

Federal and State Legislative Updates



Alameda County
Child Care
Planning Council



January 2013



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State Budget Updates

- Mercifully, no major child care cuts but confusing caseload shifts
- .05% negative growth? ("Adjust capped programs")
- 2013-2014 becomes baseline year?
- \$1.5-\$3 million quality cut caused by end of one-time federal funding bubble
 - › California Department of Education decision

January Proposal	Funding Change	Slot Change
Stage 1	Increase of \$26 million	Caseload increase of 1,877 children
Stage 2	Decrease of \$21 million	Caseload decline of 5,187 children
Stage 3	Increase of \$24.2 million Total funding for FY12-13=\$148.1 million	Caseload increase of 3,086 due to transfer of families from Stage 2 – 3.
Child Care and Development Funds (federal quality funding)	Net decrease of \$1.1 million* (information suggests this fund will be cut by \$1.5 to \$3 million)	
Growth & COLA	Decrease of \$333,000 in growth (- .05%)**	CHART: Donita Stomgren

State Budget Updates

- ◉ Task force to be led by California Department of Social Services to assess current child care structure and identify opportunities for streamlining
 - > Invitations being sent out now for first meeting in late January. Group may meet weekly to have recommendations ready by May revise.

State Budget Updates

- Proposed child care swap to counties if state assumes cost for Medicaid expansion. Skeletal plan, very few details.
 - Local program called Low Income Health program or LIHP. Also known as indigent care.
- “The Administration wants to engage counties in discussing the appropriate state and local relationship in funding in health care delivery, and what additional program counties should be responsible for if the state assumes the majority of health care costs.”



State Capitol Update

- Assemblymen Bonta, Quirk not appointed to human services or education committee
- Senator Desaulnier is chair of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Assemblywoman Buchanan appointed Chair of Assembly Education Committee

