#ENDCHILDPOVERTYCA 2021 PRIORITIES

Before the pandemic we had approximately 2 million children in poverty and 450,000 children in extreme poverty. The pandemic has exacerbated the situation for families working hard to get ahead. In 2019 the state budget invested $4.8 Billion in End Child Poverty Plan recommendations and preserved and built on them in 2020. We still have much work to do.

Child poverty is not a fact of nature.
Together, we'll make sure
ALL our children are healthy, fed, and housed.

#ENDCHILDPOVERTYCA MOVEMENT 2021 PRIORITIES

1. **Coordination of Services:** Continue to improve the cost-effectiveness of programs that support families, focusing on community-based, collaborative, research-based solutions.
2. **Child Care:** Improve access and availability to childcare and address the childcare crisis as exacerbated by the Pandemicby adequately meeting the business needs of child care providers. Child care is a lifeline to keep parents working and families stable.
3. **Housing:** Increase overall housing availability and reduce evictions so that children and families don't face the traumaand stress of homelessness, exacerbated by the pandemic recession.
4. **Health Care:** Strengthen and expand community based and school-based health care clinics to meet families where they are so that they can get the care they need. Within an equity framework provide COVID vaccines in high needs communities and ensure health access for ALL families and children irregardless of immigration status.
5. **Safety Net:** Continue to expand on the CAEITC the Young Child Tax Credit. Support efforts to expand Pandemic EBT sothat families can feed their families, during this economic crisis. Increase cash policies so that families can meet basic needs (i.e., increase SSI payments, UI for ITIN filers, etc.…)

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BACKGROUND:

- In 2018, California released the End Child Poverty Plan, a research-based, community-informed plan that, when implemented in full, will end extreme child poverty in California, cut overall child poverty in half, and make the Golden State a model for the nation.
- In 2019, California legislators approved $4.82 billion in new investments supporting the End Child Poverty Plan, including a doubled California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, expanded health care, and new subsidized child care slots.
- In 2020, in addition to the five issues above, the #EndChildPovertyCA movement will be advocating for other policies supporting the End Child Poverty Plan and its recommendations.

END CHILD POVERTY *in California*