

Tell CA Legislature to spend budget surplus on child care

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Did you know that across California, 300,000 low-income kids are on waiting lists for child care—3,000 of them here in San Francisco—and that there's money the state could spend to increase access to quality and affordable care?

Did you know that child care funding is so limited that a San Francisco family is unlikely to get help if they earn as little as \$24,000—even though families earning less than \$90,000 struggle to pay for rent, food and other basic needs?

Did you know that the average income for a child care worker in California is \$26,050—and that part of the reason wages are so low is that the state reimburses them based on market data that is 10 years out of date?

Did you know that not only does the state fail adequately fund child care, but that it also requires low-income families jump through bureaucratic hoops just to qualify to get help?

Did you know that the state can and should fix this system?



A group of legislators called the [Women's Caucus has a comprehensive solution](#) that will address these issues. Their proposal would add \$800 million to the child care system so that more families can get help paying for child care, providers can earn a livable income and families can focus on work and supporting their families.

Time is running short, join Children's Council and the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network in supporting this proposal today!

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With greater investment in child care and early education, all children will be prepared for kindergarten; their parents will be able to work and provide for them financially; and their caregivers can earn livable wages and run profitable businesses that contribute to the local economy.

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