



Joint Early Childhood Education Coalition Response to the May Revision

Dear Administration, Department of Finance, Legislative Budget Chairs and Legislative Women’s Caucus,

We are writing to reaffirm our strong support for the Legislative Women’s Caucus (LWC) request of an \$800 million investment in our child care system. In consideration of the Governor’s May Revision we appreciate the administration’s interest in reforming the child care and early education system; however we find it challenging to consider such sweeping policy changes in the short budget timeline and without additional funding. We firmly believe that there must be resources invested in our fiscally depleted system before these proposals can be considered.

It is clear that the LWC proposal better supports the immediate and longer term needs of working families and children while valuing providers and community based programs proven to lift families from poverty. Our priorities remain:

Increase all reimbursement rates:

- Make significant investments in both the Standard Reimbursement Rate and the Regional Market Rate systems to ensure forward progress toward paying early care and education providers to reflect regional market rates and the current cost of quality care.

Increase access for families:

- Consistent with AB 2150, implement 12-month eligibility for families and update the eligibility guidelines to reflect the current State Median Income (SMI), and increase the exit eligibility level to 85% of current SMI.
- Add additional slots in both the General Child Care and Alternative Payment systems to expand access to care for families with a variety of needs.

Over the last decade reimbursement rates have been held at levels more than 7 years behind the current market. While there have been modest increases provided in the past two state budget agreements; we are still estimated to be nearly \$1 billion behind the current market costs for both the Standard Reimbursement Rate and the Regional Market Rate. At the same time, the income ceilings for families entering the system based on state median income (SMI) are almost a decade old, and have not kept up with inflation nor taken into account actions by the legislature to increase the minimum wage. The SMI has been frozen since 2007, and is in turn based on 2005 income data.

These two issues have caused reduced access to services for families who are priced out of high quality programs, hindered retention of qualified staff and eroded the total supply of early care and education available to our communities. As referenced in the May Revision, California's economy faces many variances which is why it is even more critical working families be supported with child care so that they may continue to contribute to the ongoing growth of our economy. We believe that if families are able to achieve stable employment, which cannot be done without consistent child care, then they will better prepared to weather the next economic downturn. Similarly, if providers are receiving adequate payment for the cost of doing business, they will be able to keep their doors open.

We urge your support in making the Legislative Women's Caucus request of an \$800 million investment in our child care system the framework for child care funding in the 2016-17 budget.

Sincerely,

211 LA County
211 San Bernardino County
24 Hour Childcare & Early Education , Inc.
4Cs (Child Care Coordinating Council) of San Mateo County
A Place Called Home
A World Fit For Kids!
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors
Active Advisors
Adorable Babies Jump Start
Advancement Project
Advokids
AIM Early Intervention & Pre-school
Alameda County ECE Planning Council
ALearn
All Five
All Stars Helping Kids
All-Pro Promotions
Altadena Children's Center
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
Amy Fuller Translations
An Artist's Gallery
Anielka Family Day Care
Animal Rescue of Fresno
Aquatic Park School
Aria Community Health Center
Arista Preschool, Inc
Armen Devejian Architect
Armory Center for the Arts
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Insurance Brokers of California, Inc.
Aspire Public Schools

Healing Hearts "one at a time" Anger Management/D.V.
Health Connected
Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County
Healthy Cities Tutoring
Heart of Los Angeles
Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley
Imperial County Children and Families First
Commission
Independent Hair Stylist
Inn at Mavericks
Inner-City Arts
Innovate Public Schools
Innovation Bridge, Inc.
InsideOUT Writers
International Child Resource Institute
International Institute of Los Angeles- IILA
Inyo County Office of Education Early Care and Education Division
Isla Vista Youth Projects, Inc
Issokson and Associates
It's About My Baby/Hand in Hand
James Morehouse Project
Jewish Community Center of San Francisco
Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay
Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
Jumpstart-Southern California
JustREAD

Bahia, Inc.
 BANANAS
 Banning Police Activities League
 Barbara Stroud Training
 Bay Area Council
 Bay Area Family Childcare Support Group
 Bay Area Urban Debate League
 Bay East Legacy & Associates
 Benu Chhabra FCC
 Benu's Preschool
 Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action (BOCA)
 Bicycle Coffee
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County
 Black Parallel School Board
 BlueSkies for Children
 Bohbot & Riles, PC
 Bonnewit Development Services
 Boulevard Skate Shop
 Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach
 BreastfeedLA
 Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council
 By the Letter Literacy Reading Lab
 CACE-Campbell Adult and Community Education
 California Alliance for Arts Education
 California Alliance of African American Educators
 California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA)
 California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)
 California Child Care Coordinators Association
 California Child Care Resource & Referral Network
 California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)
 California Children's Academy
 California Coalition for Equity in Early Care and Education
 California Democrats for Education Reform
 California Family Child Care Network
 California Family Resource Association
 California Food Policy Advocates
 California Head Start Association
 California Health Collaborative
 California Mathematics Council
 California School-Age Consortium
 California State Alliance of YMCAs
 California State University Northridge
 Californians for Quality Early Learning (CQEL)
 Caliph Assagai Public Speaking
 Cambridge Community Center
 Campus Kids Connection, Inc
 Carabiner LLC
 Carolina Youth Development Center
 CASA of San Mateo County
 Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
 Kamali'i Foster Family Agency
 Karelia Software
 Kidaptive Inc.
 Kids in Common, a program of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
 Kids Kare Schools
 Kids Own Wisdom
 KinderCare Education
 Kings Canyon Unified School District
 Kingston Family Vineyards
 Krause Center for Innovation
 LA 2050
 LA Best Babies Network
 Law Offices of Barbara Goode
 Le Grand Union High School
 League of Women Voters of California
 Lemonade Creative Consulting
 Leonetti/O'Connell Family Foundation
 Lift the Children
 LIFT-LA
 Lil Nancy's Primary Schoolhouse
 Linda Vista Children's Center
 Little Seeds Children's Center and Peter Pan Schools
 Local Early Education Planning Council Santa Clara County Office of Education
 Los Angeles Education Partnership
 Los Angeles Universal Preschool
 LPC Consulting Associates, Inc.
 Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
 Lynch Associate LLC
 Making Change For Children
 MamásConPoder
 Mar Vista Family Center
 Margaret Brodtkin and Associates
 Marin Child Care Council
 Marin County School Volunteers
 MarinKids
 Marjaree Mason Center
 Martinez Early Childhood Center Inc.
 Maternal Mental Health NOW
 Men & Women of Purpose
 Merced County Office of Education/Abriendo Puertas Program
 Merced Organizing Project (MOP)
 Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
 Millbrae Nursery School
 Mimi and Peter Haas Fund
 Mind Spark Custom Learning Solutions
 Mission: Readiness
 MmM Design
 Mockingbird Communications
 Moler Barber College
 MomsRising
 Monterey County Office of Education
 MoonMilk Creamery
 Morgan Family Foundation

Caulder Lamm Alliance for Children, Inc.
 CCR Analytics
 Center for Ecoliteracy
 Center for Leadership, Equity, and Research (CLEAR)
 Center For Multicultural Cooperation
 Central California Asthma Collaborative
 Central California Children's Institute
 Central California Educational Opportunity Center
 Central Valley Children's Services Network
 Chicano Federation of San Diego County
 Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa
 County
 Child Abuse Prevention Council Political Action
 Committee
 Child Action, Inc
 Child and Family Policy Institute of California
 Child Care Alliance Los Angeles
 Child Care Law Center
 Child Care Links
 Child Care Resource Center, Inc.
 Child Development Associates, Inc.
 Child Development Incorporated
 Child Development Resources (CDR) of Ventura
 County, Inc.
 Childcare-Gentle Start
 Children & Family Circle
 Children First Campaign
 Children Now
 Children's Bureau
 Children's Defense Fund-California
 Children's Institute Inc.
 Children's Council of San Francisco
 Children's Network of Solano County
 Children's Paradise Inc.
 Church Related Early Childhood Education
 Fellowship
 Clinica Romero
 Coastside Child Development Center
 Coastside Children's Programs
 Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth
 Community Action Partnership of Merced County
 Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo
 County
 Community Child Care Council - 4C's of Alameda
 County
 Community Education Partnerships
 Community Engagement Initiatives
 Community Health Councils
 Community Health Partnership
 Community Resources for Children
 Concord Child Care Center, Inc
 Congregation Beth Am
 Congregation Beth Israel
 Connections for Children
 Mothers' Club Family Learning Center
 Mountain View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Challenge Team
 Mutual Housing California
 National Academic Youth Corps
 National Human Development Foundation Inc.
 New Life Discovery Schools, Inc.
 New Teacher Center
 North Bay Children's Center
 North Bay Leadership Council
 North Coast Opportunities
 Northern Director's Group
 Nuestra Casa
 Nurse-Family Partnership
 Oakland Natives Give Back
 Ocean Dental Center
 One East Palo Alto
 Only Love Children's Centers
 Optimal Solutions Consulting
 Options for Learning
 Orange County United Way
 Our Family Coalition
 Pacific Community Solutions, Inc.
 Para Los Ninos
 Parent Teacher Home Visit Project
 Parent Voices
 Parent Voices Oakland
 Parent Voices Solano
 Parents' Action for Children
 Parents and Citizens for Quality Education
 Parents as Teachers
 Pathways LA
 Peace over Violence
 Peaceful Pets Pet Sitting Services
 Peninsula Family Service
 Penny & Peggy Nairn 24 Hour Childcare, Inc.
 Placer People of Faith Together
 Plumas Rural Services
 Pomona USD Child Development
 Prevent Child Abuse California
 Professional Association for Childhood Education (PACE)
 Promise Land Preschool
 Providence Saint John's Child & Family Development Center
 Proyecto Pastoral
 Public Interest Advocacy
 Puente de la Costa Sur
 Raconteur Designs
 Raineth Housing
 Ralphs Grocery No. 278
 Ravenswood Child Development Center
 Reading and Beyond
 ReadyNation
 Rebekah Children's Services
 Redwood City 2020
 Reed Health Policy Consulting

Contra Costa Child Care Council
 Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community
 Organization (CCISCO)
 Contra Costa Local Planning Council for Child Care
 and Development
 Cope Family Center
 County of San Mateo
 County Welfare Directors Association of California
 (CWDA)
 Covered Community
 Creative Montessori Learning Center
 Crystal Stairs, Inc
 CuriOdyssey
 Daly City Partnership
 Dance Me Fit
 Davies & Associates
 Del Norte Child Care Council
 Diana Casanova Photography
 D'inkling Publishing
 Dog Gon' Clean
 Dr. Victor Cattolico, Clinical Psychologist
 Drew Child Development Corporation
 D'veal Family & Youth Services
 Early Childhood Mental Health Program
 Early Edge California
 Early Math Learning
 Early Years
 East Bay Asian Youth Center
 East Bay Children's Law Offices
 East Bay Women's Political Caucus
 East Side Union High School District
 Easter Seals Southern California
 Education Synergy Alliance
 Educational Enrichment Systems, Inc.
 Educators 4 Excellence
 El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center (NEC)
 Elk Grove Unified School District- EGUSD
 Ellis Alden Vineyards
 EMC Research
 Engelhardt architecture
 Escuela de la Raza Unida
 Extended Child Care Coalition (ECC)
 Fairfax-San Anselmo Children's Center
 Faith in Action Kern County
 Families in Good Health
 Families NOW
 Family and Child Empowerment Services San
 Francisco- FACESSF
 Family Care Network, Inc.
 Family Child Care Council
 Family Child Care of Contra Costa County
 Family Paths, Inc.
 Family Service Association
 Fierce Funk
 Regarding Baby
 Renee Pietrangelo, Realtor
 Restorative Justice League and Educational Consulting
 Richmond Community Foundation
 Roberts Family Development Center
 Rodriguez Strategies
 Rogers Family Foundation
 Rollman Properties
 RPM Consulting
 Sacramento ACT
 Sacramento District Dental Society
 Saffron Strand
 Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
 SALEF
 San Bernardino County Early Learning and Development LPC
 San Carlos Chamber of Commerce
 San Diego Organizing Project
 San Gabriel Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council
 San Joaquin Children's Alliance
 San Joaquin County Child Abuse Prevention Council
 San Joaquin Family Resource and Referral Center
 San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
 San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD)
 San Luis Obispo County Child Care Planning Council
 San Mateo County Economic Development Association
 (SAMCEDA)
 San Mateo County Human Services Agency
 San Mateo County Probation Department
 San Mateo Office of Education
 Santa Clara County Office of Education
 Santa Cruz Child Care Planning Council
 Santa Cruz County Parents Association
 Save the Children
 Shasta Community Health Center
 Shaun-Adrian Choflá
 Sierra Nevada Children's Services
 Silicon Valley Community Foundation
 Siskiyou Child Care Council
 Sixth District PTA
 SJB Child Development Centers
 Sojourner Truth African American Arts Museum
 Solano Community College
 Solano County Licensed Family Child Care Association
 Solano Family and Children's Services
 Somos Mayfair
 South Stockton Schools Initiative
 Special Connections FRC
 Special Needs Network
 Stanislaus Community Foundation
 Step 1 Dance Studio
 Stone Angel Inc.
 Stone Soup Fresno
 Street Poets, Inc.
 Strong Start
 Students for Education Reform at UC Davis

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California
First 5 Alameda County
First 5 Association of CA
First 5 Contra Costa
First 5 Fresno County
First 5 Kern
First 5 Lake County
First 5 Los Angeles
First 5 Marin Children and Families Commission
First 5 Monterey County
First 5 Napa County
First 5 Placer Children and Families Commission
First 5 San Benito
First 5 San Mateo County
First 5 Santa Barbara County
First 5 Santa Clara County
First 5 Santa Cruz County
First 5 Solano
First 5 Sonoma County Commission
First 5 Tehama
First 5 Yolo
First Place for Youth
Focus On Family Foundation
Footsteps Child Care, Inc.
Fowler Unified School District
FRAMAX
Fremont Family Resource Center
Fresher USA
Fresno Housing Authority
Fresno Metro Ministry
Fresno Street Saints
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Friends of the Family
Friends of the Granite Bay Library
Full Court Press Communications
Funding the Next Generation
Future is Now
Future Partners
Galileo Learning
Gathpath
Girls Club of Los Angeles
Girls Leadership Institute
Go Kids, Inc.
Gonzales Unified School District
Good Seed Shelter
GRACE
Grail Family Services
Great Beginnings for Black Babies, Inc
Great Oakland Public Schools
GRIP, homeless family shelter
Growing Tree Children's Center
Half Moon Bay Brewing Company
Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce
Harbour Consulting
Students Matter
Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
Supportive Services, Inc
Synergy Moon
Target Excellence
Teach For America - California
Teen Success Inc.
The Arc of California
The Carol and James Collins Foundation
The Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento
The Children's Partnership
The Children's Movement Fresno
The Greenhouse
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
The Museum of Art and Digital Entertainment (MADE)
The Opportunity Institute
The Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation
The Rhythmic Arts Project
The Science of Teaching
The Unforeseen
The Yurok Education Committee
Tikun Olam Foundation
Time for Kids
Toddle Flexible Preschool
TOT INDUSTRIES
UC San Diego
UMDA
United Way California Capital Region
United Way of California
United Way San Luis Obispo
Unity Care Group
Valley Oak Children's Services
Valley Wine Connection
Via Services
Violence Prevention Coalition
Vision y Compromiso
Vista Unified School District
Walnut Creek Bulldawgs
Watch Me Grow
Watkins Photo Archive Project
Way Up Sacramento
Westlake
Westside Infant Network
WHH Foundation
Worksite Wellness LA
Wright Family Child
Wu Yee Children's Services
YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles
YMCA of Silicon Valley
YMCA of the Central Bay Area Early Childhood Services
Yoga@
Yolo County Office of Education
Youth Policy Institute
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