

The Water Cooler

Bubble Up Report

Date: May 24, 2010

RE: - Senate Budget hearing tomorrow, May 25 at 9:30 a.m. on May Revise
(Preschool California and California Child Care Resource & Referral
Network
- Two Upcoming Webinars: June 16th & 22nd
(ZERO TO THREE)

From: Preschool California and California Child Care Resource & Referral Network



NEWS BULLETIN

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Hello,

As you know, last Friday Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed drastic budget cuts that would further shred the social safety net for our children at a time when families are already struggling with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. If implemented, the proposed cuts to our child development programs – including CalWORKs and General Child Care—would decimate the fundamental infrastructure of California's early learning system.

We are counting on the Legislature to ensure we maintain our investments in these critically needed programs. Please make your voice heard at the **Senate Budget committee hearing next Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m.**

Please visit the [Campaign to Save Child Care web section](#), which includes a response statement to the governor's May revise proposals, an updated list of supporters, media coverage and other resources.

Also, please see the email from the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network below for more details.

Thank you.

To: R&R members:

We are thrilled to report that your efforts are working!! In less than a week after the Governor proposed the total elimination of state general fund support for child care subsidies and support services as well as total elimination of CalWORKs, the Assembly budget subcommittees (in a joint hearing) on Education and Health & Human Services voted today (May 19) to reject both May Budget Revision proposals. The child care items slated for reduction from the Governor's January proposal are still on the table.

Initially we understood that no action on the child care issues would be taken in this hearing. We heard, however, that the concern expressed by child development contractors, advocates and the Child Development Division that zeroed out budgets and no contracts from the Department of Education would force programs to send out layoff notices to staff and termination notices to families using care by early June prompted the immediate action. Good Work!!!

The [Campaign to Save Child Care](#), initiated by the Network and supported by CAPP, CDPI, CCDAA, and Parent Voices was signed on to by more than 75 organizations. The hearing room was packed with parents, providers and child care advocates. They were succinct, articulate and on point in their comments and concerns with the impact of the Governor's proposal. The Committee members heard the concerns and responded. Assemblymembers Sandre Swanson and Jim Beall were particularly pointed in their questioning of the Department of Finance regarding these proposals.

Please take a moment to thank all the committee members who voted to oppose these irresponsible, draconian cuts to the neediest families in our state. The committee members who voted to oppose the proposals are:

Assembly Budget sub #1 Health & Human Services:

Dave Jones - not in committee today
Jim Beall
Wesley Chesbro
Hector De La Torre
Bob Blumenfeld

Assembly Budget sub #2 Education finance:

Wilmer Carter
Julia Brownley
Wesley Chesbro - (serves on both subcommittees)
Sandre Swanson

Next Steps:

The Senate will hear the child care and CalWORKs elimination issues in their full budget committee hearing on Tuesday, May 25 at 9:30 a.m. We need an equally aggressive turn-out for that hearing. We will keep you posted.

We will still add on organization names to the Campaign to Save Child Care, so forward those sign-ons to Sarah Moore at sarah@rrnetwork.org

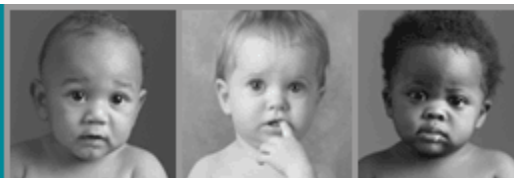
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From: ZERO TO THREE



Upcoming Webinars

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1) Building Connections to Support Literacy: Systems of Early Learning for Children Birth to Age 8

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EST (12:00 pm CST, 11:00 am MST, 10:00 am PST)

This webinar will highlight the importance of starting from birth when supporting learning, development and future school achievement. It will outline the U.S. Department of Education's view on the role of early education in the birth to career continuum and provide an overview of the importance of the first three years in setting the stage for learning and literacy. Speakers will provide examples of ways to build and align systems that support the birth to age 8 learning continuum and make recommendations for future directions to strengthen early learning systems. This program is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education. [Click here](#) to register!

2) Successful Early Childhood Home Visitation State Systems

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

2:00pm - 3:15pm EST (1:00 pm CST, 12:00 pm MST, 11:00 am PST)

New and unprecedented federal support for early childhood home visitation programs presents tremendous opportunities and inevitable challenges as states grapple with how to replicate high-quality programs while both maintaining model fidelity and meeting the needs of the most at-risk infants and toddlers. Strong and collaborative home visiting systems provide the infrastructure to support these important decisions. This webinar will highlight four states' (Colorado, New Jersey, Virginia and Washington) innovative components of home visitation systems and discuss state planning efforts for the home visiting funds designated by the recently-passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In addition, a new state self-assessment tool from ZERO TO THREE will be released in conjunction with the webinar. [Click here](#) to register!

Space for these webinars is limited. If multiple people in your office would like to participate, we encourage you to have only one person register and your group can participate together.

To join a webinar, you need a computer with an Internet connection. You can listen through the Internet with your computer speakers. Only those without speakers are encouraged to listen over the phone. **Be sure to test your network and system compatibility with iLinc and prepare your system for your first online session at https://demo.ilinc.com/perl/ilinc/lms/systest.pl?activity_id.**

Feel free to pass this e-mail along to others who may be interested. We hope you can join us!

For questions about these webinars, please contact Ki Lagomarsino at klagomarsino@zerotothree.org.



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