

May 18, 2012



Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro
State Capitol Room 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Fax: (916) 319-2101

Re: Child Care Reductions

Dear Assemblymember Chesbro,

1) In Humboldt County, it would be better to make across the board contract reductions to the various contract types (CalWorks Stage 1, 2, 3, Center Based contracts (CCTR), part day preschool, etc.) than to reduce the amount of reimbursement which can be paid to contractors/child care providers per child.

In the CalWorks and Alternative Payment Programs, if the reimbursement rate is further reduced, licensed family child care providers and licensed centers will soon cease accepting subsidized kids. Parents will then need to rely more on informal care arrangements, which may not have the safety and quality of licensed settings. For state funded center based programs, in Changing Tides Family Services' opinion, it would be better to eliminate entire classrooms vs. reduce the amount which is reimbursed per child.

2) During this time of financial crisis, it is counterintuitive to incur additional confusion and expense to realign child care programs from the Department of Education to local county welfare departments. Such a move needs significantly more thought and planning than as put forward in the Governor's proposals.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: John Woolley, Field Representative

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