



DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
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Greetings Artisans,

I hope this bulletin finds you well. By now, planning of your Children & Youth Program should be off to a good start. In this bulletin, I will be sharing information with you from our National Chairman.

For the past few years, we obtained information for the Auxiliary's programs from our National Program Action Plan, formerly known as the Plan of Work. This year, in hopes of making it easier for our members to access and locate information our National Office has changed things up a bit. Information on our programs can be found in two primary locations. You must be logged on to MyAuxiliary member portal to be able to access this information.

- <https://member-legend-aux.org/member/committees/children-and-youth>
 - Here you can easily find all information such as Key Program Statements, Awards, Resources and collaborative opportunities
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALACHildrenandYouth>
 - These Facebook Groups are spaces on the social media network for ALA members to discuss and share about broad or narrow topics related to the committee and program. Units across the nation can share their ideas, ask questions or seek advice on C&Y subjects.

Utilize these sites to enhance your program plans for the 2021-22 year.

NEW to the C&Y program this year is the Youth Caregiver Award. This is a new recognition opportunity for our 2021-22 year. **Requirements for Award:** Provide care, comfort, assistance, and support to loved ones, friends, or family members without being paid. A Certificate will be available for download from the ALA national website for units to present.

Have you ever wondered how this program came to be? Below is some history of the Children & Youth Committee.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth Committee has enjoyed a long and compelling history serving children through the program's initiatives. The committee began in 1922 as Committee on Orphans of the Great War but changed to Child Welfare when The American Legion created their Child Welfare Committee.

Under National President Rae Shaw from Illinois during the 1970-1971 administration, the committee followed the lead of the Legion in 1970 and formally changed the name to Children & Youth. The National Committee had a bit of getting use to the new name but understood the importance of aligning with the Legion for consistency and content alignment. An innovative new slogan "Reach Out-The Future is Now" was the call to action for the team. The committee joined with The American Legion in revamping the program content of Area Conferences. Among the new subjects at these conferences would be nutrition, education and the handicapped and preservation of our resources, together with rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and sharing the dangers of drug abuse and addiction.

Just a reminder, Mid-Year reports are due to District Chairmen by December 1 and District reports are due to me by December 15. Thanks for all you do to support our programs.

If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales. [Albert Einstein](#)

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