



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA CHILDREN & YOUTH BULLETIN July 2021

On behalf of the Department of California I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as District or Unit Children and Youth Chairman. I am extremely excited to serve as your Department C&Y chairman and believe this program to be one with limitless possibilities of emphasizing the purpose of the C&Y program, which is protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.

Department President Deeann's theme is "Catch the Wave", Service to our Veterans Continues. Children and Youth Chairmen will be known as Artisans and Gallery. An artisan is described as a person skilled in making a product by hand. Gallery is described as a room or building that is used for showing works of art. Expect more about this at the Clovis Workshop.

In each bulletin I will be highlighting one of the many ways to successfully work this program. To start with. I would like to make all aware of our Department Code in the Policy section under GENERAL that applies to C&Y. Number 5 states, Members may serve as Chairman of a Committee simultaneously (Unit, District, and Department) with the exception of Children & Youth, Education, and Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation. What this means for us is that we can be C&Y Chairman on one level ONLY. For example, I as Department Chairman cannot be the chairman in my unit or in my district. This is important because of the mid-year and end-of-year reporting. Chairman serving on both unit and district levels could have their reports disqualified.

I encourage all chairman to read the National Program Action Plan for Children and Youth as well as the Department Code. Start painting your pictures filling your gallery with the many activities you plan for the year. Be creative and colorful!! Remember to keep a record of your activities for mid-year and end-of year reporting.

"Youth is happy because it has the capacity to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old."

— Franz Kafka

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