

May 12, 2016

Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 1644 (Bonta) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez,

We are community-based organizations, businesses, and advocacy groups in California committed to the success of California's children. We all agree that investing in California's children is critical to the long term success of our state and are proud to support legislation to help students from preschool to 3rd grade experiencing school adjustment problems – particularly students who have been exposed to trauma.

We write in support of Assembly Bill 1644 (Bonta), which would create the HEAL Trauma in Schools Act to support schools in their efforts to lessen the impacts of trauma. The outreach, trainings, and technical assistance provided by the bill would strengthen the ability of schools to deliver Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) services, which have a long track record of success in California.

We see the impact of childhood trauma in our communities and are very aware that childhood trauma is associated with a myriad of serious health, educational, and social outcomes that can be major barriers to healthy development, learning, and thriving. AB 1644 would build on the success of the EMHI Program to help children heal from this trauma.

We thank you for your consideration and urge you to support childhood mental health, help foster resilience and healing, and fight childhood trauma in California through this important legislation.

CC: Assemblymember Rob Bonta



California Office of the Attorney General

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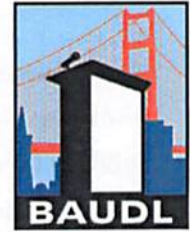
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Center for Leadership, Equity, and Research (CLEAR)



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Central CA Children's Institute

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Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa



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Children's Specialty Care Coalition



Common Sense Kids Action

Consultant, Miranda Pond

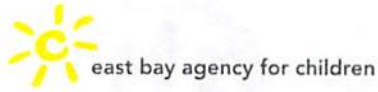
Covered Community

Del Norte County Local Planning Council for Child Care & Development



Early Edge California





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East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC)



El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center



Family Paths, Inc.

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