



**To prevent a catastrophic hit to California’s economy due to lack of available child care, the Early Care and Education Coalition is requesting the following investments in the 2022-23 budget:**

Priority	Budget Ask	Summary
<b>Increasing Child Care Provider Wages</b>	<b>\$316 million Prop 98 funds and \$1.03 billion GF &amp; ARPA funds</b>	Funds a 20 percent rate increase on top of the 2018 RMR Survey for state subsidized programs to account for four years of minimum wage increases and 7 percent inflation in 2021. Low compensation is one of the main reasons providers, predominantly Black and Latinx women, are leaving the childcare profession and forced to shut their facilities down.
<b>Head Start Programs</b>	<b>\$50 million</b>	Supports local Head Start programs as they navigate the continued challenges of recruiting, retaining, and adequately compensating staff to serve California’s most vulnerable young children and their families.
<b>Retirement &amp; Health Benefits</b>	<b>\$400-\$600 million GF for CCPU members</b>	The ECE Coalition supports health care & retirement benefits and paid time off days for all child care providers.
<b>Waiving Family Fees (AB 92)</b>	<b>\$187 million</b>	Extends the waiving of family fees through September 30, 2024, for all families with child care subsidies. This puts much needed cash back in the pockets of parents and child care providers, so they have resources to pay for rent, food, and other necessities.
<b>Child Care Infrastructure Grants</b>	<b>\$300 million</b>	Ensures grants are available for child care facilities, which are a core component of quality, accessible child care, and will reach communities and providers with the greatest need.
<b>Co-Location of Child Care Facilities w/ Affordable Housing Projects</b>	<b>\$10 million</b>	Provides start-up funding for a low-interest loan and grant program that supports financing for child care centers and family child care housing units that are co-located with affordable housing projects
<b>Workforce Development Grants</b>	<b>\$250 million dollars</b>	Restores critical funding to the Early Learning and Care Workforce Development Grant Program, which supports over 70,000 early learning and care professionals California relies on to care for and educate our children.