

May 31, 2016

Re: 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 be 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,



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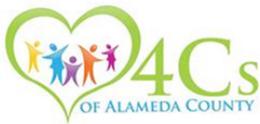


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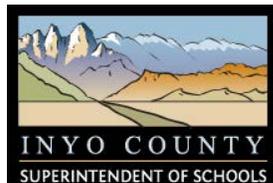


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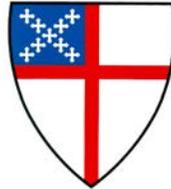
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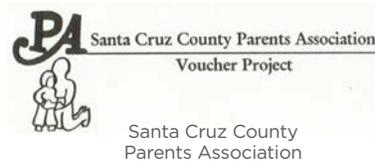


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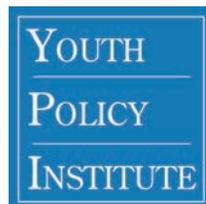


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