

## CCCECE ShoutOut!

### Now is the Time to Make Your Voice Heard

April 9, 2012

Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

Dear CCCECE Members,

Below is a letter I received calling for all of us to respond now to the governor's proposed cuts to child care services. As I have mentioned in the past these proposed cuts put our program in serious jeopardy and certainly puts the services we provide to student parents in serious peril. Besides the actual budget cuts the governor is proposing moving all funds out the department of education to the department of social services AND changing the eligibility requirements to eliminate college students from receiving child care services. Please take the time today to read the letter below from Preschool California and follow the link to the page they have created where you can send a message to Senate Committee Chairs opposing these cuts. The senate and assembly majorities need to hear from people so that they can feel confident opposing their governor. Please take the time to respond.

As you will see when you go to the link shown below there is a pre-written message. You can use it or create your own. Please consider including the following two points:

1. The assembly held off on opposing the governor about the change in eligibility criteria that virtually eliminates college students. We need to speak up as to how this would affect the families we serve.
2. The Legislative Analyst's alternative recommendation of two years of child care eligibility if you go to college isn't realistic for our students, i.e., poor mothers, raising a family, going to school, holding down a job, and especially when 70% of our students come to us not ready for college level work.

Please share this link with parents and colleagues in your programs.

ALSO....

Two critical hearings are occurring next week at the Capitol, and we would like to ask our catalysts in regions who have senators sitting on the two subcommittees hearing the governor's budget proposal April 12 and April 19 to contact them directly (see below).

Also, we need faculty and parents to attend these critical hearings. I know we are all busy but your presence there will make a difference. We also need our members (especially those folks who live in the region that these influential senators represent) to make a phone call to one or more of the six senators on these critical subcommittees. I urge you all to call/contact them with their opposition to the governor's proposal for ECE realignment and budget cuts and severe limits for those in CalWORKS to access to child care and to college. Since the Education subcommittee meets first this upcoming Thursday, April 12, please contact these senators first:

**Senate Budget Subcommittee #1 on Education members:**

**Senator Liu (Chair) (District office Glendale (818) 409-0400), Senator Gaines (District Office Roseville & Jackson Phone: 916-783-8232) and Senator Wright (District Office Inglewood Phone: (310) 412-0393).**

They hear/vote on the budget proposal on child care and preschool alignment and funding as well as the proposal to eliminate transitional kindergarten Thursday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. in Room 3191.

**Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services members:**  
**Senator DeSaulnier (Chair) (District Office Walnut Creek Phone: (925) 942-6082), Senator Alquist (District Office San Jose (408) 286-8318 and Gilroy (408) 847-6101) Senator Emmerson (District Office Palm Desert (760) 568-0408 or Riverside (951) 680-6750.**

They hear/vote on the budget proposal on "child welfare services & realignment of child welfare services" in a hearing Thursday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. in Room 4203.

**Rally to Oppose the Governor's Child Development Realignment and Cuts to be held in downtown Los Angeles.**

Also, please note the rally to be sponsored by CCDAA next Saturday. Those of you in the area are encouraged to attend and bring your students!

On April 14, 2012, CCDAA, in collaboration with multiple organizations, will be hosting a rally to oppose the devastating cuts to early care and education programs in California. The rally will be held outside of Assembly Speaker John Perez's office, at 320 West 4th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. The rally will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information on the rally, [click here](#).

Thanks.

Joel

(see letter next page)



## ADVOCACY ALERT

April 4, 2012

Dear Joel,

On Apr. 12, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1 on Education will hold a hearing on child care and preschool. In his budget proposal, Gov. Brown called for substantial cuts to child care and development programs as well as a detrimental restructuring of the entire early learning system. **With legislators making crucial decisions on early learning, now is the time to share your opinions with them – send a letter today!**

Gov. Brown proposes to [cut](#) \$517 million from child care and development programs, which would leave 62,000 children without care. If these cuts are enacted, child care and development will have suffered a 42 percent funding reduction since 2008. Our most vulnerable children and families cannot withstand such steep additional cuts.

On top of these potential cuts, Gov. Brown's proposal to [restructure](#) child care and development programs, except for part-day preschool, from the California Department of Education to county welfare offices would eliminate nearly half of the California State Preschool Program and the entire General Child Care Program. About 80,000 low-income children would be displaced from preschools and child development centers. This shift, which would decimate California's early learning system, offers no savings to the state.

Last week, more than 300 of you sent letters thanking the members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance who voted to reject the restructuring proposal. **Please ask Senator Liu and Senator Wright to reject these detrimental proposals to California's child care and development programs.**

### Take Action



Tell Senator Liu & Senator Wright to reject Gov. Brown's harmful proposals for CA's early learning system!

**ACT NOW**