

# How did we respond to the confluence of crises in 2020?



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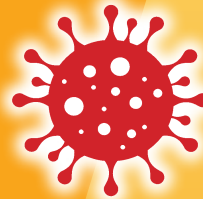
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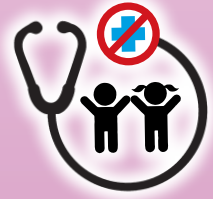
As this challenging year comes to a close, TCP reflects on progress made in our fight for children. This year saw deepening inequities for children and families in California and across the country. The COVID-19 pandemic, the economy, and the reckoning with racial injustice have all had profound impacts to California's already marginalized children.

## Shining a Light on Health Inequities

80% of cases of COVID-19 in children ages 0-17 are children of color.



334,034 CA children are uninsured today as rates for health coverage decrease.



Nearly 400,000 K-12 students in CA attend a school that has a police officer but not a counselor.



Only 35% of youth in CA who report needing mental health support actually receive it.



- ▶ Through a series of five fact sheets, we emphasized disparities facing California Black, LGBTQ+, AANHPI, Latinx, and Native children that lay the foundation for an equity agenda that values every child as a child.
- ▶ We advanced a series of reports on community-centered policy solutions to pressing issues like policing, medical-legal partnerships, and community oral health and opportunities to move child health equity forward.
- ▶ Internally, we brought on two new Policy Directors, leading on Social Determinants of Health and Mental Health, to ensure our efforts focus on key barriers impacting California children's health today like poverty, racism, and associated trauma.

# 2020 Highlights



## Telehealth & Children

### WE LISTENED

We listened to California communities about the issues that impacted them in 2020, through several initiatives, including a survey of parents of young children and a listening session with community health workers.

### WE LEARNED

Among critical insights about the effects of the pandemic, we learned that **94% of caregivers would like to access their child's doctor through telehealth, but that less than a quarter are able to do so.**

### WE ACTED

Our learnings informed our advocacy efforts, and we:

- ▶ **Created a community fact sheet** to inform and empower families around how to use telehealth for their children.
- ▶ **Championed AB 2164** to improve telehealth access.
- ▶ **Hosted a telehealth webinar** as one of four in a series that reached over 480 live attendees and thousands of viewers.

  
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## Uplifting the Voices of Young People

- ▶ **The State of the Child 2020** brought together over 200 partners to celebrate TCP's 25 years of work for California's children. Youth advocates shared the stage with state leaders, CA Attorney General **Xavier Becerra** and Senior Advisor to the Governor **Giannina Pérez**, as we committed to letting youth lead the way for change.



*Ivan Hernandez (Gente Organizada) and Virginia Villalta (Get Lit)*

- ▶ **In response to damaging impacts of the pandemic and racial injustice, we hosted a virtual mental health discussion** where over 30 youth shared their stories and coping strategies, like meditation, art, and activism. Youth-driven, culturally responsive mental health supports and policies must drive our collective equity agenda.



## Uniting a Diverse Coalition

We teamed up with hundreds of cross-sector partners to fight for children this year.

- ▶ With partner support, our **Kids Count 2020 Census** campaign brought over 6,700 pieces of original material to families and teachers on why the census matters and how to participate.
- ▶ Through the **Master Plan on Early Learning and Care** and other health agency initiatives, we worked with partners to advance a whole child approach for California's youngest, centering the needs of families facing the greatest challenges.
- ▶ With oral health and community health workers, we advanced **AB 2164 to expand telehealth access**. Although the bill was vetoed, we laid the groundwork to help low-income families access safe, quality care beyond this year.

