



Sacramento's Second Annual

Children's Champion Award Celebration

October 8, 2026 | 6–8pm

Tsakopoulos Library Galleria
828 I St, Sacramento



Dear Friends and Supporters,

We are writing to ask for your support for the second annual Children's Champion Award Celebration. This celebration will take place on Thursday, October 8th from 6 to 8 pm at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For this award celebration, we will recognize the Sacramento Fire Department team that manages the Sacramento EMS Corps program. This dynamic group of leaders are assisting young adults to enter careers as emergency medical technicians, firefighters and health workers. To date, the Sac EMS Corps has provided EMT training and wraparound supports, including a monthly stipend, to over 60 young adults, with a focus on young adults who have been impacted by foster care, homelessness and/or the criminal justice system. We applaud the leadership of Sac Fire and celebrate its remarkable efforts in support of young people.

In addition to recognizing public officials, each year we recognize outstanding young leaders. This year we will recognize Lozen Miranda-Brightman, a student at The Met High School, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and a leader in Youth Forward's tribal youth group in North Sacramento. Over the last few years, she has helped create a community garden to promote food sovereignty and has led the campaign to remove the stereotypical, harmful image from the Hiram Johnson High School campus.

Thank you for being a part of this annual tradition in Sacramento!

**Youth Forward 2026
Sponsorship Opportunities**



CHILDREN'S CHAMPION: \$10,000

Exclusive naming rights to the event: "Presented by.."

Prominent logo recognition as Presenting Sponsor on all materials

Speaking opportunity at the event

Logo recognition at the event, on website and social media, and in an email to 1,600 local child advocates

10 complimentary tickets



CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE: \$5,000

Prominent logo recognition on e-invitation and registration page

Verbal recognition of sponsorship at the event

Logo recognition at the event, on website and social media, and in an email to 1,600 local child advocates

8 complimentary tickets



CHILDREN'S DEFENDER: \$2,500

Logo recognition on event program and signage

Verbal recognition of sponsorship at the event

Logo recognition at the event, on social media, and in an email to 1,600 local child advocates

6 complimentary tickets



CHILDREN'S BACKER: \$1,000

Verbal recognition of sponsorship at the event

Logo recognition at the event, on social media, and in an email to 1,600 local child advocates

4 complimentary tickets



CHILDREN'S ALLY: \$500

Verbal recognition of sponsorship at the event

Logo recognition at the event and on social media

2 complimentary tickets



Youth Forward is a leading policy organization for children and youth in Sacramento and statewide. Youth Forward has dedicated itself to building the field of child and family services. Its efforts have led to the creation of multi-million dollar funding streams for children's services at the local and state levels.

Youth Forward serves as the coordinator of Sac Kids First, the region's largest youth advocacy coalition. In 2022, Sac Kids First led the campaign to establish the Sacramento Children's Fund, a multi-million dollar annual fund that supports youth-serving nonprofits and public agencies. The Children's Fund works to prevent child and family homelessness, to reduce youth violence and to support youth mental health.

Since 2018, Youth Forward has been a leading voice in state policy in developing substance use prevention efforts and childcare funding through its advocacy on cannabis tax revenue. As a result, California has invested several hundred million dollars in youth prevention programs and in child care statewide. Youth Forward has also led efforts to stop the marketing of cannabis and intoxicating hemp products to children.

Youth Forward's Tribal Department supports tribal nations in Northern and Central California with efforts to address youth substance use prevention and to improve the environment on tribal lands. The Department also supports a native youth group in North Sacramento/Del Paso Heights.

Youth Forward is a catalyst for new partnerships and strategies. Most recently, Youth Forward partnered with Sac Fire to launch Sac EMS Corps, a job training program to help young adults from challenging circumstances become emergency medical technicians.

To learn more, please visit: <https://www.youth-forward.org/>