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2021 Proposed State Budget and 202021 California Children's Scorecard

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Mostly focused on Transitional Kindergarten

- \$250 million one-time Proposition 98 incentive funding to school districts to expand Transitional Kindergarten, over multiple years
- \$200 million one-time General Funds for school districts to construct and retrofit existing facilities to support Transitional Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten programs
- \$50 million to support professional development and teacher preparation for Transitional Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten teacher development

Minimal new funding for child care

- \$21.5 million for child care vouchers in 2020-21 and \$44 million ongoing (total of 4,700 new child care vouchers) from Proposition 64
- \$55 million one-time General Fund to continue essential worker child care and family fee waivers

Proposes Universal Transitional Kindergarten by 2024-25 with phase-in implementation over three years by birthday cohort.

- \$250 million one-time Proposition 98 planning funding to school districts in 2021-22
- The Budget Summary indicates an ongoing commitment to provide resources above the Proposition 98 guarantee (\$2.7 billion by full implementation in 2024-25).
- In addition, an ongoing investment to hire one additional certificated or classified staff per classroom, which could reduce ratios for a class of 24, to 12-to-1 (\$740 million within the Proposition 98 guarantee by 2024-25).
- Several additional proposed teacher training/recruitment and facilities investments to support TK implementation, as well as specifying that TK and kindergarten students in afterschool/expanded learning programs are to be in ratios no larger than 10-to-1.

CALIFORNIA 2021-22 MAY REVISION BUDGET – CHILD CARE

STILL Minimal new funding for child care

- **Silent on the long-overdue need for rate reform and to pay providers a living wage.**
- **Adds only 100,000 child care subsidy slots, spread out over 2021-22** (63,000 Alternative Payment slots in October 2021, 42,000 General Child Care slots in April 2022 and 1,300 new Migrant Child Care slots in April 2022) through an investment of \$223 million in 2021-22 and \$450 million ongoing General Fund, with an additional 6,500 slots in 2021-22 through an \$83 million increase in Proposition 64 (marijuana tax) funding.
- **Does not clearly lay out a plan for California’s \$3.8 billion in child care ARPA funding, including the \$2.3 billion in CCDF funds that California received [specifically for direct support to child care providers](#).** However, the Administration is requesting Legislative ratification of the Administration’s \$593.8 million federal CRSSA relief funds for pandemic response agreement with the Child Care Providers United, including provider stipends, continuing hold harmless and family fee waivers, and other investments.

Additional highlights:

- **\$250 million in federal funds for infrastructure grants** for the acquisition, construction, development, and renovation of child care facilities through September 2024.
- **\$6 million to modernize contractor payment** by implementing direct deposit systems.
- **\$10 million to Resource and Referral agencies**, one-time funding only, to serve as intermediaries for child care facility development and streamline data collection processes.
- **\$20 million one-time funds to strengthen quality improvement systems and address inequities** over multiple years in order for CDSS to engage with stakeholders to inform policy-setting and program design. Current quality projects funded by the federal Child Care and Development Fund will transfer to CDSS “without any immediate changes.”
- **\$4.8 million investment in a child care data system.** The Department of Social Services would receive funding to engage in planning and the initial implementation of a child care data system.

Comparison

Senate

- Universal child care 0-3; starting with 200k slots for working families
- Reduce/eliminate family fees
- Stabilize/retain providers by paying a living wage

Assembly

- 1 million more child care slots by 2025 (ages 0-12?);
- Universal TK
- Funding for rate reform, family fees, facilities, workforce development, and more

LWC

- \$2 billion to increase slots by 200k, address reimbursement rate reform, waive family fees and modernize administration of child care

Governor Newsom's May Revision announced universal TK and 100k child care slots

ECE Coalition Letter



May 17, 2021

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The Early Care and Education (ECE) Coalition is committed to improving the lives and economic security of California families, children, and child care providers.

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We are disappointed the Administration's 2021-22 May Revise did not include a rate increase for child care providers at a time much attention is on closing the pay equity gap and combat systemic racism. Child care providers kept their doors open through this pandemic so that doctors, nurses, grocery clerks, delivery drivers, and other essential workers could keep our economy from collapsing while many Californians had to shelter in place. Child care provide mainly Black, Brown, and immigrant women, risked their own lives, economic security, and families' health to ensure our state's economy and health care system could function. When child care providers are forced to close their doors, our communities lose a valuable asset: the providers – mostly women of color – lose their livelihood.

While we appreciate the inclusion of 100,000 child care spaces, if this 2021-22 budget is intended to move California into the future, we believe nothing short of 200,000 spaces will suffice. As we turn our attention to economic recovery, child care is a NECESSITY for built strong economy, and we must treat these providers with dignity and respect.

The ECE coalition is urging state leaders to allocate:

PROVIDER SUPPORTS	
PROVIDER RATE INCREASE	Senate, Assembly, and Legislative Women's Caucus Proposals – Adopted 2018 RMR Survey for all providers at 85% of SMI
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Assembly Proposal & May Revise – \$250 million Block Grant and \$25 million CCP
PROVIDER STABILIZATION GRANTS FOR ALL PROVIDERS	Release the \$2.3 billion in Child Care and Development Funds that California received as required by the guidance issued by the Administration for Children and Families on May 10, 2021 ¹ . Providers hold harmless & backfill for lost family fees through September 2024.
ACCESS	
CHILD CARE SPACES	Senate and Legislative Women's Caucus Proposals – 200,000 spaces
FAMILY FEES	Senate, Assembly and Legislative Women's Caucus Proposals - Waive all family fees for existing and new spaces through September 2024
FACILITIES & NEW PROVIDER GRANTS	\$825 million

¹ U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services, Information Memorandum ARP Act Child Care Stabilization Funds, CCDF-ACF-IM-2021-02, May 10, 2021, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/occcdf-act-af-im-2021-02.pdf>, see also Child Care Law Center, Child Care Funding in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Memorandum and Child Care Funding in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 Chart, Mar. 2021 <https://www.childcarelaw.org/federal-child-care-funding/>.

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SYSTEM FRAMEWORK	
DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR PROVIDERS	May Revise - \$6 million
COVID RELIEF FOR RESOURCES & REFERRAL AGENCIES	\$30 million
WAIVING CHILD CARE PROVIDER LICENSING FEES	\$10 million
AP TECH UPGRADES	\$30 million
DSG DEVELOPED EQUITY INDEX	\$5 million
CLEANING THE WAITING-LISTS	\$10 million
R/R RATE INCREASE	\$20 million

Investing in Child Care Grows the Economy
This child care funding proposal will give child care providers and programs a chance to

recover, and it will give parents peace of mind. "For many women and people of color, child care is a prerequisite for parents' ability to work, and for many others it is their work." Kamaria Harris. More than 2.3 million U.S. women have left the labor market since the pandemic began, many citing child care as the reason. 1 in 4 women are considering leaving the workforce or downsizing their careers due to the impact of COVID-19. With investments in our child care system, these women will simply not be able to

Waiving Family Fees
In California, the average family spends 10% of their income on child care for 3-year-olds. Subsidized child care can still cost families far more than their budget allows for living paycheck to paycheck. Waiving family fees immediately puts money in the hands of families and family care providers, particularly women of color, who are the backbone of California's child care system.

Increasing Reimbursement Rates to Child Care Providers
Every child care provider deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. By increasing reimbursement rates, we can ensure that child care professionals are respected and paid what they deserve, policymakers continue

discriminatory system that exploits Black women, Latinx women, immigrant women, and other women of color, who are the majority of this workforce. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, California has lost more than 8,500 licensed child care sites in the last year and now roughly one in four child-care jobs have been lost. With the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Supplemental Discretionary Funds, federal child care stabilization grants, increase in general CCDF, and state general funds, we can pay child care professionals fairly, recruit new child care providers, and create more equitable outcomes.

Improving Family's Access to Child Care
There were far too few family child care homes and child care centers even before the pandemic, and now, thousands have been forced to close. According to the Resource & Referral Network, 33% of licensed child care centers and 14% of licensed family child care homes in California have closed their doors since the start of the pandemic. To help us all get back on track, give parents affordable child care choices, and create new jobs, we must support a diversity of child care options in a variety of settings. The UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Child Care Employment determined that nationwide, the child care workforce shrank by 20%, nearly 200,000 child care workers, within the first six months of the pandemic. A lot of families who are going back to the workplace after working from home due to the pandemic will find that their child care facility has shut down. Investing in child care spaces and allocating all of the federal CCDBG stabilization money as grants to all providers to keep their doors open will ensure families have access to child care and parents can afford to go back to the workplace.

Bold investments achieve impactful results. Now is the time to rebuild and restructure California's fragmented child care system. Through these investment-driven, evidence-based reforms, California can achieve a more equitable system to support children and families and maximize public benefit.

Sincerely,
The ECE Coalition

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2020-21 California County Scorecard of Children's Well-Being

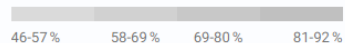
Welcome! This tool aims to provide a comprehensive look at how children are doing in California's 58 counties, with data viewable by year and race/ethnicity.

Some data is unreported, incomplete or unavailable due to small sample size and/or a high margin of error.

This tool supports recent versions of Chrome, Safari, and Firefox on Android, iOS, Mac OS, and Windows.

Get started →

Color guide



2020-21 CALIFORNIA SCORECARD
OF CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING

San Mateo County



218,962 children/youth
live in this county

Ages 0-17
157,228

Ages 18-25
61,734

86,488
with one or more
immigrant parents

1,563
students experiencing
homelessness

Race Breakdown (ages 0-25)

Latino 32% Black 2% Other 5% White 33% Asian 27%

21%
are living at or below 2X
the poverty level

10%
identify as LGBTQ

Indicators	California	County Percentages						County Rank
		All	Asian	Black	Latino	White	Other	

Health								
Eligible students who were reached by free and reduced-price meals during the school year	59%	56%	-	-	-	-	-	35
Newborns who were exclusively breastfed while in the hospital	71%	81%	71%	74%	75%	88%	75%	16

Pregnant women who received prenatal care beginning the first trimester	84%	92%	91%	86%	91%	95%	92%	1
Children who had health insurance	97%	98%	99%	99%	97%	99%	100%	3
Children, ages birth-to-5 and who are in low-income families, who visited a dentist in the last year	30%	37%	27%	*	44%	28%	26%	27
Children who were not food insecure	85%	92%	-	-	-	-	-	1



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Health								
Newborns who were not low birthweight	92%	94%	93%	94%	94%	95%	93%	20
Kindergarteners with up-to-date immunizations	95%	97%	-	-	-	-	-	14
Students who met at least 4 of 6 state fitness standards	70%	77%	79%	77%	61%	84%	83%	14
Students who reported they did not experience chronic sadness/hopelessness	62%	66%	67%	73%	67%	71%	60%	19
13-year-olds who were vaccinated for Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	28%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	1
Students who reported they did not consider suicide	80%	82%	83%	83%	83%	85%	75%	27
Children with Medi-Cal who had an annual preventive check-up	43%	47%	51%	43%	55%	42%	49%	7

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Education								
Children in working families for whom a licensed child care space was available	25%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	25
Students who were college- or career-ready	38%	45%	50%	25%	25%	68%	53%	25
Students who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	31%	45%	45%	21%	21%	64%	37%	5
Students who reported feeling connected to their school	54%	61%	61%	59%	57%	69%	56%	6
English Language Learner students who gained proficiency in English	50%	46%	-	-	-	-	-	29
3-and-4-year-olds enrolled in preschool or transitional kindergarten	58%	66%	*	*	*	71%	*	2
12th graders who graduated high school on time	81%	88%	91%	82%	81%	93%	87%	18
8th graders who met or exceeded standards in math	38%	51%	50%	17%	27%	68%	52%	4
Students who were not chronically absent from school	84%	90%	88%	82%	85%	93%	85%	10

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Education								
Young children, ages birth-to-5, who were read to everyday by an adult	75%	77%	46%	-	61%	97%	75%	12
3rd graders who read near or above standards	73%	79%	78%	62%	63%	91%	90%	6
18-to-25-year-olds registered to vote in General Elections	60%	82%	-	-	-	-	-	2
Student suspensions not due to "defiance or disruption"	85%	82%	85%	78%	79%	86%	87%	41
5th graders who met or exceeded standards in science	36%	44%	39%	19%	20%	62%	62%	5
Students who reported perceiving school as safe or very safe	53%	64%	65%	60%	61%	73%	56%	6
High school graduates who enrolled in college	60%	76%	74%	67%	64%	84%	72%	3
Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who graduated high school	66%	69%	70%	63%	67%	74%	74%	23

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Child Welfare								
Children in foster care who had a timely dental exam	67%	71%	-	-	-	-	-	17
Children in foster care who had a timely medical exam	74%	76%	-	-	-	-	-	23
Children in foster care who were placed in family-like settings	83%	61%	-	-	-	-	-	47
Youth in foster care who graduated high school on time	56%	59%	*	*	58%	*	*	28
Children in foster care who exited to permanency within one year	32%	37%	*	*	46%	*	*	27
Children in foster care who had been in 1 or 2 placements after 24 months in care	57%	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
3rd graders in foster care who met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts/Literacy	27%	23%	*	*	18%	*	*	18
8th graders in foster care who met or exceeded standards in math	15%	9%	*	*	*	*	*	23
Youth in foster care who were ready or conditionally ready for college-level math courses	1%	*	*	-	*	*	-	-

The Children's Movement 2020 Budget Campaign



May 25, 2020



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Safeguard California's Kids in the 2020-21 State Budget

Dear Governor Newsom and State Legislators,

Thank you for your leadership in addressing this pandemic and your tireless work to support our health, our economy, our communities and our most vulnerable residents.

The spread of COVID-19 is impacting everyone, and every corner of life. It is particularly devastating for California's children and families who were already in cities before the pandemic: families with young children – the cohort of our state's population most in poverty – who couldn't access essential supports, including sufficient nutrition and quality child care and preschool; children who were abused and neglected and/or witness to domestic violence; the majority of California students who lacked the educational supports they needed to meet basic grade-level reading and math standards; many children living in immigrant or undocumented families; the unacceptably low number of children in Medi-Cal who received preventive care and health screenings; and the millions of young people experiencing mental health challenges, including many who struggled with suicidal thoughts. Vulnerable kids were not receiving the supports and services they needed as we entered 2020, requiring a significant shift in state priorities to ensure our collective future. Now this shift is essential as a result of COVID-19.

Moreover, during the last economic downturn, it was child-serving programs, including early childhood and K-12 education, that received the most dramatic funding cuts in California. We can't repeat that history.

The undersigned call on you to prioritize kids in the upcoming 2020-21 state budget – holding crucial children's programs and services harmless and increasing targeted supports as much as possible.

Specifically, we urge the following:

- Stabilize the fragile child care system by extending the hold harmless provisions for child development programs through budget year 2020-21.
- Ensure our education system has sufficient resources for the summer months to provide school meals and to address the significant learning loss that has occurred.
- Protect schools from budget reductions, mid-year cuts and funding deferrals through the next academic year, and prioritize support for our most vulnerable students as required by LCFE.
- Provide targeted funding for training programs like youth mental health first aid so that adults who care for children, including school staff, are able to de-escalate tense emotional situations and provide appropriate support.
- Ensure expedited implementation of the Family Urgent Response System (FURS) for foster youth and their caregivers, who need immediate access to trauma-informed supports during moments of instability.
- Establish the Child Welfare Disaster Response Fund to provide critical resources for children and youth in foster care and their caregivers who face unique challenges when disasters strike.

We recognize the strain you are experiencing as you try to grapple with the enormity of this crisis and keep the Golden State intact. As always, prioritization is essential, and we urge you to ensure that our most precious constituency, our kids, are your top priority.

Sincerely,
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The California Children's Report Card

<https://www.childrennow.org/portfolio-posts/20-report-card/>

County Scorecard of Children's Well-Being

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