<p>2011 Extended Foster Care (Formal “opt in” to federal Fostering Connections Act for youth who are 18 and do not have a High School diploma or GED. For this group of youth it is now an entitlement to receive extended foster care until they achieve a HS diploma/GED or turn 21.) (HB 1128)</p> <p>2009 Fostering Connections (Extends Foster Youth Achievement Act.) (HB 1961)</p> <p>2007 Independent Youth Housing (HB 1922)</p> <p>2006 Foster Youth Achievement Act (First effort for post-18 housing/50 youth per year/ renamed Foster Care to 21 by CA officials.) (HB 2002)</p>	<p>2011 Unannounced Visits (HB 1697)</p>	<p>2007 Healthcare to 21 (ALL youth exiting foster care, whether in housing with state or not, receive health coverage.) (HB 1201)</p>	<p>2009 Notification of Rights in Foster Care (SB 5758)</p> <p>2007 Creating verifiable WA “Identicard” for Foster Youth (HB 6792)</p>
<p>1999 Homeless Youth Prevention, Protection and Education Act or “HOPE ACT” (First time for state funding and policy recognizing the need to actively engage state dependent runaway youth. Only state program youth can self-refer.) (HB 1493)*</p>	<p>2008 Increased Housing Trust Fund to include youth</p> <p>2005 Reprioritizing Adolescents and ensuring abuse investigation (SB 5583)</p>	<p>2010 Subsidized Guardianships to Kinship Families (HB 2680)</p> <p>2009 Post-adoption Sibling Visits (HB 1938)</p> <p>2009 Eight-hour Notification expanded in certain cases (HB 2752)</p>	<p>2010 Expanding Sealing of Juvenile Records (SB 6561)</p> <p>2010 (Youth vested with full voting rights on Transformation Design Committee.) (SB 6832)</p> <p>2010 Notification of Right to Counsel in dependency (HB 2735)</p> <p>2004 Sealing Juvenile Records (HB 3078)</p>
 <p>The Mockingbird Society Building a world-class foster care system</p>			

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