



STATEMENTS FROM CHILD CARE CENTER OPERATORS:

- Linda Phillips from the San Geronio Child Care Consortium in Banning writes, “We will have to charge our parents more and/or ask them to provide their own food. Some of them will not be able to do that.”
- Marianne Lam from the Wah Mei School in San Francisco maintains that, “We may need to switch to an all private pay model rather than maintaining the 40% subsidized spaces we currently offer.”
- Corinne Mohrmann from St. Vincent’s Day Home in Oakland writes, “Meal quality will suffer...requirements will be met, but fresh fruits and vegetables are more expensive and other choices will be necessary.”
- Jeanette Swanstrom from the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County writes, “The potential cuts to our center programs are devastating. We have already closed two centers and would need to close more if we receive the anticipated cuts to the program for FY 12/13. The proposed reduction to the standard reimbursement rate could make it difficult to impossible to continue to run our child care centers/preschools.”
- Dr. Stephanie Dinwiddie from Spirit Child Development Center maintains, “We are a small nonprofit center. The families we serve are predominantly low-income families of color. In many instances, the balanced meals that we serve are the children’s most consistent and balanced food in their day. Tampering with their meals would be a harmful decision impacting the most vulnerable among us.”

STATEMENTS FROM FAMILY CHILD CARE SPONSORS:

- Youngjin Pak from Evergreen in Los Angeles writes, “ If the state meal reimbursement gets eliminated, the impact of the cuts will be devastated [sic] in many ways... the elimination will put us in situations where it would be difficult to protect and may jeopardize the integrity of the program due to limited resources to work with.”
- Teresa Godfrey from Solano Family & Children’s Services writes, “We are barely keeping our heads above water as it is. Financial viability is on the brink of destruction since our subsidy and R & R programs are looking at major reductions beginning July 2012.”
- Doris Fredericks from CDI/Choices for Children in San Jose points out that the cuts “Could be the straw that broke the camel’s back – we have no wiggle room in admin.”
- Jerry Bowers from FRAMAX in the Central Valley writes, “Elimination of the state meal money will have a huge impact on our ability to provide CACFP services to our providers. It would include having to close our office in Sacramento and to eliminate one monitoring position. Additionally, it would eliminate



our ability to provide any real nutrition education as part of our program services.” Jerry goes on to state, “In our agency we retain 30% of the state meal money for administrative expenses. In total it accounts for from 8.5 to 10 percent of our total annual administration funds. As an agency we would have to find a way to trim our costs by roughly \$95,000 annually if the state meal reimbursement were eliminated. One cost cutting method would be to drop providers in remote rural (usually low income) areas that require long drive times to conduct monitoring visits.”

- Paula James from Contra Costa Child Care Council, and CCFP Roundtable Board Chair, writes, “The agency struggles financially, as do most R&R’s resulting from significant cuts to child care over past couple of years, but the CACFP which is already not financially viable and is subsidized by other organization funds could not survive. Although the organization fully supports and recognizes the enormous value of this program to young children, families and caregivers, they simply cannot assume more financial burden to keep it going.”