

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.



As citizens of Illinois, you are aware of the challenges our state has had regarding the state budget. As foster parents, you know all too well the challenges we face when resources to assist the children in care are scarce and not adequately supported.

Here is an opportunity for you to **Let Your Voice Be Heard** on some very important legislative activities.

HB 109 A lifeline bill that would allocate funds to social services not currently being paid. This includes such CYFS programs as our Crisis Intervention, Homeless Youth and RSVP program. The bill was approved in the house and will move to the Senate on April 25th. Contact your Senator and urge them to support this measure.

HB 2594 Makes various appropriations to DCFS for payment for the care of children served by private agencies and for the cost of care reimbursements to foster parents. Bill addresses many aspects to improve care including adjusting caseworker to child ratio, provide private agencies with financial resources to retain experienced staff and increasing foster parent reimbursement.

Contact your State Representative and Senators and first let them know of the work you do as a foster parent and then share how supporting these bills would support you as you care for the children in Illinois.

A full listing of your legislators can be found here:
<http://il--nea.capwiz.com/nea/il/directory/statedir.tt?state=IL&lvl=state>



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