

The Water Cooler

Bubble Up Report

Date: May 18, 2010

**RE: Wednesday, May 19 Assembly Hearing on Proposed ECE Cuts in May
Revise Budget**

**From: Advancement Project, California Child Care Resource & Referral
Network, Children Now, and Preschool California**

Last Friday, Gov. Schwarzenegger unveiled his May Revise Budget, which proposes unprecedented cuts to early care and education (ECE) programs throughout the state. In particular, it proposes to abolish the CalWORKs program and dramatically cut funding for other ECE programs, including elimination of general child care. If adopted, this would make California the only state without a major welfare-to-work program and would put tens of thousands of young children at risk.

Please see the [Child Development Policy Institute's \(CDPI\) analysis](https://www.cdpi.net/cs/cdpi/view/cs_bmsg/119) (also available at https://www.cdpi.net/cs/cdpi/view/cs_bmsg/119) and the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network summary (attached below) for detailed analysis of proposed budget cuts to ECE.

The first Assembly hearing on these proposed cuts will be held this Wednesday, May 19 at 1 p.m. (or upon adjournment of Appropriations Committee) in Room 4202 of the Capitol. Assemblyperson Chesbro will chair this joint hearing with Assembly Subcommittees 1 and 2. After the topics of both Child Care and CalWORKs are introduced, public comment will be taken for both issues.

We are encouraging supporters of ECE to let legislators know what these dramatic cuts would mean to children, families and providers.

Please do so in person at the upcoming hearing, or by phone, email or letter.

Patty Siegel of the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network will be coordinating the “Campaign to Save Child Care” and we will shortly forward details on this effort. We also will be circulating additional information on upcoming advocacy opportunities and budget hearings on ECE as the information becomes available.