

Delay the launch. *Protect the children.*

CWS-CARES should go live only when it has been thoroughly tested, proven reliable, and staff are trained to use it safely — not on a fixed October deadline.



What an unready system risks

When the technology is not ready —	 INFORMATION Critical information can be missed	 RESPONSE Responses to children and families can be delayed	 DECISIONS Safety decisions can be compromised
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"These are risks we cannot accept."

Lake County's position



WE SUPPORT

A faster, stronger, more reliable statewide system for children, families, and staff — and the direction of a modern platform overall.



WE CANNOT ACCEPT

Moving an unfinished system into live child protection work, placing unresolved problems directly into the hands of workers making urgent decisions.

Three conditions before go-live

1

Thoroughly tested

The system has been fully vetted before it touches live cases.

2

Proven reliable & functional

Every core function works as intended, consistently.

3

Workers trained

Staff can use the system safely before it goes live.

Our ask

To state lawmakers and leaders: support modernization, but delay the October launch until readiness is proven.

ACT NOW —
NOT AFTER
GO-LIVE

"The deadline must never come at the expense of a child's safety."

NOT IN LAKE COUNTY. NOT ANYWHERE IN CALIFORNIA. NOT NOW, NOT EVER.