



Policy Roundtable for Child Care
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Conference Room 743
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles



Meeting Agenda

10:00	I.	Welcome and Introductions		Jacquelyn McCroskey Chair
	A.	Review of Minutes for March 14, 2012	<i>Action Item</i>	
	B.	Direction from County Counsel Regarding Alternates		
10:15	II.	Joint Committee on Legislation <i>Child Care Policy Framework Goal 2</i>		Michele Sartell
	A.	Update on Legislative Budget Committee Hearings		
	B.	Update on Proposed Legislation and Ballot Initiatives		
		▪ AB 1673 (Mitchell)		
		▪ AB 1872 (Alejo)	<i>Action Item</i>	Robert Gilchick
	C.	Ad Hoc Committee Report on Governor's Proposal to Reorganize the Subsidized Child Care Sector	<i>Action Item</i>	Jacquelyn McCroskey Karla Howell
11:15	III.	Los Angeles Child Welfare-Early Care Systems Infrastructure Project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families		Todd Franke
11:50	IV.	Announcements and Public Comment		Members & Guests
		• Week of the Young Child Activities		Fran Chasen
		• LAUP Teacher of the Year Award		Dawn Kurtz
		• CCRC 21 st Legislative Form		
		• CCIS-Options 29 th Annual Policymakers Breakfast		
12:00	V.	Call to Adjourn		Jacquelyn McCroskey

Mission Statement

The Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care builds and strengthens early care and education by providing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems, and infrastructure improvement.

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MEETING MINUTES

**March 14, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Los Angeles, California**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey, Chair of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable), opened the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

a. Review of Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2012

Ms. Kathy Malaske-Samu moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Carol Hiestand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Update on Child Care Policy Framework Goals 3 and 5

Dr. McCroskey asked Ms. Malaske-Samu to provide a brief update on Goal 5, which states, in part, “The Chief Executive Office (CEO) will facilitate County department efforts to work internally, across departments, and with community partners, to integrate the Strengthening Families Approach (SFA) and Protective Factors into their work with children, families and communities and engage families in high quality child development services.”

Ms. Malaske-Samu announced that the next meeting of the Strengthening Families Learning Community is scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Learning Community members will receive meeting notices soon. A more substantive report will be made to the Roundtable after the April meeting. Ms. Malaske-Samu referred members and guests to the Office of Child Care website (www.childcare.lacounty.gov) where pages dedicated to the Learning Community are posted.

Goal 3 states “County departments will work collaboratively with each other and community partners to maximize the utilization of available child development resources, support quality improvements and promote the delivery of integrated services for children and their families.

- Ms. Malaske-Samu mentioned that in April the Roundtable will hear about a special joint project underway in Long Beach that involves the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the University of Michigan.
- In June, the meeting will include a discussion of child development services for children and families experiencing homelessness. The Service Integration Branch (SIB) Homeless Coordinator will be invited to participate in the meeting. Ms. Malaske-Samu

mentioned that the County and the Los Angeles Housing Authority are working together to develop five resource centers throughout county. She suggested this as an opportunity to provide input on the design of those centers that will serve families with children. Dr. McCroskey noted the presentation by Ms. Dora Jacildo, Executive Director of Children Today on their exemplary program at a previous meeting.

2. Joint Committee on Legislation
Child Care Policy Framework Goal 2

a. Update on Legislative Committee Hearings

Ms. Michele Sartell referred members and guests to their meeting packets for the matrix summarizing the Governor's 2012-13 budget proposals for child care and development services, the Legislative Analyst's Office's (LAO) responses and alternative proposals, reactions from the child development advocacy community and others, and the hearing outcomes to date. She noted that hearings are scheduled up to the release of the May Revise. Hearings to date on the Assembly and Senate side have been notable for the level of testimony from public institutions (i.e. county welfare agencies and schools), organizations operating child care and development programs, and parents, focusing on both the current benefits of the CalWORKs and child care and development programs and the potential impact the Governor's proposals will have on families achieving and maintaining self-sufficiency. The Committee and Subcommittee leadership acknowledged the hardship the proposed cuts and increased restrictions would have on families while simultaneously admitting the challenges they confront in addressing a budget deficit without the option of securing new revenue streams. As such, the leadership asked for thoughts on alternatives offered by the LAO and/or other recommendations.

b. AB 1673 (Mitchell)

Ms. Sartell next directed members and guests to their meeting packets for the following items: 1) matrix of legislation being considered by the state legislature as of March 13, 2012; and 2) draft bill analysis on AB 1673. With respect to the matrix, the Joint Committee will be reviewing all bills introduced this session and setting priorities to indicate level of interest and potential action in the form of a recommended position for consideration by the Roundtable.

A bill brought to the attention of the Joint Committee early is AB 1673, introduced by Assembly Member Holly Mitchell on February 14, 2012. This bill would establish 12 months of continuous eligibility in California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD)-contracted program regardless of program type once a child of an income eligible family is certified unless the child no longer resides in the state or is deceased. Currently, most CDE/CDD-contracted child care and development programs (except California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Part-day) are required to notify families once their eligibility is certified or re-certified of their responsibility to inform the contractor of any changes in their family income, family size or need for services. If a family becomes ineligible due to the change, they are required to pay the full cost of care to keep their child enrolled, otherwise the child is disenrolled.

This change will align eligibility of all subsidized child care and development programs with the CSPP Part-day and Head Start. Moreover, it would eliminate the disruption of services to children and their parents often due to minor changes or fluctuations in a family's circumstances, such as variations in income, and streamline administrative processes. In addition, it is consistent with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families that encourages "policies and procedures that promote continuity of child care services for the benefit of children and families."

As such, Ms. Sartell offered the Joint Committee on Legislation's request for the Roundtable to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to take a position of "Support" on AB 1673. This position is consistent with County policy to "support efforts to streamline administrative processes to expand access for low-income families to ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of child care and development funding to meet the needs of families."

Mr. Dennis said that it is an administrative nightmare for parents who work to notify of every income fluctuation given the industries in which they work. He continued that it is more expensive to continuously verify income and therefore would recommend a position of support. Ms. Jacildo noted the benefits to the children, particularly very young children, with the need to attach and how disruptive it is to move a child in and out of care. Children need time and space to build relationships outside of the home. Ms. Nora Armenta commented on the bills benefits to concentrating on customer service rather than updating records. And Ms. Keesha Woods spoke to the bills alignment that will contribute to collaboration among program types with different funding streams, however she noted that Head Start allows for two years of eligibility. Ms. Stacy Miller asked whether there are any fiscal costs. Dr. Richard Cohen spoke to the lack of alignment on what is fair and our societal commitment to families. Families enroll and they belong to the program until the child enters kindergarten. Upon enrollment, the child entered based on need, yet while the family may not be the neediest the longer they participate in the program, the program is committed to the child and the family. In fact, the program may have helped move the family along to become less needy. He added that the one year of continuity is more in line with the Strengthening Families movement.

One issue raised is that as written, it is unclear how it would address families participating in any of the three stages of CalWORKs Child Care. As it stands, receiving Stage 1 child care services is tied to families' participation in welfare to work and education. Clarification is needed to determine the impacts on CalWORKs Child Care, particularly the policies related to Stage 1.

Ms. Malaske-Samu moved that the Roundtable recommend that the Board of Supervisors take a position of support on AB 1673 as it would provide consistency for children, streamlines the eligibility process for families, reduces the administrative burden on agencies, and is consistent with adopted county policy. However, before the recommendation is forward to Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs (IGEA), research will be conducted to determine the impact on CalWORKs Stage 1 and note if this needs to be addressed through an amended position. Ms. Armenta seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

<p><i>Editor's Note:</i> As of March 21, 2012, the bill was amended to clarify that the 12 months of continuous eligibility would apply only to CDE/CDD-contracted programs inclusive of CalWORKs Stages 2 and 3. The bill does not apply to CalWORKs Stage 1. The Assembly Committee on Education passed the bill as amended.</p>
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c. Update on Proposed Ballot Initiatives

Ms. Sartell returned members to the legislative matrix, on which she has listed the three ballot initiatives that seem to be gaining the most momentum and are of likely interest to members and guests (see page 15). All three ballots are in the phase of collecting signatures in order to qualify for the November 2012 ballot.

Ms. Armenta reported that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has proposed an initiative for the November ballot as well; the initiative proposes raising a parcel tax for funds

that would go directly to the district to do such things as restore small class size for Kindergarten through third grade, pay for school nurses, and more.

Ms. Armenta also clarified the budget decisions made by the LAUSD Board of Education that creates three buckets of funding based on required K-12 services and other priorities. Funding for early childhood education is in the third priority bucket and is dependent on labor agreements for salary concessions. The District provides supplemental funds to operate 107 centers; they could continue to serve 10,000 children in 87 centers after eliminating the smaller centers. The School Readiness Language Development Program (SRLDP) is also in the third bucket. United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) is currently disputing furlough days for teachers. If the District prevails and wins, \$60 million will be returned to the District for services in the second priority bucket.

d. Governor's Proposal to Move a Majority of Subsidized Child Development Services to County Welfare Departments

Dr. McCroskey reported that among the Governor's 2012-13 budget proposals is administrative restructuring of subsidized child care and development services to county welfare departments. She stated the trade off is between what the state pays and what becomes the county responsibility. On the upside of any realignment proposal is more power over local decision making. As such, she suggested to Ms. Malaske-Samu the proposal for administrative restructuring as an opportunity to engage in a discussion with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). To date, there has been one brief conversation between the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and DPSS with another scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012. Dr. McCroskey suggested that if there is restructuring, the roles will change and she thinks the Roundtable should be involved in sharing information to ensure that a county department is not acting in isolation with direction from the Board. She contends that the Roundtable has expertise to add to the discussion. She stated that both DPSS and the CEO are open to the discussion and noted that no decisions have been made.

Dr. McCroskey continued by acknowledging the concern from the child care and development field regarding shifting administrative responsibility to county welfare departments. Again, she suggested that the Roundtable needs to play a role and share its expertise and, regardless of the proposal, the Roundtable serves at will and as an advisor to the Board. Ms. Malaske-Samu added that DPSS has truly not made a decision and wants to hear from the Roundtable. It was noted that the California Head Start Association has taken a position against the administrative restructuring as it sees early childhood as clearly connected to the K-12 system

Ms. Karla Howell, Chair of the Child Care Planning Committee (Planning Committee) and member of the Roundtable, reflected on the February meeting of the Roundtable that focused on the Governor's budget proposals, including his proposal for administrative restructuring. A small group of people came together following the meeting to draft a motion, which was brought to the Planning Committee's 40-50 members representing child care and development programs, Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, and others. The Planning Committee approved the motion recommending the Board of Supervisors oppose the restructuring of child care and development programs. The motion, included in the meeting packets, summarizes the Governor's proposal, its implications, and why it is important to maintain the existing system. The proposal emphasizes that child care and development services is more than support for working parents in that it also is about the early education of young children. Ms. Howell additionally noted the change philosophy resulting from 30 plus years of work to build a quality system.

Ms. Howell entered a motion that the Roundtable join the Planning Committee in recommending that the Board of Supervisors take a position opposing the administrative restructuring of child care and development services; Ms. Terri Nishimura seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- Mr. Duane Dennis commented that the proposed position presented to the Board of Supervisors needs to be supported with an impact analysis demonstrating how it would cut services to the children and families of Los Angeles County. He suggested that if the motion passes, the next 30 days should be spent preparing the analysis to include, for example, the number of children who will no longer receive services, the number of children and families who will become homeless, etc. He added that the Board Deputies and Supervisors are likely to hear from multiple constituencies with requests to advocate against cutting their program.
- Ms. Kate Anderson of Children Now expressed her hope that the Roundtable would pass the motion to make a public statement, however agreed with the importance of doing the homework before taking to the Board. Ms. Malaske-Samu clarified that the Roundtable cannot come out with a public statement without going through the appropriate channels, including vetting with the Chief Executive Office Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs to determine if it is consistent with County policy and direction with respect to the Board's position overall on how to address the Governor's budget proposals.
- Others suggested that the motion is going in the right direction, however there are issues that need to be addressed, such as preparing convincing arguments as to why child care and development should remain tied to education and providing data that clearly demonstrates the potential impact, i.e. number of centers that would close compared to those that would stay open and potentially serve or not serve families receiving vouchers. Dr. Sharoni Little also suggested that the analysis address the overarching need for connecting to school readiness and higher education based on research.
- Mr. Dennis noted that there are groups working on impact reports. He suggested that the Roundtable convene a meeting of those looking at the data to craft a unified voice to the Board. Among those mentioned were the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, Healthy City, the Planning Committee.
- Mr. Dennis remarked on the Governor's overall intent to tie child care and development services to meeting federal work participation rates (WPR) relating to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). California, due to its low WPR, is facing \$200 million in penalties. As such, efforts need to also focus on helping the administration think about the WPR issue in a way that does not dismantle the existing child care and development system. Mr. Dennis noted his concern with TANF as a block grant that could further diminish funding for child care and development. He suggested, for instance, taking the message to legislators in Washington, D.C. with a request for a waiver in California.
- Dr. McCroskey, responding as the Roundtable Chair, agreed with Mr. Dennis' suggestion to convene a group to work on a unified report. As a social worker, she is troubled by the education argument as it maintains the funding at the state level. Consequently, funding does not respond well to what is needed at the local level and how families are engaged with County services. She suggests that there exists an opportunity for the County to develop the infrastructure that is integrative and supports a stronger relationship with County government. Dr. McCroskey then suggested a more nuanced approach in which the Roundtable actively participates with the full array of players to develop a response to the Governor's proposal rather than recommending a position of oppose. Her concern is a process that is more informed, interactive and participatory in this County.
- Ms. Malaske-Samu suggested approximately a month to gather information. In the meantime, she will work to bring Board Deputies to the next meeting so that they can be part of discussion and be armed with information to take to the Supervisors. She added that

a Supervisor may be interested in carrying a motion on behalf of the Roundtable. Dr. McCroskey mentioned that Ms. Antonia Jimenez has been assigned to the discussions underway with DPSS. Ms. Sylvia Drew Ivie of Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas' office reflected on the importance of the discussion and the opportunity to revisit the issue of early childhood development. She provided that the County does need to weigh all issues in the context of County finances and impacts on Departments, yet considers it the purview of the Roundtable to carry the early childhood development banner. Ms. Drew Ivie further stated that consideration needs to be given if certain activities are delegated to the County level and the need for an infrastructure. She sees a value for a skill set that involves social work and child development and recognizes that it is greater than "child care".

- Ms. Helen Kleinberg of the County Commission on Children and Families reminded members and guests that there is a 30 year history that has informed today's child care and development system. She stated that it is critically important the system not be undone. She added that the system must serve all children and their families, based on the studies that demonstrate the benefits. The fight to provide quality early childhood programs must continue.

Ms. Howell proposed a friendly amendment to her motion to include convening stakeholders to prepare an impact analysis. Mr. Robert Gilchick offered his observations with a motion to separate the two items, which was accepted by the Chair. Consequently, Ms. Nishimura withdrew her second to the original motion.

Ms. Howell entered two motions as follows:

- 1) *Ms. Howell entered a motion that the Roundtable submit to the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to oppose the Governor's proposal to administratively restructure child care and development services; Mr. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion was defeated - seven opposed, six supported and five abstained*
- 2) *Ms. Howell entered a motion for the Roundtable to convene local stakeholders to work over the next month crafting a proposal that includes a data piece and addresses TANF. Return to the Roundtable membership with a proposal for consideration at the April meeting; Ms. Nishimura seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Howell thanked the Chair, members and guests for the extensive and thoughtful conversation on the Governor's proposal.

The following members and guests volunteered to serve on the stakeholders group: Roundtable members Ms. Howell, Mr. Dennis, Dr. Little, and Mr. Nurhan Pirim (pending member) and guests Ms. Cristina Alvarado of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles and Ms. Dawn Kurtz of Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP).

3. Steps to Excellence Program (STEP) Update *Child Care Policy Framework Goal 1*

Postponed to the next meeting.

4. PROJECT ABC (About Building Connections for Young Children and their Families)

Postponed to a future meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- RAND conference announcement is in the meeting materials. The conference will include a presentation on early brain development. It is free, however RSVPs are required.

6. CALL TO ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Ms. Nora Armenta	Ms. Dora Jacildo
Ms. Maria Calix	Ms. Dawn Kurtz for Mr. Adam Sonenshein
Ms. Hania Cardenas for Ms. Jeannette Aguirre	Dr. Sharoni Little
Dr. Sam Chan	Ms. Kathy Malaske-Samu
Mr. Duane Dennis	Dr. Jacquelyn McCroskey
Ms. Ann Franzen	Ms. Stacy Miller
Dr. Robert Gilchick	Ms. Terri Chew Nishimura
Ms. Carol Hiestand for Ms. Fran Chasen	Ms. Mika Yamamoto
Ms. Karla Howell	Ms. Ruth Yoon

82 percent of members were in attendance.

Guests:

Ms. Cristina Alvarado, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Ms. Kate Anderson, Children Now
Ms. Cathy Carranza, U.S. Vets
Ms. Ellen Cervantes, Child Care Resource Center
Dr. Richard Cohen, Children's Institute, Inc.
Ms. Sylvia Drew Ivie, Second Supervisorial District
Ms. Mary Hammer, South Bay Center for Community Development
Ms. Elesha Kingshott, ZERO TO THREE
Ms. Helen Kleinberg, Los Angeles County Commission on Children and Families
Ms. Laura Knight, University of Southern California
Ms. Sheena Nahm, ZERO TO THREE
Mr. Nurhan Pirim, Department of Public Social Services
Ms. Kate Sachnoff, First 5 LA
Ms. Debbie Snell, Los Angeles County CEO/Intergovernmental Relations and External Affairs
Ms. Nina Sorkin, Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families
Ms. Keesha Woods, LACOE/Head Start-State Preschool

Staff:

Ms. Helen Chavez
Ms. Michele Sartell

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County of Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care
 Joint Committee on Legislation

LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE - 2012

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
California Assembly Bills								
Dead	AB 1 (Pérez)	Would reappropriate \$118 million in unobligated balances appropriated in the Budget Act of 2009 and from the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and would also appropriate \$115.5 million from the General Fund to the California State Department (CDE) for CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care services. Funding would cover Stage 3 child development services retroactive to October 31, 2010.	Superintendent of Public Instruction Torlackson	Gail Gronert 916.319.2046				Introduced: 12/6/10 Amended: 1/14/11 Died in Assembly Inactive File
Watch	AB 245 (Portantino) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would require the <i>CDE, at the request of the contractor, to request the Controller to make a payment via direct deposit by electronic fund transfer in to the contractor's account at their financial institution of choice.</i>	California Alternative Payment Program Association	Philip Horner 916.319.2044		AFSCME, CCCRRN, CCIS, Valley Oak Children's Services, YMCA of the Central Bay Area		Introduced: 2/3/10 Amended: 4/25/11 Amended: 5/11/11 In Senate Committee on Appropriations Held under submission

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1 Dead	AB 419 (Mitchell) Two-year bill	<p>Would require, at a minimum, an annual inspection of child development centers <i>using prescribed inspection protocols</i> to ensure the quality of care provided. Would require, at a minimum, inspections of family child care homes once every two years <i>using prescribed inspection protocols</i> to ensure the quality of care provided. Initial application and renewal fees for licenses would increase by 10%. Would eliminate the \$200 correction fee, replacing it with a re-inspection fee of \$100 when inspection of facility necessary to ensure the violation has been corrected. Inspection protocols to be research-based, field tested, reviewed by stakeholders and evaluated annually to ensure facilities in compliance with licensing requirements. All inspections to include review of all zero tolerance violations. Certain triggers shall require a comprehensive inspection.</p>	Child Care Resource and Referral Network (CCRRN), Preschool CA	Tiffani Alvidrez 916.319.2047		<p>Advancement Project, Aging Services of CA, Alzheimer's Assoc, BANANAS Inc., Bay Area Council, CA Assisted Living Association, CA Child Care Coordinators Assoc, CCDAA, CA Head Start Assoc, CA State PTA, Central Valley Children's Services Network, Child Care Resource Center, CDPI, Children Now, Choices for Children, Community Child Care Council of Alameda Co, Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Community Resources for Children, Contra Costa Child Care Council, Crystal Stairs, Del Norte Child Care Council, Dept of Defense-State Liaison Office, Military Community and Family Policy, Early Care and Education Consortium, Family Resource and Referral Center, Fresno County Office of Education, LAUP, Marin Child Care Council, MAOF, Pathways, PACE, Solano Family & Children's Services, Valley Oak Children's Svcs, Wu Yee Children's Services, Zero To Three</p>	CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies	<p>Introduced: 2/14/11 Amended: 4/14/11 Amended: 4/28/11 Filed with Chief Clerk pursuant to J.R. 56</p>

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	AB 493 (Perea)	Would prohibit persons required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act from residing, working or volunteering in homes or facilities (including child care facilities) licensed by the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS) or county child welfare service agency. Violation of the prohibition would be a misdemeanor. It requires local law enforcement to ensure the registered offender's address is not the same as the prohibited facility. The CDSS to provide local law enforcement and UC, CSU and community college systems with prohibited addresses to compare against offender's registered address on a quarterly basis.		Celia Mata 916.319.2031				Amended: 1/4/12 Senate Human Services
Watch Dead	AB 596 (Carter) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to collaborate with welfare rights and legal services to develop and adopt regulations and other policy statements to provide CalWORKs recipients of child care the same level of due process and procedural protections as afforded to public assistance recipients.	Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organization	Esther Jimenez 916.319.2062		AFSCME, CA Communities United Institute, Child Care Law Center, Western Center on Law and Poverty	CDPI, PACE	Introduced: 2/16/11 Filed with Chief Clerk pursuant to J.R. 56

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Watch	AB 823 (Dickenson) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would, to the extent that federal or private funds are deposited with the state and appropriated by the Legislature, establish the Children's Cabinet of California to serve until 1/1/2019 as an advisory for improving the collaboration <i>among</i> agencies that serve children and youth. The advisory to include the SPI, Secretary of CA Health and Human Services, Chief Justice of CA, and heads of eight identified state agencies plus two members each representing the Senate and Assembly. <i>Cabinet to hold public meetings, at minimum, quarterly.</i> Report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature every odd year to include recommendations on ways to improve coordination of services to children, youth and their families.	Children Now	Les Spahn 916.319.2009		American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), AFSCME, Aspiranet Bay Area Council, CA Coalition for Youth, CA Family Resource Assoc, CA School Health Assoc, CA School Health Centers Assoc, CA State PTA, Children's Defense Fund-CA, Children's Hospital Assoc, First 5 Fresno County, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Merced County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council, Mission Focused Solutions, The Child Abuse Prevention Center, The Children's Partnership		Introduced: 2/17/11 Amended: 4/12/11 Amended: 4/28/11 Amended: 5/27/11 Amended: 6/27/11 Amended: 7/12/11 Amended: 8/15/11 In Senate Committee on Appropriations Held under submission
Watch <i>Dead</i>	AB 884 (Cook) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would require any law enforcement entity notified of registration of a sex offender who has committed a sex crime against a child under 14 years old to provide notice to all persons living within 1000 feet of the residence of the convicted offender; notice to also go to all schools and child development centers and services within the area of the offenders residence.	More Kids	Tim Itnyre 916.319.2065			CA Attorneys for Criminal Justice	Introduced: 2/17/11 Filed with Chief Clerk pursuant to J.R. 56
Watch	AB 889 (Ammiano)	Would regulate wages, hours and working conditions of domestic work employees. Does not apply to certain child care providers exempt from licensing. Would apply to nannies.				ACLU, Asian Amer for Civil Rts & Equality, Asian Immigrant Women Advocates, CHIRLA, National Lawyers' Guild, and more	CA Assoc for Health Svcs at Home, CA Chamber of Commerce, CA Disabilities Svcs. Assoc, and more	Introduced:2/17/11 Amended: 4/6/11 Amended: 5/4/11 Amended: 5/27/11 Amended: 6/23/11 Amended: 7/12/11 In Senate Committee on Appropriations Held under submission

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	AB 1072 (Fuentes)	Would establish the CA Promise Neighborhoods Initiative in the Office of Economic Development (OED), which would be required to establish 40 promise neighborhoods across the state to maximize collective efforts within communities. Existing state and federal funds would be used to implement the article. Would require cities, counties and school districts electing to participate in the initiative to show coordinating multiple grant funds in planning and implementation. The OED to work with CA Health and Human Service Agency and local counties to establish participation goals for government health and food programs. Schools and districts in promise neighborhood to receive priority consideration for ASES Programs, CA Partnership Academies, and more. Similarly, OED to work with Employment Development Department, CA Workforce Investment Board and Employment Training Panel to ensure implementation; cities and counties located in promise neighborhoods to receive priority for certain programs and grants.				Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative, Broadous Ready for School Resource Center, CA State PTA, Friends of the Family, InnerCity Struggle, L.A.C.E.R. Afterschool Progs, Nury Martinez, Member, Bd of Ed - City of LA., LAUSD Dist 2, Pacoima Charter School, Proyecto Pastoral, Selma Avenue Elem School, Thai Community Dev Center, Vaughn Next Learning Center, Youth Policy Institute, and more		Introduced: 2/18/11 Amended: 3/31/11 Amended: 5/27/11 Amended: 6/21/11 In Senate Committee on Appropriations Held under submission
2	AB 1239 (Furutani)	Would, for purposes of protecting education funding and vital health and safety services for all Californians, reinstate income tax brackets for the highest earners for tax years beginning on 1/1/2012 through 12/31/16. Tax rate increases would be graduated, beginning with persons with incomes exceeding \$250,000 and married couples filing jointly with incomes exceeding \$500,000.				AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CA Commission on Status of Women, CA Labor Federation, CTA, and more	Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, CA Taxpayers Association	Introduced: 2/18/11 Filed with Chief Clerk pursuant to J.R. 56

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Watch Dead	AB 1312 (Smyth) <i>Two-year bill</i> REINTRODUCED AS AB 1991	Amends existing law by authorizing any license exempt public recreation program <i>operated for kindergarten and grades 1 to 12 inclusive</i> to operate for under 20 hours per week (an increase of 16 hours) and for a total of 14 weeks (up from 12 weeks) or less during a 12 month period.	CA Park & Recreation Society	Kevin O'Neill 916.319.2038		CA Park & Recreation Society, So Bay Cities Council of Govts	CCCRRN	Introduced: 2/18/11 Amended: 3/31/11 Amended: 1/4/12 Filed with Chief Clerk pursuant to J.R. 56 REINTRODUCED AS AB 1991
1	AB 1564 (Lara)	Would amend existing law by requiring volunteers of public or private organizations, including nonprofits, whose duties require direct contact with and supervision of children in the list of individuals who are mandated reporters if they have knowledge or suspect that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect. Furthermore, would require the Franchise Tax Board to revoke income tax exemption of an organization if a mandated reporter is found guilty of a misdemeanor due to failure to report a known incidence or suspicion of child sexual abuse. Exemption reinstated if guilty verdict of person is overturned.						Introduced: 1/30/12 Committees on Public Safety Hearing: Cancelled at author's request
1	AB 1673 (Mitchell)	Amends existing law by requiring that once a child of an income-eligible family is enrolled in a CDE subsidized child care and development program (e.g. migrant program, California State Preschool Program part- or full-day, Alternative Payment Program, general child care and development program, and <i>CalWORKs Child Care Stages 2 & 3</i>) that the child be deemed eligible for the services for a period of 12 months unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased. <i>Twelve-month eligibility does not include CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care.</i>		Nancy Strohl 916.319.2047		Advancement Project, CSAC, Child Action, Inc., CCLC, Child Care Links, Children Now, CWDA, Parent Voices, Pathways, and more		Introduced: 2/14/12 Amended: 4/9/12 Committee on Appropriations

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 1717 (Dickinson)	Would require the CDSS to notify the Department of Justice (DOJ) within 10 days whenever a <i>license, registration or special permit issued for a community care facility is revoked or excluded on the grounds that the holder engaged in conduct inimical to the health, morals, welfare or safety of persons receiving services from the facility.</i>	Sacramento City Unified School District	Taryn Kinney 916.319.2009				Introduced: 2/22/12 Amended: 3/26/12 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/10/12
NEW	AB 1772 (Buchanan)	Would require children who are age eligible for kindergarten to attend.		Diana Glick 916.319.2015				Amended: 3/29/12 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/18/12
Watch	AB 1820 (Block)	<i>Would require licensed child care programs to prohibit the use or possession of push pins in any area of the facility accessible to children six years of age and younger. Community Care Licensing shall determine compliance during a regularly scheduled, authorized inspection.</i>		Margaret Peña 916.319.2078				Introduced: 2/21/12 Amended: 3/29/12 Assembly Human Services Hearing: 4/24/12
1	AB 1872 (Alejo)	Would require family child care homes to provide meals and snacks meet the specifications for amounts and components of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program. Child with medical necessity will be exempt from the requirements if documented in writing by medical provider. Also, does not apply to meals or snacks provided their child by parent or legal guardian. <i>Would exempt family child care home from criminal and civil penalties for noncompliance.</i>	California Food Policy Advocates	Erika Bustamante 916.319.2028		AFSCME, American Heart Association, CA WIC Association, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Child Care Food Program Roundtable, Children Now, Choices for Children, Family Child Care Council, First 5 Shasta, Imperial County Children and Families First Commission, Options: A Child Care and Human Services Agency and more	California Right to Life Committee	Introduced: 2/22/12 Amended: 3/20/12 Amended: 3/28/12 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/10/12

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 1923 (Mendoza) <i>Spot bill</i>	Would make non-substantive changes to the law requiring the SPI, to the extent possible using federal and state funds, to provide staff development to child care center staff and family child care providers to improve their services to individuals with exceptional needs.		Haley Myers 916.319.2056				Introduced: 2/22/12
Watch	AB 1991 (Smythe)	Would amend existing law by exempting from licensure a public recreation program for K-12 that operates less than 20 hours per week and for a total of 14 weeks or less during a 12 month period. (See AB 1312)	CA Park & Recreation Society	Athena Lawson 916.319.2038		City of Culver City, City of Santa Ana, Fulton-El Camino Recreation & Park District, Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District		Introduced: 2/23/12 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/10/12

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 2104 (Gordon)	Amends existing law by 1) providing that state preschool programs shall be, but not limited to, part- and full-day age and developmentally appropriate programs <i>to facilitate the transition to kindergarten</i> for 3- and 4-year-old children; 2) requiring a participating California State Preschool Program (CSPP), as a condition of receiving funds appropriated in Budget Act of 2013, to coordinate the provision of a) opportunities for parents and legal guardians to work with their children on interactive literacy activities, b) parenting education, c) referrals as needed to providers of instruction in adult education and English as a second language to improve the academic skills of parent of children participating in the classroom, and d) staff development; 3) repeal similar provisions of the Budget Act of 2006; 4) establish a priority scheduled for the distribution of funds appropriated pursuant to the Budget Act of 2013 for qualifying CSPP classrooms at a rate of \$2,500 per class and assign first priority to programs located in the attendance area of elementary schools in deciles 1 to 3 based on the 2005 Academic Performance Index that received funding for classrooms established before 1/30/13; and 5) require that a child deemed eligible for part-day care as long as the child is enrolled in the preschool program.	Department of Education	Ellen Hou 916.319.2021		CA State PTA		Introduced: 2/23/12 Passed Committee on Education to Committee on Appropriations

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 2109 (Pan)	Amends existing law pertaining to the exemption from immunization by requiring, effective 1/1/13, the letter or affidavit submitted by the parent or guardian stating that the immunization is contrary to their beliefs be accompanied by a Department of Public Health form containing a written statement signed by a health care practitioner indicating that they provided the parent or guardian with information regarding the benefits and risks of immunization and the health risks of specified communicable diseases. Parent or guardian also required to include a written statement indicated receipt of the information from the health care practitioner.		Darin Walsh 916.319.2005				Introduced: 2/23/12 Committee on Health Hearing: 4/17/12
1	AB 2137 (Bradford)	Would amend existing law that currently prohibits a county or city from prohibiting large family child care homes on lots zoned for single-family dwellings, but requires a city, county or city and county to 1) classify large family child care homes as permitted use of residential properties for zoning purposes, 2) grant a nondiscretionary permit to use a lot zoned for single-family dwelling to any large family child care home that complies with certain local ordinances, or 3) require any large family child care home to apply for a permit to use a lot zoned for single-family dwelling. This bill would authorize a city, county or city and county to prohibit large family child care homes on lots zoned for single – family dwellings. It would encourage rather than require the three above-referenced actions.	City of Inglewood	Elena Santamaria 916.319.2051				Introduced: 2/23/12 Committee on Human Services

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 2172 (Buchanan) <i>Spot bill</i>	Amends existing law by making technical, non-substantive changes to the provision requiring school districts that establish early primary programs to provide educational continuity from preschool through kindergarten and grades 1 to 3.		Diana Glick 916.319.2015				Introduced: 2/23/12
Watch	AB 2203 (Pérez)	Would provide that children from five to 18 years who are not exempt are subject to full-time compulsory education. Child under five years old would be excluded from the public schools.	CFT	Tomasa Dueñas 916.319.2080			Independent Private Schools of CA, Private School Advocacy Center	Introduced: 2/23/12 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/11/12
Watch	AB 2268 (Eng)	<i>Would require state and local agencies to create and implement mechanisms to supplement place-based and regional funding strategies to improve the equitable distribution of public resources in relation to funding community-based organizations for the provision of health and human services and educational services.</i>						Introduced: 2/24/12 Amended: 3/29/12 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/24/12
Watch Need more information	AB 2286 (Bonilla)	Would amend existing law relating to the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR) by increasing the adjustment factor for infants (birth to 18 months old) to 2.3 (up from 1.7) and toddlers (18 to 36 months old) to 1.8 (from 1.4) and served in a center.	CCDAA	Katie McCoy 916.319.2011				Introduced: 2/24/12 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/18/12
Watch	AB 2432 (Carter) <i>Spot bill</i>	Would make non-substantive changes to law requiring local fire enforcing agencies or the State Fire Marshall upon receipt of a request from a prospective community care licensee to conduct a pre-inspection prior to the final fire clearance approval, including consultation and interpretation of fire safety regulations.		Dawn Adler 916.319.2062				Introduced: 2/24/12

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch	AB 2573 (Furutani)	<i>Would authorize family child care providers to choose whether to be represented by a single provider organization to act as their representative on matters relating to laws and regulations governing licensed providers, access to professional development, benefits, payment procedures and reimbursement rates for child care subsidy programs, access to food and nutrition programs, and changes to current practices.</i>	SEIU	Alejandro Espinoza 916.319.2055				Introduced: 2/24/12 Amended: 3/29/12 Committee on Labor and Employment Hearing: 4/18/12
California Senate Bills								
Watch	SB 30 (Simitian) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would make technical, non-substantive changes to the kindergarten admission provision of the law regarding age of admission and the establishment of the Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program. Would require independent evaluator to file a final report regarding the effects of the change in entry age for kindergarten and 1 st grade by 1/1/2013 rather than 1/1/2012.		Cory Jaspersen 916.651.4011			CA Right to Life Committee	Introduced: 12/6/10 Amended: 3/25/11 In Assembly Committee on Appropriations
<i>Spot Bill Dead</i>	SB 174 (Emmerson)	Would make technical, non-substantive changes to provisions relating to the licensure and regulation of community care facilities.		Teresa Trujillo 916.651.4037				Introduced: 2/7/11 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to J.R. 56

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Watch Dead	SB 394 (DeSaulnier) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would enact the Healthy Schools Act of 2012. Would prohibit the indoor and outdoor use of pesticides on a school site unless a local public health officer determines that a public health emergency exists requiring emergency application of a pesticide. Family child care homes would be exempt from the stipulations.		Indira McDonald 916.651.4007		Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy & Leadership (AYPAL), Breast Cancer Action, Breast Cancer Fund, CA Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), CA NOW, CA Nurses Assoc, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network, CA School Health Ctr on Race, Poverty, & the Environment, Clean Water Action, Comite Civico Del Valle, Communi-tea.Org, Coalition for Clean Air Sierra Club and many more	CA Chamber of Commerce, CA Park & Recreation Society, Consumer Specialty Products Association, Clorox Co, Mosquito & Vector Control Assoc of CA, Pest Control Operators of CA, Western Plant Health Assoc	Introduced: 2/16/11 Amended: 4/5/11 Amended: 4/14/11 Amended: 5/9/11 Amended: 1/10/12 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to J.R. 56
1 Dead	SB 486 (Dutton) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Subject to voter approval, would amend the California Children and Families Act of 1988 by eliminating the percentage allocations in various accounts for expenditure by the First 5 California Commission. Funds would be transferred to the General Fund for appropriation to the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs. Ultimately, would abolish the state and county First 5 Commissions.		Anissa Nachman 916.651.4031			100% Campaign, Advancement Project, AAP, CCDAA, CA Family Resource Assoc, CA Food Policy Advocates, CA Head Start Assoc, CA School Employees Assoc, CA School Nurses Org, CSAC, CDPI, First 5 Commissions (several, including LA), and more	Introduced: 2/17/11 Committees on Health Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to J.R. 56
Watch	SB 575 (DeSaulnier) <i>Two-year bill</i>	Would amend existing law that prohibits smoking of tobacco products inside enclosed places of employment by extending prohibitions to owner-operated businesses. In addition, would eliminate exemptions that permit smoking in certain work environments, including private residences used as family child care homes during hours of operation as a family child care. Would exempt businesses that cater to the use of tobacco products. <i>Child care provisions deleted.</i>	American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association	Krista Pfeffercorn 916.651.4007		AFSCME, CA Conf Bd of the Amalgamated Transit Union, CA Conf of Machinists, CA Official Court Reporters Association, and more	CA Assoc of Health Facilities (CAHF) (Oppose Unless Amended), Cigar Assoc of America, Small Business Commission, City and County of San Francisco, and more	Introduced: 2/17/11 Amended: 4/6/2011 Amended: 5/31/11 In Assembly Committee on Governmental Organizations Held in committee without recommendation

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
1	SB 634 (Runner) <i>Two-year bill Dead</i>	Would prohibit a school district from initiating transitional kindergarten unless Department of Finance certifies sufficient funds exists to initiate the program for all eligible children, including children of all socioeconomic statuses, English learners, and individuals with exceptional needs, without removing funds from existing state programs and services.		Jennifer Louie 916.651.4017			CA Assoc of School Psychologists, CA Assoc of Suburban School Districts, CFT, CTA, Preschool CA, Santa Clara County Office of Ed, Washington School	Introduced: 2/18/11 Amended: 4/7/11 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to J.R. 56
Watch <i>Inactive</i>	SB 885 (Sedition)	Amends expression of legislative intent that design and implementation of high quality, comprehensive and longitudinal preschool through higher education (P-20) statewide data system should support a system of continuous learning, provide educators and parents with tools to inform instruction and learning, integrate disparate resources, and anticipate and provide technological capacity for sharing appropriate non-educational data from state sources.		Cory Jaspersen 916.651.4011		Assoc of CA School Admins, Bd of Governor's of the CA Community Colleges, Children Now, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids CA, Education Trust-West, Little Hoover Commission		Introduced: 2/18/11 Amended: 3/24/11 Amended: 7/7/11 Assembly Floor Assembly Inactive File
Watch	SB 1087 (Walters)	Would require the CA Department of Public Health to obtain input and advice of organizations in the field in amending the rules and regulations pertaining to organized camps. Would allow After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnership Programs to operate for up to 60 hours per week (up from 30 hours) without obtaining a license or special permit, however would limit an individual child's participation to no more than 30 hours per week. Would recast "organized camp" as "organized resident camp" and define both terms.	CA State Alliance of YMCAs, CA Collaboration for Youth	Garth Eisenbeis 916.651.4033		AstroCamp, Bar 717 Ranch Camp Trinity, Cali-Camp at Big Rock Ranch, CA After School Coalition, Camp Kinneret Summer Day Camp, Catalina Island Camps, Inc., Catalina Sea Camp, Dunn Summer Program, Mountain Camp Woodside, Pali Adventures, Peninsula Activities, Plantation Farm Camp, River Way Ranch Camp, Tom Sawyer Camps, Tumbleweed Day Camp, Valley Trails Summer Camp, Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp		Introduced: 2/15/12 Passed as amended Committee on Education to Committee on Health

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
NEW	SB 1089 (Liu)	Would require boot, ranch, and forestry camps or other nontraditional treatment programs intended as less restrictive options for children with significant behavioral issues to be licensed as child care facilities to ensure children's protection and care.		Andrea Lane 916.651.40		Children's Rights Project at Public Counsel, Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services, NASW		Amended: 3/19/12 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/10/12
Watch	SB 1385 (Hancock)	Would amend existing law by, commencing FY 2013-14, 1) requiring the CDE to annually transfer \$150,000 of ASES funds to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for implementing the CA After School Teacher Pipeline Program; 2) requiring a program participant that contracts with another agency to provide some or all of the program's services to ensure that the contract include funds for reasonable indirect and administrative costs incurred by the contracting agency; and 3) establishing the CA After School Teacher Pipeline Program, a pilot, to recruit qualified after school instructors to participate on a pilot basis in the CA Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program. This bill outlines the requirements for the pilot program.		Rebecca Baumann 916.651.4009		Aspiranet, CA After School Coalition, CA School-Age Consortium, CA Partnership for Children and Youth, Citizen Schools, LA's Best, Pro-Youth/HEART, THINK Together		Introduced: 2/24/12 Passed as amended Committee on Education, referred to Committee on Appropriations
1 <i>Dropped</i>	SCR 19 (Price)	Would proclaim the importance of early childhood education programs and each house of Legislature to promote early childhood education programs with appropriate and meaningful activities to educate public about the value of preschool and other early childhood education programs and encourage consumers to enroll their children in such programs.		Brandi Wolf 916.651.40				Introduced: 3/7/11 Committee on Rules
California Budget Bills (including Trailer Bills)								
	AB 1463 (Blumenfeld)	2012-13 Budget						Introduced: 1/10/11 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review

Level of Interest	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/10/12)
Chapter 1	SB 95 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review)	State Cash Resources (2011-12)						Amended: 1/30/12 <i>Approved by Governor: 2/3/12</i>
	SB 957 (Leno)	2012-13 Budget						Introduced: 1/10/11 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review
Ballot Initiatives								
	Our Children, Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment and Bond Reduction Act – Would increase personal income tax rates on all but lowest income individuals for 10 years and dedicate revenues for K-12 education, early care and education programs, and debt service on education facilities. http://www.ourchildrenourfuture2012.com/		Advancement Project, CA PTA					Circulating petitions for signatures to put on November 2012 ballot.
	The Millionaire's Tax of 2012 - would increase tax rates on personal incomes in excess of one million dollars per year to provide revenues to rebuild our schools and services. Would raise an estimated \$6 billion per year for schools (early childhood, K-12 and higher education), senior, child and disabled services, public safety, and rebuilding roads and bridges. http://www.cft.org/index.php/component/content/article/761.html		CFT					Circulating petitions for signatures to put on November 2012 ballot.
	The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012 /V.2– Would amend the Constitution to permanently dedicate revenues to local governments to pay for the programs realigned in 2011 and temporarily (five years) increase state taxes on higher income brackets beginning at \$250,000. http://www.lao.ca.gov/balloi/2012/120022.pdf		Governor Brown		Support			Circulating petitions for signatures to put on November 2012 ballot.
	The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012 /V.3– Would amend the Constitution to permanently dedicate revenues to local governments to pay for the programs realigned in 2011 and temporarily (five years) increase state taxes as follows: sales and use tax by ¼; income tax rate for top two brackets by additional .5 and 1 percent; and income tax rates effective through end of 2018 tax year. http://www.lao.ca.gov/ballot/2012/120208.pdf		Merging of Governor Brown with CFT initiatives					Filed with Attorney General's Office March 14, 2012

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KEY TO LEVEL OF INTEREST ON BILLS:

- 1: Of potentially high interest to the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care.
- 2: Of moderate interest.
- 3: Of relatively low interest.
- Watch: Of interest, however level of interest may change based on further information regarding author's or sponsor's intent and/or future amendments.

** Levels of interest are assigned by the Joint Committee on Legislation based on consistency with Policy Platform accepted by the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and consistent with County Legislative Policy for the current year. Levels of interest *do not* indicate a pursuit of position. Joint Committee will continue to monitor all listed bills as proceed through legislative process. Levels of interest may change based on future amendments.

KEY:

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union	CCALA	Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
AFSCME:	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees	CTC	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
CAPPA	California Alternative Payment Program Association	CWDA	County Welfare Directors' Association
CAEYC	California Association for the Education of Young Children	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
CAFB	California Association of Food Banks	DHS	Department of Health Services
CCCCA	California Child Care Coordinators Association	DMH	Department of Mental Health
CCRRN	California Child Care Resource and Referral Network	First 5	First 5 Commission of California
CCDAA:	California Child Development Administrators Association	HHSA	Health and Human Services Agency
CDA	California Dental Association	LCC	League of California Cities
CDE	California Department of Education	LAC CPSS	Los Angeles County Commission for Public Social Services
CDSS	California Department of Social Services	LACOE	Los Angeles County Office of Education
CFT	California Federation of Teachers	LAUSD	Los Angeles Unified School District
CHAC	California Hunger Action Coalition	MALDEF	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
CIWC	California Immigrant Welfare Collaborative	NASW	National Association of Social Workers
CSAC	California School-Age Consortium	NCYL	National Center for Youth Law
CSAC	California State Association of Counties	PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CTA	California Teachers Association	SEIU	Service Employees International Union
CCLC	Child Care Law Center	TCI	The Children's Initiative
CDPI	Child Development Policy Institute	US DHHS	US Department of Health and Human Services

DEFINITIONS:¹

Committee on Rules	Bills are assigned to a Committee for hearing from here.
First Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. The first reading of a bill occurs when it is introduced.
Held in Committee	Status of a bill that fails to receive sufficient affirmative votes to pass out of committee.
Inactive File	The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dead or dormant. An author may move a bill to the inactive file, and move it off the inactive file at a later date. During the final weeks of the legislative session, measures may be moved there by the leadership as a method of encouraging authors to take up their bills promptly.
On File	A bill on the second or third reading file of the Assembly or Senate Daily File.
Second Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Second reading occurs after a bill has been reported to the floor from committee.
Spot Bill	A bill that proposes nonsubstantive amendments to a code section in a particular subject; introduced to assure that a bill will be available, subsequent to the deadline to introduce bills, for revision by amendments that are germane to the subject of the bill.
Third Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Third reading occurs when the measure is about to be taken up on the floor of either house for final passage.
Third Reading Analysis	A summary of a measure that is ready for floor consideration. Describes most recent amendments and contains information regarding how Members voted on the measure when it was heard in committee. Senate floor analyses also list support or opposition by interest groups and government agencies.
Third Reading File	That portion of the Daily File listing the bills that is ready to be taken up for final passage.
Urgency Measure	A bill affecting the public peace, health, or safety, containing an urgency clause, and requiring a two-thirds vote for passage. An urgency bill becomes effective immediately upon enactment.
Urgency Clause	Section of bill stating that bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A vote on the urgency clause, requiring a two-thirds vote in each house, must precede a vote on bill.
Enrollment	Bill has passed both Houses, House of origin has concurred with amendments (as needed), and bill is now on its way to the Governor's desk.

¹ Definitions are taken from the official site for California legislative information, Your Legislature, Glossary of Legislative Terms at www.leginfo.ca.gov/guide.html#Appendix_B.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2012 (Tentative)

Jan. 1	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan.4	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
Jan. 10	<i>Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).</i>
Jan. 13	Last day for policy committee to hear and report bills introduced in 2011 for referral to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
Jan. 20	Last day for any committee to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house in 2011 (J.R. 61(b)(b)(2)).
Jan. 27	Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
Jan. 31	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2011 (Art. IV, Sec 10(c); J.R. 61(b)(3)).
Feb. 24	Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 54(a)) (J.R. 61(b)(4)).
March 29	Spring Recess begins at end of this day's session (J.R.51(b)(1)).
Apr. 9	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
April 27	Last day for policy committees to hear and report to Fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R.61(b)(5)).
May 11	Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to Floor (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
May 15	<i>Governor to release May Revise of Proposed Budget</i>
May 18	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 6 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
May 25	Last day for Fiscal Committees to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(8)). Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet prior to June 6 (J.R. 61(b)(9)).
May 29-June 1	Floor Session only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)).
June 1	Last day to pass bills out of house of origin (J.R. 62(b)(10)).
June 4	Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
June 15	<i>Budget must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).</i>
June 28	Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 6 General Election (Elec. Code Sec. 9040)
July 6	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)).
July 6	Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session if Budget Bill has been enacted (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
Aug. 6	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
Aug. 17	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report bills to Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).
Aug. 20-31	Floor session only. No committees, other than the Committee on Rules or conference committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
Aug. 24	Last day to amend bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
Aug. 31	Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c)) and (J.R. 61(b)(17)). Interim Study Recess begins at end of day's session (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
Sept. 30	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by Legislature before Sept. 1 and in Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(2)).

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Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

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March 22, 2012

To: Debbie Snell

From: Kathleen Malaske-Samu and Michele P. Sartell

POSITION REQUEST FOR AB 1673 (MITCHELL): CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY

The Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt a "Support" position on AB 1673. This bill would establish 12 months of continuous eligibility for a California Department of Education (CDE)-contracted program regardless of program type once a child of an income eligible family is certified as eligible unless the child no longer resides in the state or is deceased. Attached for your consideration is the bill analysis, a copy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Information Memorandum dated September 21, 2011, and the joint letter of support submitted to the Assembly Education Committee by the California State Association of Counties and County Welfare Directors Association of California.

Specifically, the bill would amend the Education Code as follows:

- Upon enrollment in a CDE-contracted child care and development program (Migrant Child Care, California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Full-day, CSPP Part-day, Alternative Payment Program, CalWORKs Child Care Stages 2 and 3, and General Child Care) deem a child eligible for a period of 12 months unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased.
- Upon enrollment, a child of a student attending a higher educational institution operating a child development program shall be deemed eligible for the child development program services for a period of one academic year unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased.

Currently, most CDE-contracted child care and development programs are required to notify families once their eligibility for program services is certified or re-certified of their responsibility to notify the contractor of any changes in their family income, family size, or need for services within five calendar days. If a family becomes ineligible due to a change, they are required to pay the full cost of care to remain in the program as a non-subsidized child, otherwise the child is dis-enrolled. On the other hand, families establish eligibility for CSPP Part-day only at the time of initial enrollment; subsequent to enrollment, a child remains eligible for the remainder of the program year.

Child care and development services promote children's healthy growth and development that prepares them for school and life while providing parents with the support they need to secure and maintain work. This bill would eliminate the disruption in services often due to minor changes or fluctuations in a family's circumstances such as small variations in income. Furthermore, it reduces the administrative burden on programs, which must continually track down families for verification of their continued eligibility due to changes in life circumstances.

This position is consistent with County policy to "support efforts to streamline administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of child care and development funding to meet the needs of families."

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COUNTY OFFICE OF LOS ANGELES/POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE
OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BILL ANALYSIS

AB 1673 (MITCHELL): CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY: Would amend existing law relating to subsidized child care and development programs serving children birth through 12 years old of income eligible families administered by the California Department of Education (CDE). Would require that once a child of an income-eligible family is certified as eligible for a CDE-contracted child care and development program (e.g. migrant program, California State Preschool Program part- or full-day, general child care and development program, Alternative Payment (AP) Program, and CalWORKs Child Care Stages 2 and 3), that the child be deemed eligible for a period of 12 months unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased.

Introduced and Amended Dates: Introduced: February 14, 2012
Amended: March 21, 2012

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Status: Assembly
Committee on Education

Sponsors: None listed

Support: Advancement Project
California State Association of Counties
Child Action, Inc.
Child Care Law Center
Child Care Links
Children Now
Contra Costa Child Care Council
County Welfare Directors Association of California
Parent Voices
Parent Voices Butte County
Parent Voices Contra Costa County
Parent Voices Hayward
Pathways
San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council
Solano Family & Children's Services
Sierra Nevada Children's Services
The Resource Connection
Valley Oak Children's Services

Opposition: None listed

Summary:

AB 1673 would amend the Education Code relating to eligibility for child care and development services as follows:

- Upon enrollment in a CDE-contracted subsidized child care and development program, deem a child eligible for a period of 12 months unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased. The following program types would be affected:
 - Migrant Child Care
 - California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Full-day
 - California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Part-day
 - Alternative Payment Program
 - CalWORKs Child Care Stages 2 and 3
 - General Child Care

- Upon enrollment, a child of a student attending a higher educational institution operating a child development program shall be deemed eligible for the child development program services for a period of one academic year unless the child no longer resides in the state or the child is deceased.

Analysis:

This bill proposes deeming 12 months of eligibility for children of low-income families upon initial enrollment in a child care and development program subsidized by the CDE regardless of program type. Currently, CDE-contracted child care and development programs (except CSPP Part-day) are required to notify families once their eligibility for program services is certified or re-certified of their responsibility to notify the contractor of any changes in their family income, family size, or need for services within five calendar days. If a family becomes ineligible due to a change, they are required to pay the full cost of care to remain in the program as a non-subsidized child, otherwise the child is dis-enrolled. For children enrolled in a CSPP Full-day, the child may continue to be eligible for only part-day services or the family would be required to pay the full cost to remain in the full-day program as a non-subsidized child.

On the other hand, families establish eligibility for CSPP Part-day only at the time of initial enrollment. Subsequent to enrollment, a child remains eligible for the remainder of the program year. Similarly, once eligibility for the federally-funded Head Start program is determined, the child is considered eligible through the end of the year (as well as the subsequent program year).

Families are eligible for subsidized child care and development services if they meet one of the following requirements: 1) the family is a current recipient of cash aid under the CalWORKs program and is participating in qualifying welfare to work activities; 2) the family is homeless; 3) a child is under the supervision of child protective services or is at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation as determined by a legal, medical or social services agency; or 3) the family has a monthly income that is at or below 70 percent of the State Median Income (SMI) adjusted for family size and adjusted annually. Furthermore, to qualify for full-day services subsidized by the CDE, income-eligible parents must be working, seeking employment, enrolled in school or a vocational job training program, seeking permanent housing for family stability, or be incapacitated.

Child care and development services promote children’s healthy growth and development while preparing them for school and life while providing parents with the support they need to secure and maintain work. By ensuring the continuity of services, parents can focus on their work knowing that their children are safe and engaged in meaningful activities that are contributing to their cognitive, physical, language and social/emotional growth.

This bill would eliminate the disruption in services often due to minor changes or fluctuations in a family’s circumstances such as small variations in income. Furthermore, it reduces the administrative burden on programs, which must continually track down families for verification of their continued eligibility due to changes in life circumstances. This is particularly important during uncertain economic times when employers are downsizing their staff and families have varying work schedules that may produce fluctuations in their income from month to month. In addition, this change will align eligibility of the remaining CDE-contracted child care and development programs with the CSPP Part-day and Head Start and is consistent with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families on September 21, 2011 that encourages “policies and procedures that promote continuity of child care services for the benefit of children and families” including a recommendation for increasing the amount of time between reviews to 12 months.

Of note, the bill was amended on March 21, 2012, clarifying that the 12 month eligibility does not include CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care, which is administered by the Department of Social Services and is intended as a short-term service.

Recommended Position for Board Approval:

The Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable) recommends a position of “support” for AB 1673 that, if passed, will result in stable and uninterrupted child care and development services to children of low-income working families. Furthermore, it will ease the administrative burden of programs, allowing them to focus on providing nurturing environments and stimulating early learning opportunities for children. This position is consistent with County policy to “support efforts to streamline administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of child care and development funding to meet the needs of families.”

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What Is the Impact on the Early Childhood Education Field?

- ✚ From 2008 to 2012, CalWORKs and the Early Education Field have been cut over **\$800 million** and **107,262 child care slots**. That's a decrease in funding of 26.5%.¹
- ✚ The proposed cuts will cut an additional **\$517 million** and **62,000** more child care slots.²
- ✚ Child care represents **2%** of the General Fund but represents **10%** of all cuts being proposed.³

Cuts from FY 2008-09 to 2011-12					Including FY 2012-13 Year's Proposals		
STATEWIDE	TOTAL 2008-09 Funding	TOTAL 2011-12 Funding	Total Cuts	% of Program Cuts Since 2008	Additional Cuts Proposed for FY 2012-13	Total Cuts Since FY 2008-09	% of Program Cuts Since 2008
Funding (in the millions)	\$3,259	\$2,399	(\$860)	(26.5%)	(\$517)	(\$1,377)	(42.3%)
# of Child Care Slots	450,121	342,859	(107,262)	(24%)	(62,000)	(169,262)	(37.6%)

How Many Families/Children Will Be Impacted in Los Angeles County?

- ✚ In Los Angeles County, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles (CCALA) agencies served **49,927 children** in the month of November 2011 in the CalWORKs Stages 1, 2, 3 and the Alternative Payment (AP) program. That represents a 16.2% decrease over the number of children served 3 years ago.⁴ (Note: Part of the decrease may also be attributed to the CalWORKs exemptions for families with young children that were implemented in 2009).
- ✚ The Governor proposed that income eligibility for the child care subsidy programs should be reduced from the current 70% of the SMI to 200% of the federal poverty level = 61.5% of the SMI. In Los Angeles County, this would mean about **913 families** or about **2,056 children** will lose their child care in the Stage 2, 3, and AP Programs alone, if this one change is implemented. This does not include children enrolled in other state-subsidy programs.⁵

If Eligibility Changes Are Implemented

Child Enrollment (Stages 1 2, 3, and AP)		Difference	%	Child Enrollment	Difference (since 2008)	%
JULY 2008	NOVEMBER 2011					
59,571 children	49,927 children	-9,644	-16.2%	47,871 children	-11,700	-19.6%

- ✚ Additionally, many children would lose their child care due to changes in the Welfare to Work requirements and limits. Statewide estimates show that **46,300** child care slots will be impacted with these CalWORKs changes. Based on this statewide estimate, the impact of these changes in Los Angeles County will be a reduction of about **15,000** child care slots.⁶
- ✚ Alternate proposals as suggested by the LAO's office, would eliminate child care for 11-12 year olds in these programs. In Los Angeles County, this would mean that about **4,865 children** would lose their child care services.⁷

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Who Are the Families We Serve?



- ✦ On an annual basis, CCALA agencies serve **49,420 families** and **86,296 children** in the Stages 1, 2, 3 and AP programs. ⁸
- ✦ Of the total families served annually, about **35,000 families are employed**⁸ and about **16,000**⁸ **are in school** (Note: These numbers combined is higher than the total number of families because some families do both).
- ✦ The total Annual Parent Income due to employment in Stages 1, 2, 3 and AP is **\$552,867,471** ⁹
- ✦ The average income from employment for families in these programs was recently calculated to be under **\$20,000**.⁹ Considering that the median family income in Los Angeles County is **\$55,452** ¹⁰ and that the family self-sufficiency level in Los Angeles County is **\$72,240** ¹¹ for a family of three to meet their basic needs, the child care programs help the neediest families who could otherwise not afford to meet basic expenses.
- ✦ Families who lose their child care may also have to quit their jobs or quit school due to lack of child care. This will also impact businesses who hire them, schools where they are enrolled, or the fields that they study. The chart below shows the most common employers, schools and fields of study for families enrolled in our programs.

Top Employers of Our Families ¹²	Top Schools of Our Families	Top Fields of Study of Our Families
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail/Department Stores (Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart, Macy's, Kohl's, Costco, Home Depot, Marshall's, TJ Maxx) • Grocery Stores (Ralphs, Albertsons, Food for Less, Whole Foods) • Restaurants/Fast Food (McDonald's, Jack in the Box, Subway, Denny's, Chinese Food Places) • Banks (Bank of America, Wells Fargo) • Protection Services (Securitas Security, Universal Protection, Olympic Security) • School Districts (LAUSD, Norwalk/La Mirada, Compton, AV Union HS District) • Los Angeles County • Los Angeles Area Community Colleges • Health Services/Caregivers (Hospitals/Clinics, Convalescent Homes, IHSS) • Hair/Nail Salons • Factories • Housekeepers • Temp Agencies • Other (Starwood Hotel and Resort, Disneyland, FedEx, Factories, HR Block, Metro Transit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State Colleges (LA, Northridge, Fullerton) • Local Community Colleges (ELAC, AV College, GCC, PCC, Cerritos, LA Valley College, LA Mission College, LA Pierce College, West LA College, Southwest College, Santa Monica College, Rio Hondo, Citrus College, El Camino College, Walnut JC, Northwest College, College of the Canyons, Mt. San Antonio College) • Other Colleges & Universities (University of La Verne, University of Phoenix, Everest College) • Trade Schools (LATT, ELA Occupations Center, UEI, American Career College, American Career College, ELA Skills Center, Everest) • Adults Schools (ABC Adult School, Norwalk/La Mirada Adult School, Glendale Adult Schools, Pomona Adult) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical/Nursing • Dental • Cosmetology • Accounting • Child Development/Teaching • Information Technology/Computer Applications

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What is the Impact on Providers?

- Child care provider payments for all providers (licensed and exempt) have decreased by **over \$70 million** from July 2008 to June 2011. That represents a reduction in provider payments of about 18%.¹³ This would be the equivalent of serving roughly 10,000 children for one year.

			DIFFERENCE	%
TOTAL PROVIDER PAYMENTS	FY 2008-09	FY 2010-11	-\$70,000,174	-18%
	\$381,911,267	\$311,911,093		



- The Governor is proposing reducing the Regional Market Rate (RMR) from 85th percentile of the 2005 survey to 50th percentile of the 2009 survey for licensed providers. Statewide estimates indicate that this will impact licensed provider rates by an estimated **12-14% reduction**.¹⁴ For example, in Los Angeles County, the full-time preschool rate would go down from **\$43.21 to \$37.79**.
- On an annual basis, CCALA agencies pay out about **\$177,617,105**¹⁵ in provider payments to licensed providers in the Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3, and AP programs. A **12-14%** reduction would be a reduction of **\$21.3 to \$24.8 million** in provider payments to licensed providers per year.
- In their 2011 Portfolio, the Resource & Referral Network reported that from 2008-10 we have already **lost 1,715 licensed providers** in Los Angeles County. Additional reductions in reimbursement rates could force more providers to close their doors, making child care less available for working families with or without child care subsidies.

How Are the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles Agencies Impacted?

- In recent years, agencies have already received a reduction in their administrative dollars from **19% to 17.5%** for the Stages 2, 3, and AP program.
- In addition, administrative dollars are affected by the provider payments, so any decrease in the RMR will decrease overall provider payments and affects agencies' operating dollars.
- Agency operating dollars have decreased resulting in staff layoffs and other cuts in the past few years. This has resulted in an increase in the average caseloads per case manager from about **183.7** three years ago to a current **242.2 cases per person**. This represents an increase in cases handled by each case manager of about **31.8 %** in the past three years.¹⁶

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What is the Additional Impact on the Community?

Many studies show that every dollar invested in child care returns at a minimum \$2 back into local and State economies because it allows parents to participate fully in the labor market and increases economic output, jobs, and tax revenue throughout the entire state of California.¹⁷

- ✚ Families who cannot pay for their own child care, will either find alternate, potentially, less quality care, leave the children unattended, quit their job and/or apply to unemployment or CalWORKs benefits to make ends meet.
- ✚ The current unemployment rate in Los Angeles County is already at **11.8%**. Loss of child care options for families could increase this number further.¹⁸
- ✚ Many low income families are already struggling in tough economic times. A report released by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), claimed that from July 2006 to December 2011, CalWORKs caseloads increased from **152,706** to **179,269 (17%)** and that the number of homeless families has increased from **5,487 to 11,520 (110%)** in the same period.¹⁹
- ✚ CCALA member agencies also employ over **2,100 employees**.²⁰

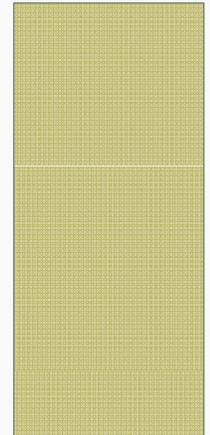


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*LOS ANGELES/SOUTH COUNTY
CHILD WELFARE - EARLY CARE
SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECT*

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LOS ANGELES CHILD WELFARE - EARLY CARE SYSTEMS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT - OVERVIEW

- **Grant:** Infrastructure building grant from the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Abuse & Neglect to support collaborative initiatives between child welfare & early childhood systems to maximize enrollment, attendance & supports of infants & young children who are in foster care into comprehensive, to high quality early care & education (ECE) programs
- **Timeline:** October 2011-February 2013 (17 months)
- **Target Community:** Long Beach/DCFS South County Office
- **Administration:** DCFS, LBUSD Head Start, UCLA, IUC, MSU

LA CW - ECS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Grant Goals:

- Increase access to high quality ECE services for 0-4 yr olds in CSW through expansion of existing DCFS-LACOE referral system; increase both rates of referral and rates of enrollment
- Increase knowledge among CSWs, ECE & Court personnel & parents/caregivers concerning the benefits of ECE for CW population & how to navigate relevant service systems
- Strengthen collaborative relationships & improve service coordination

MODEL FOR ACHIEVING GOALS

Expand **ELECTRONIC DCFS-HEAD START REFERRAL SYSTEM** to include Long Beach Head Start & Early Head Start programs

Implement system for referring & **LINKING** DCFS children B-4 living in Long Beach whom LBUSD Head Start/Early Head Start doesn't have the capacity to serve **TO OTHER COMPREHENSIVE, HIGH QUALITY ECE PROGRAMS** in community

Develop & implement a series of **TRAININGS** for Long Beach a.) child welfare staff, b.) ECS providers, c.) Dependency County personnel & d.) parents/caregivers on benefits of ECE for children in the CWS & how to navigate relevant systems to obtain services

Convene **SOUTH COUNTY/LONG BEACH EARLY CARE SYSTEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE** charged with improving service coordination to better meet the needs of the children 0-4 years old in the child welfare system

DCFS-HEAD START ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SYSTEM

- Referral system developed in 2011 that alerts DCFS workers about HS service eligibility for age-eligible children on their caseloads
- The computer-based system enables them to quickly and easily refer these children to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Head Start office
- Referral system operates via an interface between DCFS caseload software and the ChildPlus software used by LACOE Head Start

DCFS-HEAD START ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SYSTEM

- DCFS Referral system documents:
 - Placement type
 - Date when child was referred to HS program
 - If not referred, why?
 - Caregiver not interested
 - Child already enrolled in ECE program
 - Child has special needs not accommodated by program
 - Program hours not feasible for family
 - Parent/Caregiver won't transport child
- DCFS referrals are sent to LACOE each week
- LACOE processes referrals

DCFS-HEAD START ELECTRONIC REFERRAL SYSTEM

Pre-Grant:

- Includes Los Angeles USD Head Start delegate agencies only
- Children 3-4 years old
- Enrollment not guaranteed due to limited spaces
- Limited linkage to other ECE programs

Expansion:

- Include Long Beach USD Head Start & Early Head Start delegate agencies
- Include children birth-4 years old
- Maximize enrollment by ensuring linkage to other ECE programs when Head Start/Early Head Start slots unavailable

SOUTH COUNTY/LONG BEACH EARLY CARE SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Convene an advisory committee comprised of key stakeholders in the Early Care System
- Committee is **charged with improving early childhood services coordination to better meet the needs of South County children 0-4 in the CWS**
- Committee members will participate in workgroups to achieve specific deliverables

LA CW - ECS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT DELIVERABLES & WORKGROUPS

Data & Information Sharing Workgroup

- Create & implement information sharing protocol that enables ECE providers to share developmental screenings & assessments with DCFS
- Develop a data collection infrastructure plan to facilitate

Training & Curriculum Development Workgroup

- Develop standardized training curriculum & identify target groups for training: ECS providers, DCFS staff, Parents/care providers, Juv. Court personnel
- Help inform instruments to evaluate training

Continuity & Transitions Workgroup

- Generate recommendations around early childhood service continuity and supported transitions for children in the CW system.

Dissemination & Sustainability

- Develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for applying lessons learned from CW-ECS infrastructure development in LB to inform expansion throughout South County.
- **To be developed by larger Advisory Committee**

TRAINING & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKGROUP

- **Charge:** This group is charged with developing the training parameters and curriculum used by the trainer, as well providing feedback to the evaluation team on the instruments for measuring knowledge acquisition by the trainees.
- Trainings to start with DCFS workers and ECE providers (May/June); then Court personnel & parents/caregivers (July-September)
- Partnering with CSULA to administer trainings
- Target: 400 DCFS staff; 400 ECE providers; 100 court personnel; 900 parents/caregivers all within LB/South County

DATA & INFORMATION SHARING WORKGROUP

- **Charge:** This group is charged with developing a protocol to facilitate the sharing of data and information between the project partners, as well as an infrastructure for tracking data dissemination.
- Developing a protocol that allows ECE providers to share developmental assessments with CSWs.
- Develop a protocol and plan that will provide linkage of the ECE service utilization data collected by DCFS' Child Welfare Services Case Management System to enable future analysis of the relationship between enrollment in ECE and child welfare outcomes

CONTINUITY & TRANSITIONS WORKGROUP

- **Charge:** This group is charged with addressing the stability and continuity of early care systems services for children who experience a change in placement or transition to another care provider.
- Identify best practices around managing those transitions to minimize negative effects on children 0 to 5 years old.

QUESTIONS?

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