

## Reflecting on César Chávez Day

Dear Members,

Today, First Lady Jill Biden will join Gov. Gavin Newsom and First Partner Jennifer Siebel Newsom in Delano for César Chávez Day, a California holiday commemorating the birthday of the United Farm Workers founder. Chávez has been in the news a lot lately —

Newsom's **attorney general nominee**, Assemblymember Rob Bonta, **described being profoundly influenced** by his parents' work organizing Latino and Filipino farmworkers alongside Chávez. And last week, the U.S. Supreme Court **appeared poised to restrict or overturn** a landmark California law championed by Chávez that permits unions to enter growers' private property to encourage farmworkers to organize.



In a proclamation released this morning, the White House wrote, "His legacy as the founder, along with Dolores Huerta, of the United Farm Workers of America, reminds us of the central place that organizing and collective bargaining holds in advancing the dignity and wellbeing of working Americans. It's a reminder that the power of workers coming together to bargain for a better deal is what built the American middle class and made possible the American dream. Chávez taught us: "Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own." That most American of sentiments is as resonant today as it has ever been, as we seek to build back our Nation in a way that brings every single one of us along.

He fasted. He marched. He organized. He stayed true to his convictions, and brought hope to millions for whom hope had often seemed too far away. To him, "La Causa" meant elevating our common humanity to the center of an agenda for progress. And that elevation meant organizing for safe and healthy workplaces, a living wage, protections against sickness and disability, time with family, and so much else that we continue to prize and fight for today."

But the farmworkers' rights icon also has a complex and sometimes problematic legacy — one that might not pass muster with the San Francisco school board or **proponents of removing statues of controversial historical figures**, **Los Angeles Times columnist Gustavo Arellano writes**.

"History — life — is not an easy-peasy snap-judgment call. To paraphrase Oscar Wilde: Every saint had a past, and every sinner has a future. And Chávez is perhaps as great an example of this in California history."

CBHA is proud to continue the fight for equity for all workers, especially the behavioral health workforce, and will continue to be your partner in advocacy as we strive to create a more equitable state and country.

In Service,



Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

[Read the White House's Proclamation](#)

[Read the Los Angeles Times column by Gustavo Arellano](#)

# Join us today for Learning Community: CalAIM from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM PST

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Join us today, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 12:30PM to 2:30PM PST for a deep dive analysis of the California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) proposal! This is our second joint event focused on the current CalAIM proposal and what to expect as the State moves forward to implement the proposal.

Participants will participate in a forum for conversation and inquiry in order to both hear an update about CalAIM, the potential impact on providers across CA, the potential intersection with the CCBHC model and influence the broader advocacy work of California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA) and the California Alliance for Child and Family Services (Alliance). We will be joined by:

**Keynote Speaker:**

- Dr. Joe Parks from the National Council for Behavioral Health

**Additional Speakers:**

- Christine Stoner-Mertz - California Alliance for Child and Family Services
- Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D.- California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
- Adrienne Shilton- California Alliance for Child and Family Services
- Robb Layne - California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies

If you have not yet registered, please do so by clicking the button below! See you at 12:30 PM!

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**Join us virtually at NatCon21!**

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CBHA is a proud partner of our national affiliate, the National Council for Behavioral Health, and we would like to invite you to join us at NatCon21 live from May 3-5 an on-demand for the remainder of the month. If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it's that we can expect the unexpected. With this in mind – and with attendee health and safety a top priority – National Council has decided to bring the **NatCon experience** to you virtually this year. By bringing **NatCon21** to your digital doorstep, it will be easier than ever to attend the biggest event in mental health and addictions care! Everything you need

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As a NatCon21 attendee, you will get to:

- *Learn at your own pace* – take advantage of our live and on-demand **sessions**.
- *Challenge your thinking* – hear from hundreds of **leaders** in health care and beyond.
- *Raise your voice* – contribute to timely discussions on topics that matter to you.
- *Invest in yourself* – earn **CEs and CMEs** from the comfort of your couch.
- *Maximize your impact* – discover new tools in our virtual **Solutions Pavilion**.
- *Expand your network* – **connect** with 6,000+ health care colleagues online.

### Register Today!

- To register, please visit our online registration website, **online here**.
- This year, due to the pandemic and the virtual nature of the conference, we have discounted registration rates 30% from traditional NatCon pricing. You will not need to enter a code to receive this automatic discount!
- Prior to registering, reference National Council's membership map page, which can be found by selecting your state **online here**. Your organization name as listed on the CA membership page is how you should search for your organization during the registration process. This will ensure that you will get the membership rate and the 30% discount.

### Registering 3 or more attendees? Receive a \$50 discount on your third and subsequent registrations!

This year our group registration site will allow one of your team members to register all your organization's attendees and check out with one combined invoice.

To access the group registration:

- Select the blue "Register a Group" button on the **attendee registration site**.
- Enter your information as the main contact for the group, and begin to register your attendees
- Once you have registered two individuals at the full conference rate, a \$50 discounted full conference rate will appear for your subsequent attendees. You will need to select the discounted rate as you continue to register your third and additional attendees.

If you have any questions about registration, please email **Conference@TheNationalCouncil.org** for assistance.

**Learn more** about our program. We hope to see you in May!

Learn more!

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