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## Opportunities

Three  
ways you  
can  
brighten  
the future  
of a youth  
in  
Mendocino  
County

## California Bill Would Have Judges Curb Psychotropics among Foster Youth

By Guest Writer April 23, 2015

**After a year** of scathing indictments by the media and advocates concerning the overuse of psychotropic drugs on foster children, the legislature responded with a flood of bills aimed at strengthening the safeguards for the prescription of psychological medications to foster youth. But some advocates worry that too much red tape will create barriers to treatment.

[Curb](#)

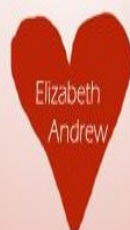
## THE EQUITY PROJECT

This training curriculum provides comprehensive, interactive training lessons designed to increase competence about sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression

(SOGIE), while providing practitioners with increased knowledge, tools, and resources for working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth in the juvenile justice system.

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VOLUNTEERS  
don't necessarily  
have the time;  
they just have  
the heart!



## Calif. Senate Panel Advances Bills Targeting Foster System's Rx Use

Thursday, April 23, 2015

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the California Senate Human Services Committee unanimously approved a legislative package aimed at reducing the amount of psychiatric medication prescribed to children in the state's foster care system, the [San Jose Mercury News](#) reports (de Sá, *San Jose Mercury News*, 4/22).



[RX USE](#)

Will it be easy? NOPE.  
Worth it? ABSOLUTELY.



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