



April 30, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: Support for \$10 Million in 2025-26 Budget for California Family Justice Centers

Dear Governor Newsom,

As District and City Attorneys across California, we urge your continued support for the Family Justice Center Program with a \$10 million allocation in the 2025-26 state budget. This funding is critical to keeping California's 27 Family Justice Centers open and serving over 70,000 victims of violence annually—20% of whom are children.

The Family Justice Center model has proven to be one of the most effective frameworks for delivering coordinated, trauma-informed services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. By co-locating legal, medical, housing, and counseling services in one place, Family Justice Centers reduce the emotional toll on survivors and improve outcomes in safety, stability, and healing.

Without access to these centers, survivors must navigate multiple systems and retell their trauma repeatedly. Family Justice Centers eliminate that burden by streamlining support under one roof. State funding has enabled Family Justice Centers to remain open through recent surges in violence. With six new centers in development, continued funding will enable Family Justice Centers to keep operating with programs that support victims and profoundly contribute to the mitigation of violence and trauma in communities across California. Recent national studies have shown that violence is greatly reduced in some jurisdictions with Family Justice Centers, including homicide rates.

We have seen firsthand the impact of Family Justice Centers in our own counties. They are not just service centers—they are lifelines. With your support, they will continue to prevent violence, reduce trauma, and help families, and children exposed to violence, rebuild.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting California's most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

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