June, 2013

To: The Honorable John A. Pérez, Speaker of the California State Assembly
The Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tem of the California State Senate
Legislative Budget Conference Committee Members

We, the undersigned, greatly appreciate the work of the Subcommittees that focused on education and human service issues. In review of the Subcommittee reports from each house, we respectfully are looking for the following actions to restore funding to reflect caseloads for Stage 3 families, to begin the rebuilding of our early care and education programs starting with our earliest of learners, and to support the needs of working families. Note: page numbers reflect Subcommittee action reports submitted to each of the full Budget Committees.

5180 Department of Social Services - Realignment of child care

| Support both | Senate: Page 3-12: Rejected the programmatic aspects of the administration’s human services realignment proposal, which would have resulted, over time, in counties taking on more fiscal and programmatic responsibility for CalWORKs and CalWORKs child care (including stages one, two, and three), and potentially CalFresh administration costs as well. | Assembly: Page. 16: May Revision: Human Services Realignment Associated with Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation Rejected May Revision Proposal and Deferred to Health Actions on Broader ACA Implementation Proposal |

6110 Department of Education -

| Support Assembly | Senate: No action | Assembly: Pages 34 & 49 – Preschool Fee: Adopt Placeholder trailer bill language to Repeal Preschool Fee ($4 million) Pages 34 & 50 - Adopt Supplemental Report Language to require CDE to prepare a preschool plan ($341 million) |

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2 [http://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/2013-14%20Subcommittee%20Reports.pdf](http://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sites/abgt.assembly.ca.gov/files/2013-14%20Subcommittee%20Reports.pdf); May 28, 2013, Assembly Budget Committee Subcommittee Reports
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<td>Page 1-4: Provides $30 million in Proposition 98 funds in 2013-14 above the Governor’s budget to begin the process of restoring reductions to the State Preschool Program (part-day/part-year) for low-income three- and four-year old children. The State Preschool program has sustained approximately $120 million in cuts since 2009-10. The LAO recommends that the Legislature begin the process of restoring these reductions over multiple years starting in 2013-14.</td>
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<td>Child Care Caseload Budget Bill</td>
<td>Page 34 &amp; 50: $57 million to fully fund CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care, offsetting the Sequestration reduction attributed by DOF and also clarifying that caseload supported by one-time funding will continue as part of Stage 3 in the future.</td>
<td>Page 34 &amp; 50: Reduce CalWORKs Stage 2 funding by $11 million to reflect lower than expected caseloads, per LAO.</td>
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In the lives of the families and the children we serve, we ask you to:

- Support the Assembly recommendations to fully restore and adjust the funding needed to fully meet the Stage 2 & 3 caseloads; and to allow for flexibility to make caseload adjustments as needed
- Support the restoration and backfilling of the proposed sequestration reduction
- Support all subcommittee recommendations to oppose realignment of child care
- Support the Assembly recommendations of funding more preschool and child care slots for our earliest of learners
- Support striking the COLA prohibition for preschools and child care programs
- Support stabilizing funding for child development programs via a shift back into Proposition 98
- Oppose cuts to our quality programs such as Resource & Referral agencies

We stand united to support your actions that will lead to the restoration and reinvestment of funding in our children. We firmly believe that the identified actions above will result in positive social, academic and economic outcomes for decades to come.

YMCA Childcare Resource Service
Family Resource & Referral Center
Chicano Federation of San Diego County
Child Care Resource Center
Child Development Associates, Inc.
North Coast Opportunities (NCO)
CA Child Care Resource & Referral Network
San Francisco Child Care Planning & Advisory Council
Child Development Policy Institute (CDPI)
California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDA)
Child Development Resources
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo
Knowledge Universe United States
California Child Care Coordinators Association
Davis Street Family Resource Center
Connections for Children
Solano Family & Children’s Services
Marin Child Care Council
Central Valley Children's Services Network
Early Care and Education Consortium
Go Kids, Inc.
SJB Child Development Centers
California Community College Early Childhood Educators

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)
Santa Cruz County Parents Association
Valley Oak Children’s Services
California Alternative Payment Program Assn (CAPPA)
Chicano Federation of San Diego County
Child Care Links
California Association for the Education of Young Children
Choices for Children
Children Now
Crystal Stairs, Inc.
Bananas
KinderCare Learning Centers
WuYee Children’s Services
Children’s Council of San Francisco
Sierra Nevada Children’s Services
Parent Voices
Professional Association of Childhood Education
Action Alliance for Children
Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
California Head Start Association
International Institute of Los Angeles
First 5 LA