



May 24, 2013

To: Senate Budget Subcommittee 1 on Education Chair Marty Block
Senate Budget Subcommittee 1 Members Roderick Wright and Mark Wyland

We, the undersigned, greatly appreciate the leadership that the Senate Budget Subcommittee 1 on Education took on May 23rd in approving reinvestments in child care and early education programs. Your actions of restoring full funding for caseloads for Stage 3 families will bring an immediate relief to families.

In the lives of the families and the children we serve, your actions of:

- Restoring and adjusting the funding needed to fully meet the Stage 2 & 3 caseloads
- Restoring and backfilling the proposed sequestration reduction
- Extending the child care pilot programs for one more year in San Mateo and San Francisco

will literally keep families working and children learning. Because of your actions, working poor families will be able to access early care and education for the youngest of learners.

Further, we greatly appreciate your discussion of the programmatic realignment of child care. We encourage you to reject the proposed realignment of child care when it is taken up by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review today. Rejection of realignment will move us one step forward to the vision of seamlessly supporting our earliest of learners with programs that best meet their individual needs, as well as the needs of the families.

We stand united to support your actions that will lead to the restoration and reinvestment of funding in our children. We firmly believe that the actions taken today will have positive social, academic and economic outcomes for decades to come.

YMCA Childcare Resource Service	Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
Family Resource & Referral Center	Santa Cruz County Parents Association
Chicano Federation of San Diego County	Valley Oak Children’s Services
Child Care Resource Center	California Alternative Payment Program Assn (CAPPA)
Child Development Associates, Inc.	Chicano Federation of San Diego County
North Coast Opportunities (NCO)	Child Care Links
CA Child Care Resource & Referral Network	California Association for the Education of Young Children
San Francisco Child Care Planning & Advisory Council	
Child Development and Policy Institute (CDPI)	Children Now
California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)	
Child Development Resources	Crystal Stairs, Inc.
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo	
Knowledge Universe United States	KinderCare Learning Centers