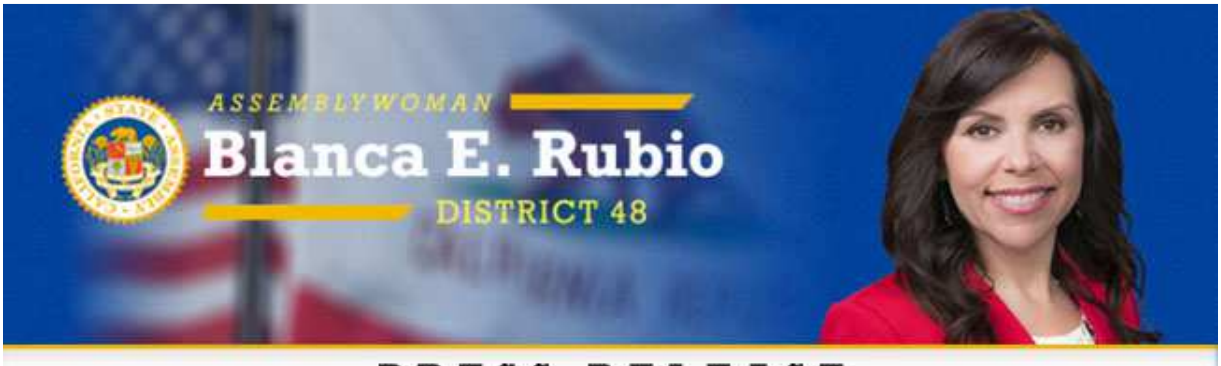


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Governor Signs Assemblywoman Rubio's Bill to Improve Trainings for Foster Care Families

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Assemblywoman Blanca E. Rubio (D-Baldwin Park) announced that Governor Edmund G. Brown signed Assembly Bill 507, legislation to improve the effectiveness of the annual training foster homes receive.

"My goal is to ensure that foster families have every resource available to them to care for the child in their home," said Rubio. "Better training for caregivers will improve the well-being of the children and youth in the foster care system throughout the state."

AB 507 will require the caregiver training that foster families receive annually to focus on the individual needs and goals of the child. AB 507 will also allow counties to require specialized trainings for foster families under their jurisdiction.

A spokesperson for California Youth Connection (CYC), and co-sponsor of the bill stated, "CYC Members across the state are thrilled that Governor Brown signed this legislation as it will directly and positively impact the lives of more 66,000 foster children and youth in California."

Policy Advocate for Youth Law Center, Lucy Carter added, "As a bill co-sponsor we would like to thank Assemblywoman Rubio for her leadership in authoring AB507 which will strengthen the stability of foster care placements by providing improved assistance to foster parents so the children in their care can thrive."

The 48th Assembly District is comprised of the cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, City of Industry, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Glendora, Irwindale, Monrovia, West Covina, and the San Gabriel Valley unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, including Bassett, Charter Oak, Citrus, East Arcadia, Ramona, Valinda and West La Puente.

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