

Federal and State Legislative Updates



Alameda County
Child Care
Planning Council



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State Budget Updates

- Realignment: Alameda County via Interagency Children's policy Council and County's Personnel, Administrative and Legislative Committee prepared a statement supporting state option for Medicaid expansion and opposing realignment of child care to counties.

Alameda County Statement:

- Alameda County believes that linking the state Medi-Cal expansion option to child care and other human services is unnecessary and problematic. Most importantly, the cost of setting up a new system in social services to manage child care subsidies is complicated by the significant reductions of around 20% in recent years to child care and it is not clear if the Medi-Cal savings will equal the cost of setting up and administering a new system. In addition, administering child care County by County may result in disparities in access and quality of service throughout the state.

Alameda County Statement

- Therefore, Alameda County recommends dissociating child care realignment from Medi-Cal expansion and opposing child care realignment to counties.

Stage 3 Augmentation

- Assembly added \$10 million for Stage 3 under leadership of Speaker Perez:
- This is the 3rd year the Assembly has augmented Stage 3 by a significant amount.
- This funding will prevent further disenrollment through June 30.
- It will not reinstate children who have already been disenrolled.

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 is on hold.



State Legislation Update

- AB 260 (Action today) makes San Mateo and San Francisco Title 5 pilots for funding flexibility permanent
- AB 290 (Action today) adds one hour on nutrition and the Child and Adult Care Food Program to current 15 hour mandatory health and safety training for center directors and family child care



State Legislation: Information or Future Action?

- AB 1187 Could increase child care access for children in Child Protective Services (CPS) System
- AB 641 (Rendon) (Watch) family child care unionization
- SB 192 (Liu) SPI sponsored bill

State Legislation: Information or Future Action?

- AB 812 (Mitchell) Limit appeals process for Title 5 contractors to internal CDE review
- SB 464 (Jackson) nutrition and physical activity standards: permissive
- AB 1152 (Ammiano) Protects CalSAFE