



## A Restorative Moment in our Community

California Youth Connection would like to apologize for staff and members misgendering HCTAYC chapter members and community members. We want to model the importance of properly using the correct pronouns and names when addressing anyone. When that is not done correctly, we have to take accountability, apologize, and actively take steps to ensure that doesn't happen moving forward.

We are increasing our internal training and processes to address transphobia, homophobia, sexism, racism, and other isms impacting our community! Organizations supporting system-impacted people must model the environments we advocate and fight for our LGBTQIA2S+ youth and adults to have. Our staff and partners are committed to creating a safe and affirming space for our LGBTQIA2S+ community members. Once again, we would like to apologize to anyone that has been misgendered by any of our staff or members.

Our first step will be partnering with HCTAYC trainers for learning and restorative justice. We look forward to working with our LGBTQIA2S+ community and partners to improve our inclusive and affirming environments.

According to the California Child Welfare Indicators Project, there are 53,371 youth in foster care in California as of October 1, 2022. Youth who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ are overrepresented in foster care, with at least three studies estimating about 30 percent of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

### AB175 (Gipson)

- Extends the right of foster youth to have certain personnel who have received instruction on providing adequate care, as specified, to lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender youth, including probation personnel and legal counsel
- Adds the right for youth to be referred to by their preferred name and gender pronoun
- Includes the right of foster youth to maintain the privacy of their lesbian, gay, transgender, queer, and questioning status and gender identity, with certain exceptions, as specified

Learn more below

<https://ahum.assembly.ca.gov/sites/ahum.assembly.ca.gov/files/AB%20175%20%28Gipson%29.pdf>

<https://assets2.hrc.org/files/assets/resources/HRC-YouthFosterCare-IssueBrief-FINAL.pdf>

Big Love

Janay Eustace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janay Eustace", written in a cursive style.