



FACT SHEET

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, CLUB LIVE, FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE KIDS, & FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MENTORING

Background

Friday Night Live (FNL)-based programs build partnerships for positive, healthy youth development that engage youth as active leaders and resources in their communities. Youth have the opportunity to develop skills and plan activities with their peers and adult advisors. The programs are youth-driven and provide meaningful roles for the participants. Programs build community partnerships that support youth, helping to foster their sense of autonomy and self-reliance. This promotes confidence in a young person's capacity to contribute. In supporting the holistic development of youth, FNL has gone well beyond basic approaches. Youth that were merely recipients of prevention messages are now themselves planning and conducting community prevention actions.

FNL programs apply evidence-based practices and use a youth development model that engages young people in building skills, attitudes, knowledge, and experiences—preparing them to be fully capable and competent individuals. The goal is to promote developmental outcomes.

There are four components to FNL-based programs. FNL is predominantly geared towards high-school aged youth, Club Live (CL) is the middle/junior high school piece, FNL Kids focuses on 4th - 6th grade youth, and FNL Mentoring matches high school youth with middle/junior high school youth using an evidence-based

curriculum. The locations of individual programs, known as "chapters," have broadened over time from school campuses to other community locations such as recreational facilities, housing projects, youth centers and youth detention centers.

Currently, 53 of California's 58 counties have FNL, CL, FNL Kids and/or FNL Mentoring programs operating. The fiscal year 2009/10 CalOMS Prevention data showed 767 FNL Program chapters served more than 167,000 people.

FNL Gambling Awareness and Prevention

The recent increase of online gambling, poker nights, expanding casinos, and sports betting among youth have put this generation at greater risk for gambling addiction.

The "Betting on Our Future" prevention campaign is a youth-based project to raise awareness of problem gambling and empower youth to promote change in their communities. FNL youth are responsible for scripting, coordinating and producing live dramatic performances, video projects and public service announcements (PSAs) to communicate the risks and signs of problem gambling among youth. FNL participants also have the opportunity to create gambling themed artwork which is used in informational brochures and handouts geared toward parents. FNL also has developed supplemental classroom curriculum and activities to

educate students in 4th - 6th grade on the risks and consequences of gambling. FNL PSAs have been used in the problem gambling public awareness campaign aired statewide on cable television. More information on the “Betting on Our Future” campaign can be found on the Office of Problem Gambling [website](#).

FNL and Traffic Safety

FNL programs have a long history of tackling youth-related traffic safety issues such as bicycle/helmet safety, seat belt safety, and drinking driver awareness. Youth-driven traffic safety campaigns and projects are an important component of FNL, CL, FNL Kids, and FNL Mentoring programs and offer a positive approach to increasing the safety and well-being of youth.

California Friday Night Live Partnership

The California Friday Night Live Partnership (CFNLP) is the statewide technical assistance and training entity for all FNL-based programs. They also offer support to the California Friday Night Live Collaborative and administer the Office of Problem Gambling and Office of Traffic Safety grants.

California Friday Night Live Collaborative

The California Friday Night Live Collaborative (CFNLC) is comprised of FNL County Coordinators. The CFNLC acts as the leadership voice to the CFNLP and other interested bodies on behalf of the field. The CFNLC, with support from the CFNLP, developed a process termed Members-In-Good-Standing to establish a peer-driven accountability system with clear standards and measures to ensure statewide consistency in all FNL programs. This group addresses concerns common to FNL Coordinators and upholds the mission, program operating principles,

and the five Standards of Practice for FNL programs.

For more information regarding FNL, CL, FNL Kids and FNL Mentoring programs, please contact the CFNLP at (559) 733-6496, visit the CFNLP website at [California Friday Night Live Partnership](#), or contact ADP’s Program Services Division, Prevention Services Branch, at (916) 324-4398.