



California Speech Language Hearing Association

CSHA – Early Intervention Advocacy Newsletter: Spring 2024

Hello CSHA Community,

Over the past few months, The CSHA Ad Hoc Committee on Early Intervention has met with members of the California Senate Budget Committee, leaders at the Department of Developmental Services, and associates at the Association of Regional Center Administrators to collaborate on shared advocacy interests. CSHA's lobbyists and leaders expressed opposition to Governor Newsom's proposed state budget via an [official letter](#) and participation at the Senate Budget Committee hearing in March 2024, and you helped alert your state representatives by [signing and sharing the CSHA letter through this link](#). We once again need your support! Here are a few ways to get involved:

- **ATTEND A MASTER PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING:** *California Health and Human Services* has assembled a *Master Plan Developmental Services Committee* that will be gathering input and creating a Master Plan for services that will be provided to individuals with disabilities across the state. YOU can get involved and HELP CSHA BY ATTENDING A MEETING! There are three upcoming meetings that you can participate in:
 - **Meeting 1 - April 10, 10am-3:30pm:** in person in Sacramento or online, [click here for agenda and registration](#).
 - Topic: Initial Brainstorming
 - **Meeting 2 - April 24, 1pm-3pm:** online only, [information available here](#).
 - Topic: Identify key principals and set logistics for future meetings and subcommittees
 - **Meeting 3 - May 15, 10am-3:30pm:** in person in Los Angeles or online, [information available here](#).
 - Topic: Defining and achieving equity across all diverse communities
- **Join CSHA lobbyists and members at Legislative Advocacy Day on May 7, from 9am-4pm, in Sacramento.** [Link to sign-up here!](#)
 - Participants will be trained by CSHA's lobbyists on our advocacy initiatives, and will meet with state representatives to advocate for the needs of SLPs and SLPAs across the state. Registration is limited, sign up by April 16.
- **Sign the official CSHA letter, opposing the proposed state budget, and automatically share it with your state representatives by [clicking this link](#).**

Looking for more resources to support your early intervention advocacy? CSHA's Ad Hoc Committee on Early Intervention created a toolkit: [Click here to access CSHA's Early Intervention Advocacy Toolkit](#)

Thank you all for your participation in crucial CSHA advocacy, we hope to see you at a Master Plan meeting and/or on Legislative Advocacy Day!

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