



To: Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2 Education Finance Chair Susan Bonilla  
 Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2 Members Al Muratsuchi, Philip Ting, and Bob Blumenfield

We, the undersigned, greatly appreciate the leadership that the Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance 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 reinvesting \$100 million for additional Preschool slots:
- Restoring and reinvesting \$100 million for additional Child Development Slots in capped programs like General Child Care and Alternative Payment; and
- Backfilling \$4 million to Preschool for losses due to family fees

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 understanding to reject the programmatic realignment of child care. This action moves 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. This action also lets us know that you understand that there currently exists a community based direct service infrastructure that connects the needs of families and children to our highest quality centers, providers and family child care homes.

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