



City of Capitola Children and Youth Bill of Rights

City Council Meeting 7/27/23

Background

On May 18, 2023, Council directed Staff to adopt a Children and Youth Bill of Rights.

The State and other cities/counties in CA have also adopted similar Bills.

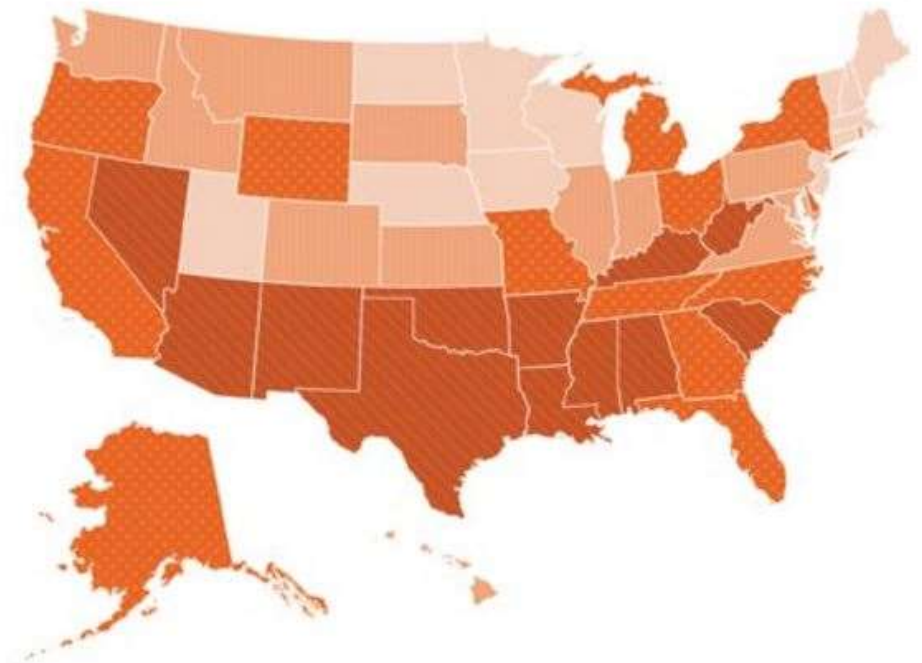
This action will ensure that the needs of our Youth are always a top priority.



Discussion

- California consistently ranked Worse or Worst in Child Well-Being categories - incl. 35th in Overall Well-Being.
- Santa Cruz county shares these struggles - incl. alarming rates of youth drug use and depression.
- YAN and Bill of Rights help combat these issues.

A 2023 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF
OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING



RANKINGS AND KEY

BEST

BETTER

WORSE

WORST

Current Programming

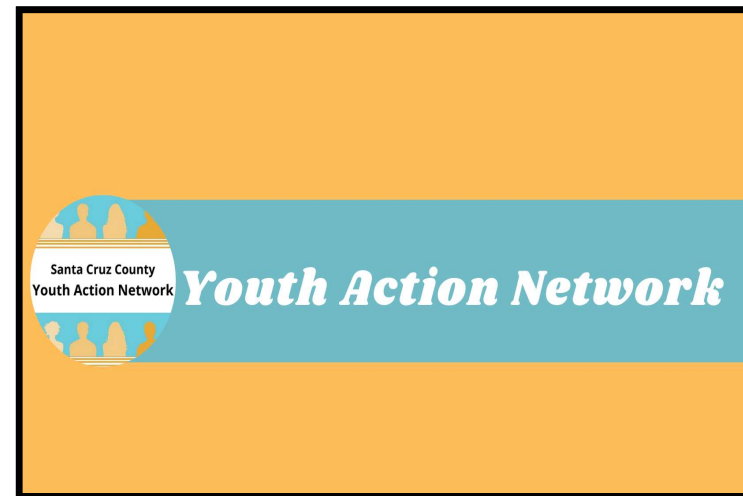
Recreation

- Camp Capitola, Afterschool programs, Junior Guards.
- Jade Street Part Community Center reno. and Universally Accessible Playground Project.



Other Depts.

- Early Childhood and Youth Community Grant Program - \$60,000 in funding during FY22-23.
- Partnership with Youth Action Network in SC County.





Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution
adopting the City of
Capitola Children and
Youth Bill of Rights.