**FRC Budget Proposal Call-In Script**

**Phone Lobbying**

Phone lobbying is particularly important when legislation is moving quickly through the process. Here are some helpful tips:

* Figure out what you’re going to say before you call, write a script or bullet points.
* Know the name of the proposal (Family Resource Center Budget Request)
* Ask to speak with the staff person responsible for the legislation you are calling about.
* Give your affiliation if you are working on behalf of a particular organization.
* If you are a constituent, mention it.
* Be concise (they usually only take a tally, so details are not necessary).
* Be courteous and thank them for their time.

**Example 1 Script:** *“Hello, this is Jane Doe. As Senator Smith’s constituent, I am calling to let you know that I fully support the inclusion of Family Resource Centers in the Governor’s May Revise Budget to implement state funding, which would stabilize and strengthen FRCs in providing comprehensive, cost effective, and culturally responsive support to families living in marginalized communities. I urge Senator Smith to convey my support to colleagues on the Budget Committee. Thank you.”*

**Example 2 Script:** *“I am calling to ask Senator Smith to advocate for the inclusion of Family Resource Centers in the State Budget. Our Centers support the children and families who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic, by providing resources and connecting them to benefits such as CalWORKs and Cal Fresh. Unfortunately, with no dedicated funding and costs increasing, our Centers are struggling to survive.*

*Having Senator Smith as a champion for FRCs in the legislative budget will convey the importance of this issue to Californians. When Family Resource Centers ease the stressors in the home, we reduce child abuse and neglect, and decrease entry into the Child Welfare and Foster Care Systems.*

*Please consider supporting California’s most impacted families directly by providing stable, ongoing funding to Family Resource Centers. Thank you for your time.”*