



County of Los Angeles
 Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care



Winners and Losers
A Report on the California State Legislature and Budget
Child Care and Development

California State Budget 2007-08¹

- Allocates \$3.3 million to California Department of Education child care and development programs, including funding for general child care, CalWORKs child care, preschool and before and after school programs.
- Funds increase in the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to 4.53% for K-12 programs, including child care and development funded under the California Department of Education.
- Continues \$50 million in funding for the Prekindergarten and Family Literacy Program (PKFLP), a three year initiative to expand preschool opportunities for four year olds; however line item veto of additional \$5 million of wraparound funds for full day. (See AB 194, the budget clean-up bill that reinstates these wraparound dollars.)
- Raises eligibility for the state subsidized programs to 75% of the State Median Income (\$50,250 for a family of four) for 2007-08 for cost of \$6.8 million.
- Provides \$1.6 million of one-time quality improvements for the development of state preschool foundations, \$500,000 for health and safety training of licensed and license-exempt providers, and \$6.5 million of other quality improvements.
- Maintains funding of \$15 million for the retention incentive initiative and \$7.9 million for the county-based centralized eligibility lists.
- Maintains funding for After School Education and Safety Program (ASESP) and increases by \$23.6 million funding for 21st Century Community Learning Centers.
- Allocates an additional \$2.5 million to Community Care Licensing to increase random sampling from 20% to 30% annually and for follow-up visits for child care and development programs out of compliance.

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Licensing

AB 304 (Huff)	Requires community care facility that is licensed or has permit for special services to provide copy of disaster and casualty plan to any local entity responsible for providing emergency services upon their request.	Chapter 18 Signed: 6/28/07
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¹ Sources include Child Development Policy Institute. (August 24, 2007) *Information Bulletin*; and On the Capitol Doorstep Newsletter (September 2007).

² To obtain additional information about any legislation, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.htm.

Access to Child Care Subsidies		
AB 905 (Arambula)	Amends existing law to extend the 60-day eligibility period for subsidized child care for the parent seeking employment to an additional 60 days if determined by the Superintendent that opportunities for employment have diminished to degree that one or both parents cannot reasonably be expected to find employment within the 60 day limit and the extension is in the public interest. Addresses areas of high unemployment or disproportionately high numbers of seasonal agricultural jobs.	Chapter 110 Signed: 7/20/07
Organizing Child Care Providers		
AB 1164 (De Léon)	Authorizes family child care providers (including license-exempt) to choose negotiating representative by a single provider to, among other things, operate substitute provider pools, marketing, offer business development programs, meet with state regulatory agencies, and engage in various negotiations with public and private entities that administer state-funded subsidies for child care services. Allows negotiating representative to negotiate with state agencies to deduct the fair share of service fee or membership dues from subsidy payments. Prevents overpayment of dues if more than one agency involved. Provider organizations would be prohibited from calling a strike. Family child care providers shall be deemed to be self-employed, not employees of the state for purposes of this article.	Vetoed: 10/14/07 Message: "...has the potential to add significant fiscal pressures to the State's structural budget deficit. Family child care homes currently receive prevailing market rates for their services. They are reimbursed for the state-subsidized families they serve at the same rate as that paid by the non-subsidized families they serve. "Changes in the current reimbursement structure, increases in family child care provider reimbursement rates, expanded provider training efforts, or other program enhancements could come at the expense of the number of available child care slots. In light of the current structural budget deficit, it is imperative that we balance our fiscal reality and the need to provide services to working families."

Prekindergarten Family Literacy Program (PKFLP)		
AB 194 (Committee on Budget)	Amends and supplements Budget Act of 2007 by revising items of appropriation for several State Departments. Among amendments, includes \$5,000,000 for wraparound care to children enrolled in state preschool programs with priority going to Prekindergarten Family Literacy Program (PKFLP) preschools.	Chapter 489 Signed: 10/11/07
AB 1080 (Mullin)	Relates to state preschool programs that include part-day and preschool appropriate programs for prekindergarten children (e.g. PKFLP) by making technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to existing provisions. Among the changes, allows programs to select a family literacy and education coordinator; requires the CDE/CDD, if funds from \$45,000,000 allocation are offered under new competitive bidding process due to termination, suspension or relinquishment of contract, to assign priority to maintain existing class within the attendance area of the elementary school from original grant; and encourages programs to offer full-day services.	Chapter 278 Signed: 10/5/07
School Age		
AB 1685 (Garrick)	Relates to the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002. Clarifies that the 2005-06 fiscal year funding level also includes adjustments related to increased reimbursement rates and maximum grant amounts for before school programs pursuant to specified statutory provisions. Requires reporting of outcome-based data for evaluation relating to academic performance, attendance, positive behavioral changes, and skill development.	Chapter 22 Signed: 6/28/07
Miscellaneous		
AB 757 (Committee on Public Employees, Retirement, and Social Security)	Makes technical changes to State Teacher's Retirement System. Extends eligibility to Defined Benefit Program to prekindergarten teachers employed by schools.	Chapter 323 Signed: 10/8/07

Miscellaneous continued		
AB 834 (Hayashi)	Amends existing law by requiring community dental disease prevention program to, among other things, include age appropriate education that promotes oral health and focuses on development of personal practices by children in preschool through 6 th grade and parents, and include fluoride supplements. Also requires dental services be provided by licensed dentist or licensed or registered dental health professional. Other requirements related to convening stakeholders to review education and prevention components of the program.	Vetoed: 10/10/07 Message: "...creates fiscal pressure and provisions of the bill can be more effectively done administratively." Directs "Department of Public Health to work with stakeholders to develop and implement efforts to simplify contracting, encourage providers to improve coordination with and access to existing dental coverage, and to continue to improve the California Children's Dental Disease Prevention Program."
AB 1571 (De Saulnier)	Relates to child care and development services and alternative payment programs. Authorizes alternative payment programs, excluding programs that provide CalWORKS Child Care services, to apply for reimbursement of up to 3% of the contract amount, or for a greater amount subject to the discretion of the State Department of Education based on the availability of funds. If reimbursement requests exceed available funds, would assign priority for funding according to order in which receives application.	Chapter 415 Signed: 10/10/07
SB 7 (Oropeza)	Prohibits person to smoke tobacco-related product in a motor vehicle in which there is a minor, making it an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$100. Prohibits law enforcement to stop vehicle solely for purpose of determining driver is in violation of this provision.	Chapter 425 Signed: 10/10/07
SB 533 (Yee)	Would add pneumococcus to the list of immunizations required for entry into child care, for children up to 24 months of age, effective 7/1/08.	Vetoed: 10/5/07 Message: "...public health experts say not needed...children already receive the vaccine... under voluntary system."