

## ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

## ORANGE COUNTY FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE PARTNERSHIP LOBBYING POLICY



Orange County Friday Night Live Partnership (OCFNLP) staff, chapter youth, and advisors are prohibited from lobbying due to public funds used to support the FNL/Club Live/FNL Kids program.

- Lobbying is considered using any OCFNLP funds, materials or affiliation to influence an elected official (city council, school board, county, state, federal, etc.) to take a particular position or vote a certain way on a specific piece of legislation, policy, bill, ordinance, rule, etc.
- In contrast, OCFNLP is committed to education such as providing factual information to anyone on a specific topic.

The following are two examples of Lobbying vs. Education.

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It would be lobbying if the advisor or any chapter members spoke at the city council meeting asking city council to pass (or veto) a new policy, while representing themselves as FNL/Club Live/FNL Kids members.

It would be education if the advisor or any chapter members spoke at the city council meeting providing facts about tobacco (statistics from their own findings, city, state, etc.), while representing themselves as FNL/Club Live/FNL Kids members.

## Lobbying Education

It would be lobbying if the advisor or any chapter member sent a postcard or letter to the state encouraging (or discouraging) the passing of a tax, while representing themselves as FNL/Club Live/FNL Kids members. It would be education if the advisor or any chapter members sent a postcard or letter to the state providing them with facts about underage drinking (statistics from their own findings, city, state, etc.), while representing themselves as FNL/Club Live/FNL Kids members.

