

First 5 LA - State and Federal Advocacy Agenda



Policy Item	Author/Budget Amount	Description	Notes/Sponsor/Status	Community Identified Priority	Position Taken
Early Care & Education					
Assembly Bill (AB) 125	McCarty (D-Sacramento), Berman, Bonta, Burke, Carrillo, Chiu, Dodd, Friedman, Eduardo Garcia, Gonzalez, Hill, Limón, Reyes, Santiago, Ting, and Wicks	Early childhood education: reimbursement rates: This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for childcare, preschool, and early learning services that would achieve specified objectives.	Assembly Education Committee Companion bill to SB 174 (Leyva)		Support
AB 194	Reyes (D-San Bernardino)	Child care and development services: This bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to early care and education programs and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to appropriate \$1,000,000,000 to immediately improve access to alternative payment programs and general childcare and development programs.	Assembly Appropriations Committee		Support
AB 324	Aguiar-Curry (D-Napa)	ECE Workforce: In 2000, AB 212 (Aroner) authorized funds from the California Department of Education (CDE) for childcare development staff retention. These funds aim to retain quality staff who have experience working directly with children in state-subsidized, Title 5 child development programs. AB 324 requires CDE to develop guidelines for the use of AB 212 funds. The new guidelines will still allow for local flexibility, but will create a standardized, effective, and measurable funding program. These guidelines will prioritize stipends that recruit, strengthen, and retain a quality, diverse ECE workforce.	Assembly Appropriations Committee Companion bill to Governor Newsom's budget proposal of \$500 million for infrastructure. Half (\$250 million) would go to workforce development.		Support
AB 452	Mullin (D-Daly City)	California Child Care Facilities Grant Program: This bill would seek to appropriate funds of between \$25,000,000 and \$35,000,000 towards grants to develop childcare facilities that serve children from birth to age three, with no less than \$10,000,000 of which dedicated to Early Head Start facilities.	Assembly Education Committee		Support
SB 174	Leyva (D-Ontario)	Reimbursement rates: This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a single regionalized state reimbursement rate system for childcare, preschool, and early learning services that would achieve specified objectives.	Senate Education Committee Companion bill to AB 175 (McCarty)		Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Infrastructure	\$500,000,000	One-time funding to improve child care infrastructure, including support for professional development and facilities.	Child Care and Early Learning TB		Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: CSU Child Care Infrastructure	\$247,000,000	California State University (CSU) system would receive \$247 million in one-time funding which could be used to expand child care facilities for students with young children.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: California State Pre-School	\$125,000,000	\$125 million would provide an additional 180,000 full-day, full-year pre-school spaces in 2019-20, increasing to 200,000 students by 2022.			Support

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Gov. Budget Proposal: Roadmap for Universal Pre-School and Child Care	\$10,000,000	\$10 million to develop, in partnership with the State Board of Education, Department of Finance, and Department of Social Services, a roadmap toward universal pre-school and quality, affordable subsidized child care in California.	Child Care and Early Learning TB		Support
State Budget Request: Child Care Bridge Program	\$47,000,000	\$47 million to support additional vouchers to assist families in paying for emergency, short-term child care for foster children in a home-based family care setting, allowing approximately 19,000 foster children to receive child care for up to six months on an immediate basis.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Full School Day/Year Kindergarten	\$750,000,000	One-time funding directed toward local education agencies to remove barriers to full school-day, full school-year kindergarten.	Education Omnibus TB		Priority Engagement
Health					
Assembly Bill (AB) 526	Petrie-Norris (R-Irvine)	Medi-Cal: This bill would create an expedited Medi-Cal enrollment pathway for children and pregnant women, by allowing the data individuals provide when applying to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to also determine eligibility for Medi-Cal. The state would accomplish this by utilizing Medicaid's Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) authority. This allows children to concurrently apply for Medi-Cal, as well as pregnant women into Presumptive Eligibility Medi-Cal status, when applying to certain other federal benefits programs. The bill would also fund infrastructure and systems changes needed to enable information sharing between WIC and Medi-Cal.	Assembly Appropriations Committee		Support
AB 1004	McCarty (D-Sacramento)	Developmental screening services: This bill is the re-introduction of AB 11, which would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services provided as an EPSDT benefit include developmental screening services for individuals zero to 3 years of age, inclusive. The bill would require the department to ensure a Medi-Cal managed care plan's ability and readiness to perform these developmental screening services, and would require the department to adjust a Medi-Cal managed care plan's capitation rate, as specified. Until July 1, 2023, the bill would require an external quality review organization entity to annually review, survey, and report on managed care plan reporting and compliance with specified developmental screening tools and schedules.	Assembly Appropriations Committee		Co-Sponsor
Senate Bill (SB) 464	Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)	Implicit Bias: This bill would make legislative findings relating to implicit bias and racial disparities in maternal mortality rates. The bill would require a hospital that provides perinatal care, and an alternative birth center or a primary clinic that provides services as an alternative birth center, to implement an implicit bias program, as specified, for all health care providers involved in perinatal care of patients within those facilities. The bill would require the department to track and publish data on maternal death and severe morbidity, disaggregated by county, facility, and racial and ethnic identity.	Senate Appropriations Committee		Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Developmental Screenings	\$60,000,000	\$60 million in state and federal funding to increase developmental screening rates for young children.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Black Infant Health	\$7,500,000	\$7.5 million to further address disparities in infant and maternal mortality for African American women.			Support

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Gov. Budget Proposal: Health Provider Rates	\$1,000,000,000	Continued funding for health provider rate increases, including more than \$1 billion in Proposition 56 funding (tobacco tax increase approved by voters in 2016). At least \$50 million in additional funding will be made available for Medi-Cal family planning services, and additional funds will be available for mental health provider training, whole person care pilots, and additional health systems incentives which could be modified to include early childhood priorities.			Priority Engagement
Families					
Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 1	Bonta (D-Oakland), Aguiar-Curry, Bealle, Bradford, Calderon, Carrillo, Chiu, Chu, Gabriel, Cristina Garcia, Gloria, Gonzalez, Holden, Hueso, Jones-Sawyer, Kalra, Levine, Limón, Low, McCarty, Rendon, Reyes, Rivas, Rodriguez, Santiago, Ting, and Weber	Public Charge: This measure would condemn regulations proposed by the Department of Homeland Security to prescribe how a determination of an alien's inadmissibility is made based on the likelihood that the alien will become a public charge. This measure would also urge the federal government to reconsider and roll back the proposed regulations.	Senate Human Services Committee		Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Working Families Tax Credit	1,000,000,000	\$1 billion to expand eligibility to an additional 400,000 families, and converting the credit to a monthly benefit to better meet the needs of working families.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: CalWORKs Grants	\$347,600,000	\$347.6 million to further increase the size of the state's California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) cash grants, eventually increasing to \$455.5M annually. These increases will begin October 1, 2019 and ensure no child in a family receiving cash aid from the state lives in deep poverty.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative	\$78,900,000	\$78.9 million to expand and make permanent the CalWORKs Home Visiting Initiative (HVI) created in the 2018-19 budget.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Adverse Childhood Experiences	\$45,000,000	\$45 million in state and federal funding to ensure all families on Medi-Cal receive Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screens.			Support
Gov. Budget Proposal: Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)	\$23,000,000	\$23 million to double the federally-funded Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program operated by the California Department of Public Health.			Support
Federal Policy					
Federal Regulation -USCIS-2010-0012	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Proposed Federal Regulation: Expansion of the public charge definition for immigrants seeking to legally adjust their status.	First 5 LA Submitted Public Comments to the Federal Register on 12/7/2018.		Oppose
Communities					
Sustainability					