

March 16, 2022

Honorable Lisa Calderon
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
Legislative Office Building, 1020 N Street, Room 124
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1649 (Quirk-Silva): Equitable Access to Child Care Vouchers – SUPPORT as introduced

Dear Assemblymember Calderon,

On behalf of the following undersigned organizations we would like to be noted in strong support of Assembly Bill 1649. This bill allows community serving partners to support all income eligible families equitably, regardless of their work schedule, by providing them a child care voucher with a set reimbursable amount based on their maximum certified need. By providing subsidized families with a set dollar amount that is guaranteed to be reimbursed for care, it will afford all subsidized families the same fair and equitable access to all child care settings to best support their family needs.

For family child care providers and centers that accept a subsidized voucher as reimbursement for child care, it affords them the opportunity to more accurately project and budget operations for their business.

Prior to the pandemic, families with stable work schedules received a child care voucher with a predetermined set dollar amount while families with fluctuating work schedules were provided a voucher that reimbursed the cost of care based on the attendance of their child. During the pandemic, extraordinary actions were taken to recognize that all income eligible families were to receive a voucher with a set dollar amount to purchase child care that will guarantee to any provider that accepts vouchers an amount they can expect to be reimbursed. However, this policy is set to expire June 30, 2022.

Every day, in every county in the state, we see families that are benefitting from this policy. These are families that now have access to stable child care for the first time for their babies and children. If this policy is allowed to expire, these same families may have their lives severely disrupted by their children being disenrolled from stable care.

AB 1649 will continue supporting fair and equitable access to child care for our lowest income families, will assure stability in the lives of children, and will reimburse child care providers an amount that can be budgeted to help keep their doors open. We respectfully ask you pass this important legislation.

Thank you,

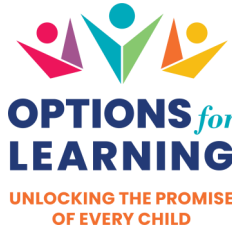




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