

CCCECE ShoutOut!

Budget Goes to the Governor - CALL NOW

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Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

Folks,

As you are probably aware the Legislature approved a budget Friday and it awaits the Governor's signature. The good news is that we were heard by the legislature and it can best be summed up that they weren't buying what the Governor and the Department of Finance were selling. There was a lot in what the governor proposed about eligibility requirements, income levels, and reimbursement rates. Others (CDPI and CCDAA) have done very good analyses of the budget passed, and I urge you to look at their information for details. But here are some of the most important points that were in the passed budget:

1. The legislature (both Senate and Assembly) rejected the governor's proposal to realign child development services. This means that they are for keeping the funds and management of the system in CDDs domain. There has been great fear about what would happen if child development was moved over to the Department of Social Services and then to county human services departments.
2. The legislature has proposed a 5.5% cut in funds to child development programs. Obviously this is not good news, but the May Revise by the governor had proposed cuts ranging from 20-25%. (Suggested reading: Richard Farina's "Been Down So Long It Looks Like Up To Me").
3. The legislature rejected the two-year cap on going to college and receiving child care subsidies. This is huge for us and you may recall that in the January budget college attendance was eliminated altogether as a reason for eligibility for child care services. The May revise, at the LAO's suggestion reinstated college attendance but recommended a two-year cap, and this is what appeared in the May Revise. The passed budget eliminates this cap. While many programs and agencies banded together to fight the governor's budget proposals, it was only CCCECE that continually raised its voice about how unrealistic the cap was. We made the case that limiting or eliminating college attendance would undercut tens of thousands of students and parents who were studying their way to a better life. The legislature understood our point and changed this in the final proposal.

OUR WORK IS NOT YET DONE

Because the governor has the right to blue pencil parts of the budget he doesn't agree with, it is critical that we keep up the pressure this week. **Call Governor Brown TODAY!**

The Legislature has another 48 hours to approve the FY 2012-13 budget. Join with your colleagues across the state for one last attempt to influence the Governor and ask him to prioritize early education and care in budget negotiations! [Governor Brown](#) can be reached at: (916) 445-2841. You can also tweet your support for early education to [Governor Brown](#) @JerryBrownGov.

Joel