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The project aggregates California’s administrative child welfare and foster care data into customizable tables that are refreshed quarterly and made openly available on a public website.

This comprehensive data source allows those working at the county and state level to examine performance measures over time. In addition to stratifications by year and county, data can also be filtered by age, ethnicity, gender, placement type, and other subcategories to craft "on the fly" ad hoc tabulations. This project provides policymakers, child welfare workers, and the public with direct access to information on California’s entire child welfare system.¹

“We want to convince practitioners, administrators and government officials that the data are useful to them . . . that using it appropriately will ultimately affect the lives of children and families.”

- Barbara Needell, Principal Investigator

¹ [http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/NewsEvents/FosterCareNeedell.shtml](http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/NewsEvents/FosterCareNeedell.shtml)