

Proposed Agenda

April 8, 2015 ♦ 10:00 a.m. to Noon
 Hahn Hall of Administration ♦ Conference Room 743
 500 W. Temple Street ♦ Los Angeles

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
10:00	1. Welcome and Introductions a. Comments from the Chair b. Review of March Minutes Action Item c. Update on the Office of Child Care	Dora Jacildo Chair
10:20	2. Public Policy a. Update on Pending State Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB 928 (Eggman): Child care and development priority eligibility for children experiencing homelessness ▪ Others 	Maureen Diekmann Michele Sartell
10:40	3. What We Should Be Thinking About/What We Should Be Doing	Sharoni Little Vice Chair
10:45	4. Panel Discussion on Subsidized Child Care Children in Foster Care a. The Challenge of Child Care for DCFS b. What are our resources? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCFS Administered Child Care Subsidies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who and how many are being served? ○ Who's excluded? ○ Connecting to other subsidy programs ○ High no show for enrollment c. Not just any care --- the need for high quality care	Helen Berberian Jennifer Hottenroth Dora Jacildo
11:50	5. Announcements and Public Comments	Members & Guests
12:00	6. Call to Adjourn	Sharoni Little

Mission Statement

The Los Angeles County Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development builds and strengthens early care and education by providing policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policy, systems and infrastructure improvement.

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Meeting Minutes ♦ March 11, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions

Dora Jacildo, Chair of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development (Roundtable) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. and welcomed all members and guests.

Following self-introductions, Ms. Jacildo reminded members that at the February meeting, the presentation on the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles coaching model was moved to March. Ms. Jacildo thanked Ms. Cristina Alvarado and Ms. Fiona Stewart for their flexibility.

Ms. Alvarado opened the presentation by naming the agencies who are members of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles (CCALA):

- Child Care Resource Center
- City of Norwalk
- Connections for Children
- Crystal Stairs, Inc.
- Drew Child Development Corp.
- International Institute of Los Angeles
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- Options
- Pathways
- Pomona Unified School District

These agencies began coordinating their training and coaching services in 2012. Coaching, which has emerged as an important professional development strategy, is a key component of the Gateways for Early Educators program (Gateways). In 2013-14, the agencies offered 764 training workshops on 10 aligned topic areas to nearly 3,000 unduplicated participants. In addition, 1,277 participants received on-site coaching services from CCALA.

Among the Gateways for Early Educators participants:

- 31 percent have a high school education
- 37 percent have some college
- 47 percent are primarily Spanish speaking

The Gateways model is unique in that it builds on each participating agency's history and knowledge of their community. At the same time, there are collective agreements across the CCALA members regarding the integrity of both the training and coaching services.

Mr. Dennis shared that as a result of their coaching work, CCALA was able to engage in a project with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. This project, which is one of only six grants awarded nationally, focuses on physical activity and obesity. This project and "Choose Health LA," build on the expertise of child care providers in the community.

Ms. Stewart distributed copies of the CCALA "*Coaching as a Component of ECE Workforce and Professional Development*" document. She thanked Randi Wolfe for producing the final product.

2. Approval of February Minutes

Following a review of the February 11, 2015 minutes, Mr. Dennis moved their approval, Ms. Maria Calix offered a second and the minutes were approved with one abstention. Dr. Dawn Kurtz abstained as she did not attend the February meeting.

Following a brief discussion, members agreed to the following topics for the next three meetings:

- April – Subsidized Child Care for Foster Children
- May – Update on Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement Systems in Los Angeles County
- June - Update on Early Head Start and Head Start Operations in Los Angeles County

In addition, there was agreement that the annual Roundtable retreat on July 8, 2015 would continue the discussion of connecting early care and education services to mental health and other services.

3. Update on the Structure of the Chief Executive Office

Ms. Kathy Malaske-Samu reported that Ms. Cheri Thomas had planned to attend the Roundtable meeting and make this report. Unfortunately, she ran into a conflict.

Ms. Malaske-Samu directed members to the updated Chief Executive Office organizational chart in their materials and pointed out that the Service Integration Branch was listed on this chart. Ms. Thomas is the Senior Manager of the Service Integration Branch and the Office of Child Care will remain with the Branch. Ms. Malaske-Samu then introduced Mr. Vincent Holmes, a member of the Service Integration Branch team, who will serve as interim staff to the Roundtable pending the hiring of a new Director for the Office of Child Care.

Ms. Malaske-Samu also reported that Ms. Rentia Bowlin would be joining the Office of Child Care in mid-April. Ms. Bowlin will be the lead on the new California State Preschool Quality Rating and Improvement System and will be supporting the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge and Steps to Excellence programs.

4. California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program

Ms. Malaske-Samu opened this item by directing members to the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program – Los Angeles County handout in their materials. Ms. Malaske-Samu stressed the following points:

- Senate Bill 876 was signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2014, making \$15 million available for professional development stipends for teachers in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) classrooms.
- Per this bill, credentialed teachers first assigned to TK classrooms after July 1, 2015, will be required to meet one of the following criteria by August 1, 2020:
 1. Have completed at least 24 units in early childhood education, child development, or both.

2. Have been determined by the local education agency employing the teacher to possess the professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described above.
3. Have been awarded a Child Development Teacher Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The first priority for participation in the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program (CTKSP) is TK teachers seeking academic units in child development. CSPP teachers pursuing academic coursework are the second priority.

Los Angeles County will received \$3,643,172 to operate this program for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. However, if a majority of these funds are not expended by June 30, 2016, they could be re-allocated.¹

Counties are afforded some flexibility in how they design their CTKSP. In Los Angeles County, the Office of Child Care will operate CTKSP using principles similar to those guiding the Investing in Early Educators Program (IEEP). IEEP makes cash stipends available to persons working in qualified programs and who complete unit bearing coursework in child development or leading to a degree in child development. Similarly, CTKSP will make cash stipends available to TK and CSPP teachers who complete academic units in early childhood development.

In the discussion that followed, recommendations were put forward to provide stipends to eligible persons participating in professional development activities and other types of coursework. Ms. Renatta Cooper stressed the short timeframe to get this program operational and to expend the funds efficiently so as to avoid their re-allocation to other counties.

It was noted that while the period for these funds is July 2014, grant agreements were not made available until February 2015. There was no planning time built into this process and the funds are to be paid out to teachers in the form of stipends. Therefore, the Office of Child Care will be proceeding to make the funds available to eligible persons completing unit-bearing coursework during FY 2015-16. It may be possible to include additional activities during 2016 -17.

5. Sacramento Update

In light of scheduling concerns, Ms. Jacildo requested that the agenda item on Facilitating Access to Subsidized Child Care Services for Children in Foster Care be addressed first. Ms. Genie Chough, Children's Deputy with Supervisor Sheila Kuehl thanked Ms. Jacildo for this modification to the agenda.

Ms. Chough thanked the Roundtable for the opportunity to bring forward a concern she had encountered as she met with service providers in the Third District. Ms. Heather Carrigan with Westside Children's Center described the challenge of connecting children in foster care to

¹ The actual language on the grant agreement is "Should there be the likelihood the grantee will not expend the full amount, based on the expenditure report at the end of FY 2015-16, CDE may invoice the grantee for said funds and reallocate to an area in greater need, based on revised demographic information on TK enrollment."

subsidized child care and development services. This situation is causing serious problems for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Without access to subsidized child care and development, DCFS is struggling to find foster placements for very young children who have been removed from their families. The children are staying in the “Welcome Centers” much longer than was intended.

Supervisors Kuehl and Ridley –Thomas are concerned about this situation and want to pursue a legislative fix to ensure that children in the foster care system are afforded first priority for subsidized child care and development, as are those children with an open case who remain with their families.

The following points were raised in response to this issue:

- Gratitude was expressed for the interest of the Supervisors in this issue. It has been a long standing problem. A previous effort to address this legislatively did not succeed. Funding for subsidized child care and development programs is grossly inadequate. As a result, there is tension between meeting the needs of low-income working families and children in the child welfare system.
- The coaching model discussed earlier will be very important to ensure that when children in foster care access subsidized child care and development programs, the caregivers are prepared to address the particular needs of children who have experienced trauma.
- This effort is aligned with Goal 2 of the Child Care Policy Framework.

Mr. Dennis moved that the Roundtable support the concept of increasing access to subsidized child care and development services for children in foster care. Dr. McCroskey offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Maureen Diekmann noted that the following bills were of high interest to the Joint Committee on Legislation:

- AB 47 – Expansion of State Preschool
- AB 74 – Incrementally increase on-site inspections of child care centers and family child care homes, so that by 2018, all programs are inspected annually.

The Joint Committee on Legislation was recommending a support position on AB 74 and Ms. Michele Sartell included a copy of the bill analysis in the member packets. The following issues were raised in discussing the bill:

- Sometimes the Licensing Analyst leaves the program in limbo after a citation is made
- Regulations require follow-up in 30 or 60 days – but that is a long time
- Is the role of the Licensing Analyst compliance monitor or partner
- The child care resource and referral agencies are available to assist providers

Ms. Diekmann moved support for AB 74 and Ms. Fran Chasen provided a second. The motion passed without opposition. Mr. Pirim asked that future analyses of the bills include a cost analysis.

Written comments on the proposed California Department of Education (CDE) Plan for Quality Activities under the federal Child Care and Development Fund are due to by June 1, 2015.

6. Announcements and Public Comments

The following announcements were made:

- Mr. Pirim announced that a new system will be replacing the Trustline process. Little information is available on the new system.
- Dr. Jacquelyn Christianson stated that the Child Guidance Clinic will be hosting training on biting in the classroom in May.
- Ms. Michele Sartell announced that applications for membership on the Child Care Planning Committee are available.
- Ms. Fran Chasen announced that the Infant Development Association will be hosting a conference on April 17 and 18, 2015.
- Dr. Dianne Philibosian announced that the City of Pasadena will be considering a new Early Learning Policy on March 23, 2015.

7. Call to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately noon.

Members/Alternates Present

Jeanette Aguirre, Los Angeles County Probation Department
Maria Calix, Second District
Sam Chan, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
Fran Chasen, Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children
Duane Dennis, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Maureen Diekmann, Los Angeles Unified School District
Robert Gilchick, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Jennifer Hottenroth, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Karla Pleitez Howell, Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee
Dora Jacildo, Fourth District
Sharoni Little, Second District
Dawn Kurtz, Los Angeles Universal Preschool
Kathleen Malaske-Samu, Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Jacquelyn McCroskey, Third District
Terri Nishimura, Fourth District
Faith Parducho, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Nurhan Pirim, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Keesha Woods, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Head Start – State Preschool

76 percent of members were present

Guests Present

Cristian Alvarado, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Rob Beck, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
Andrew Bridge, CWI/SCFFA
Ellen Cervantes, Child Care Resource Center
Tessa Charnofsky, First 5 LA

Genie Chough, Third District
Jacquelyn Christensen, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic
Richard Cohen, Children's Institute, Inc.
Jan Fish, California State University Northridge (CSUN)
Jessica Guerra, Crystal Stairs, Inc.
Vincent Holmes, Service Integration Branch/Chief Executive Office
Elsa Jacobsen, Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP)
Jennifer Jones, Advancement Project
Terri Lamb, LAUP
Danette McBride, Second District
Dianne Philibosian, (CSUN)
Susan Hendricks Richman, Child Care Provider
Fiona Stewart, Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles
Nancy Lee Sayer, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dr. Sandra Williams, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Head Start – State Preschool
Angela Vasquez, Advancement Project
Randi Wolfe, Tikkun Consulting

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Veronica Montano-Sanchez
Michele Sartell
Jocelyn Tucker



LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE – FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2015-16

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/7/15)
California Assembly Bills								
	AB 15 (Holden)	Would express Legislature intent to enact legislation that would provide for a living wage for work performed by parties who contract with the state. <i>Gutted and amended to address human rights abuses.</i>						Introduced: 12/1/14 Committee on Judiciary
1	AB 47 (McCarty)	Would require the California Department of Education (CDE) to report to the Legislature and Department of Finance (DOF) by 6/1/2016 a plan for expanding the state preschool program for all eligible low-income children without current access to one year of state preschool or transitional kindergarten. Report to contain an analysis of the need for new facilities for preschool expansion.		Bryan Singh 916.319.2007				Introduced: 12/1/14 Committee on Education
	AB 53 (Garcia)	Would require properly securing a child under 2 years of age in an appropriate rear facing child safety seat while the child is riding in a motor vehicle while transported by a parent, legal guardian or other driver.						Introduced: 12/1/14 Committee on Transportation Hearing: 4/13/15 Committee on Appropriations

* Levels of interest are assigned by the Joint Committee on Legislation based on consistency with the Public Policy Platform accepted by the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and Development and consistent with County Legislative Policy for the current year. Levels of interest do ***not*** indicate a pursuit of position in either direction. The Joint Committee will continue to monitor all listed bills as proceed through the legislative process. Levels of interest may change based on future amendments.

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/7/15)
1	AB 74 (Calderon)	Would require the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to conduct annual unannounced inspections of licensed facilities, including child care centers and family child care homes, as of 1/1/18. Specifies incremental steps to increasing the percent of facilities subject to annual unannounced inspections and the frequency of inspections each year up to 1/1/18. Fiscal effect: unknown		Kelsy Castillo 916.319.2057		AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CA Commission on Aging, Advancement Project, CAPP, CA Assisted Living Assoc(CALA), CCCRRN, CA Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA), CCALA, Special Needs Network (SNN), and more		Introduced: 1/6/15 Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care
Spot bill Watch	AB 148 (Holden)	Would place a ballot measure entitled K-14 School Investment Bond of 2016 before the voters at a statewide 2016 election. Revises the requirements for construction and modernization of school facilities. Included are allowances for joint use agreements for early childhood education and child care centers.						Introduced: 1/15/15 Amended: 3/26/14 Committee on Education
Watch	AB 188 (Garcia)	Would amend Education Code to allow agencies contracting with the CDE for the Alternative Payment (AP) Program to be reimbursed for making eligibility determinations at a rate of three percent of the total contract amount. Fiscal effect: unknown	CAPP	Vivian Ericson 916.319.2058		CAPP, Children's Foundation, Child Care Links, Child Dev Assoc, Inc., Controltec, Inc., MAOF, and more		Introduced: 1/27/15 Committee on Appropriations

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Watch	AB 233 (Lopez)	Would amend existing sections of the California Education Code pertaining to child care and development services contracted by the CDE. Among amendments are authorizing 12 months of continuous eligibility, deleting certain reporting requirements, allowing the establishment of reimbursement rates that best meet the needs of the community while not exceeding market rate ceilings, and eliminating the requirement that contracting agencies re-compete for funding every five years. In addition, deletes a significant portion of the section pertaining to fraud and overpayment to focus on best practices.	CAPPA	Kristi Lopez 916.319-2039				Introduced: 2/4/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/14/15
Watch (need more information)	AB 271 (Oberholte)	Would authorize CDE-contracted programs, including AP Programs and providers, to maintain any records electronically regardless of whether the original documents were created in electronic format and to retain a case record using either electronic or other alternative storage technologies. In addition, would authorize AP Programs and providers to use an electronic signature. Fiscal effect: unknown	CAPPA	Justin Heyer 916.319.2033		CAPPA Children's Foundation, Child Care Links, Child Dev Assoc, Inc., Community Child Care Council (4C's) of Alameda County, Controltec, Inc., MAOF, Supportive Services, Inc. and more		Introduced: 2/10/15 Committee on Appropriations
	AB 427 (Weber)	<i>Would exclude from income the amount of the basic allowance for housing provided to an individual who is on federal active duty, state active duty, active duty for special work, or Active Guard and Reserve duty in the military equal to the lowest rate of the allowance for the military housing area in which the individual resides for purposes of determining eligibility for child care and development services.</i>						Introduced: 2/19/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/14

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	AB 433 (Chu)	<i>Would require a deceased child to continue to be included as a member of a qualified family for the month in which his/her death occurred, and the following month. Would prohibit sanctions imposed on parents during a defined period of grieving and require the County to assist the family with access to mental health and other services.</i>						Introduced: 2/19/14 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15
Watch	AB 589 (Lopez)	Would require online child care job posting services to include specific information about each child care provider on the website profile or page that lists provider information, including but not limited to a description of the trustline registry and a description of the availability of free child care referrals in every county. The CDSS would be charged to responding to complaints about the website.	CCCRRN	Kristi Lopez 916.319.2039				Introduced: 2/24/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/14/15 Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection
Watch	AB 598 (Rendon)	Would amend existing law pertaining to Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHENs) by requiring that the tools used to make an assessment of family child care providers be appropriate to those settings.	CCCRRN	Stacey Reardon 916.319.2063				Introduced: 2/24/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15
New	AB 713 (Weber)	Would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before he or she may be admitted to the first grade beginning with the 2017–18 school year,		Matthew Hamlett 916.319.2079			California Right to Life, Inc., Home School Legal Defense Association (Virginia), Independent Private Schools of California	Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 3/19/15 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/8/15

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1	AB 762 (Mullin)	Would require CDSS to adopt regulations, on or before January 1, 2018, to develop and implement an integrated license for a child care center serving children from birth to kindergarten. Would repeal the provisions relating to a toddler program component effective January 1, 2018.	California Head Start Association (CHSA)	Miriam Farouk 916.319.2022				Introduced: 2/25/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/14/15
	AB 765 (Ridley-Thomas)	<i>Would provide that the standard reimbursement rate (SRR) is not intended to fund mandated costs imposed upon child development programs due to actions of law relating to minimum wage requirements, health insurance requirements, new or increased fees, new or expanded program requirements, or other cost increases due to legislative action. In addition, would require raising the SRR as needed to provide a living wage, reasonable health insurance, and retirement benefits for employees, to support the recruitment and retention of skilled and trained teachers, to support the financial stability of programs and educational quality, and to achieve gender pay equity. Would define cost-of-living adjustment to be, among other things, at least equal to the amount of the inflation adjustments given to K-12 education programs.</i>	CA Child Development Directors Association (CCDAA)					Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15
	AB 833 (Bonta)	<i>Would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) to establish a statewide centralized eligibility list to consolidate child care waiting lists and a statewide quality rating and improvement system to improve the quality of early learning.</i>						Introduced: 2/26/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15

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Added	AB 891 (Campos)	Would give first priority for enrollment in After School Education and Safety (ASES) programs to youth experiencing homelessness and second priority to students in CalWORKs assistance units. Would prohibit a program that charges family fees from charging a fee to a family with a youth experiencing homelessness or a family who is part of a CalWORKs assistance unit. Would require schools to provide free transportation to and from school to students entitled to free or reduced meals. Would require that a \$200 supplement to the amount of cash aid provided under the program be paid to a CalWORKs recipient 19 years of age and under upon verification of receiving a high school diploma or its equivalent. Would require the design of a youth subsidized employment program for youth 15 to 19 years of age who are eligible for benefits under this bill and require the program to provide needy youth with paid employment, occupational skills training, and other relevant services	Children's Defense Fund – CA, Western Center on Law & Poverty, National Association of Working Women	Erasmio Viveros 916.319.2027		Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach, CA Catholic Conference, CA Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Courage Campaign, InnerCity Struggle, Khmer Girls in Action, Lynwood USD, National Association of Social Workers, Our Family Coalition, PolicyLink, Success in Challenges, Youth Justice Coalition		Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/8/15 Committee on Human Services
1	AB 982 (Eggman)	Would include homeless families as part of the intended priority for child development programs. Would expand the list of entities that can identify a child in need of child care and development services to include a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, a Head Start program, or a transitional shelter.	National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth	Laura Ayala 916.31.2013				Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/14/15

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Spot bill	AB 1114 (Bonilla)	Would change the sunset date for the SPI to provide the Legislature with an evaluation of kindergarten program implementation in the state, including part-day and full-day kindergarten programs from 7/1/17 to 7/15/17.						Introduced: 2/27/15
Watch (need more information)	AB 1161 (Olsen & Atkins)	Would establish the California Preschool Investment Fund, which would authorize the CDE to accept monetary contributions to the fund for purposes of preschool education until 1/1/2021. Five counties, via application by the counties' local child care and development planning council, will be selected by the CDE/EESD based on a number of factors to be included in the pilot. The CDE to develop a system for accepting monetary contributions to the program and to allocate credits to contributors on a first-come, first-served basis. The aggregate amount of credit shall not exceed \$250 million for each calendar year.		Allison Wescott 916.319.2012				Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Revenue and Taxation Hearing: 4/20/15
Watch	AB 1207 (Lopez)	Would amend existing law pertaining to mandate child abuse reporting by requiring child care licensee applicants to take training in the duties of mandated reporters under the child abuse reporting laws as a condition of licensure, and a child care administrators or employees of a licensed child care facilities to take the training during the first six weeks of employment by the facility. Training to include, but not be limited to, training in child abuse and neglect identification and child abuse and neglect reporting.	Child Care Law Center	Kristi Lopez 916.319.2039				Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Public Safety

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Spot bill	AB 1314 (Thurmond)	Would express intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would improve access to early care and education programs for working families.						Introduced: 2/27/15
	AB 1387 (Chu)	<i>Would delete the requirement that moneys collected from the imposition of certain penalties and deposited in the Child Health and Safety Fund be used for assisting families with the identification, transportation, and enrollment of children in another center or family child care home upon the revocation or suspension of the license of a center or family child care home.</i>						Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 3/26/15 Committee on Human Services
1	AB 1467 (Bloom)	Would increase the amount of civil penalties to be imposed for a licensing violation against community care facilities (inclusive of child development centers and family child care homes), and would impose civil penalties for a repeat violation of those provisions. In addition, would delete a requirement that moneys collected from the imposition of certain penalties be used for assisting families with the identification, transportation, and enrollment of children in another day care or family day care home upon the revocation or suspension of the license of a day care or family day care home.		Sean MacNeil 916.319.2050				Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15

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California Senate Bills								
	SB 3 (Leno)	Would increase the minimum wage, on and after 1/1/2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, <i>and</i> on and after 7/1/2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. Would require automatic adjustment of the minimum wage using a specified formula on January 1 of each year, starting on 1/1/19, to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation that occurred during the previous year. <i>Amendments mostly technical.</i>	Western Center on Law and Poverty, California State Council of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU)			ACLU, CA Alliance for Retired Americans, CA Catholic Conference, CA Lawyers Assoc, CA Hunger Action Coalition, CA Immigrant Policy Center, CA Labor Federation AFL-CIO, CA Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, CA School Employees Assoc, CA Teamsters Public Affairs Council, CA United for a Responsible Budget, CDF-CA, City & Co of San Francisco, City of Long Beach- Office of the Mayor, City of Los Angeles- Office of the Mayor, Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc., NASW-CA Chapter, Nat'l Employment Law Project and many more	Automotive Service Councils of CA, CA Agricultural Aircraft Assoc, CA Ambulance Association, CA Assoc of Bed and Breakfast Inns, CA Assoc of Health Services at Home, CA Assoc Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers, CA Attractions & Parks Assoc, CA Autobody Assoc, CA Business Properties Assoc, CA Chamber of Commerce, CA Citrus Mutual, CA Cotton Ginners Assoc, CA Dairies, Inc., CA Farm Bureau Federation, and many more	Introduced: 12/2/14 Amended: 3/11/15 Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations Hearing: 4/8/15
	SB 23 (Mitchell)	Would prohibit imposing a condition for cash aid (CalWORKs) on a recipient to disclose information regarding incest, rape or use of contraceptives. Would prohibit denying an increase in aid to a family currently receiving aid upon the birth of a new child. Fiscal effect in 1 st and outgoing years.	WCLP, CWDA, ACLU		Support	ACLU of CA, Health Access; California Partnership; CFPA, California Immigrant Policy Center; Center for Law and Social Policy, Child Care Law Center, Children Now, CDF among many others		Introduced: 12/1/14 Committee on Appropriations Hearing: 4/13/15

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	SB 114 (Liu)	<p>Would enact the Kindergarten <i>Through Grade 1</i> Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2016 to authorize an unspecified amount of state general obligation bonds, as scheduled, to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, county boards of education, and charter schools, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities. The proposed bond act would become operative only if approved by the voters at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, and the bill would provide for its submission to the voters at that election. Fiscal effect: yes</p>	California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)	Joyce Roys-Aguilera 916.651.4025				<p>Introduced: 1/13/15 Amended: 3/19/15</p> <p>Committee on Education</p> <p>Committee on Government and Finance</p>
	SB 174 (Wolk)	<p>Would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to implement a 2-year pilot project in the Counties of Sacramento and Yolo to conduct a study of the relationship between crisis respite care and incidents of reported child abuse in those counties, and report the results of the study to the Legislature. Would express Legislative intent to provide state funding for crisis nurseries in the Budget Act of 2015 for community services and this pilot project. Would sunset 1/1/2018. Fiscal effect: yes</p>						<p>Introduced: 2/5/15</p> <p>Committee on Appropriations</p>

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	SB 212 (Mendoza)	Would impose additional punishment of three to five years imprisonment on anyone 18 or older who receives a drug conviction when the offense takes place upon the grounds of, or within 1,000 feet of a public or private preschool. Fiscal effect: yes	California District Attorneys Association	Indira McDonald 916.651.4032		Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, CA Assoc of Code Enforcement Officers, CA College and University Police Chiefs Assoc, CA Contract Cities Assoc, CA Narcotic Officers Association, CA State Sheriffs' Assoc, Chief Probation Officers of CA, LA Police Protective League, Riverside Sheriffs' Association	CA Attorneys for Criminal Justice, CA Public Defenders Association, Drug Policy Alliance	Introduced: 2/11/15 Committee on Public Safety Hearing: 4/14/14
2	SB 268 (Nguyen)	Would increase the allowable expenses for child care from a \$3,000 deduction per child to \$4,000 deduction per child and from a \$6,000 deduction per child to a \$12,000 deduction per child. <i>Amendment technical.</i>		Emily Reeb 916.651.4034				Introduced: 2/19/15 Amended: 3/23/15 Committee on Governance and Finance
	SB 277 (Pan & Allen)	Would eliminate the exemption from immunizations based upon personal beliefs.		Darin Walsh 916.651.4006	Support			Introduced: 2/19/15 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/8/15
	SB 311 (Beall)	<i>Would authorize the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District located in Santa Clara County to develop and implement an individualized eligibility part-day preschool subsidy plan for children residing in the school district as a pilot project until January 1, 2022.</i>		Anna Alvarado 916.651.4015				Introduced: 2/23/14 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Rules
Watch	SB 401 (Nguyen)	Would exempt child care facilities licensed as centers or crisis nurseries from the 35 square footage requirements if the facility is located in an office building.		Emily Reeb 916.651.4034				Introduced: 2/25/15 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/28/15
Spot bill	SB 472 (Canella)	Would make technical, non-substantive changes to law pertaining to income tax credit for employment-related child and dependent care expenses.						Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Rules

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/7/15)
Watch	SB 548 (De León) (Co-author: Assembly Speaker Atkins)	Would authorize family child care providers to form, join, and participate in the activities of provider organizations and to seek the certification of a provider organization to act as the exclusive representative for family child care providers on matters related to state-funded child care programs. In addition, would require an unspecified entity to perform a study of best practices for engaging families in their children's early care and education in family child care settings, and would require a certified provider organization and the state to form a Joint Committee on Child Care Training, Education, and Quality Improvement to identify gaps in the training available to family child care providers and issue recommendations to improve the quality of care offered by licensed and licensed-exempt family child care providers.	SEIU State Council	Jennifer Troia 916.651.4170				Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations Committee on Rules
1	SB 567 (Liu)	Would require a child to be deemed eligible for the remainder of the program year subsequent to enrollment in a state or federally funded child care program to promote continuity of services.		Darcel Sanders 916.651.4025				Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Human Services Hearing: 4/14/15
	SB 579 (Jackson)	Would extend sick leave provisions to allow employer to permit an employee to use sick leave to address a child care or school emergency and would prohibit an employer from denying an employee the right to use sick leave or taking specific discriminatory action against an employee for using, or attempting to exercise the right to use, sick leave to address a childcare or school emergency.		Jennifer Richard 916.651.4019				Introduced: 2/26/15 Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations Hearing: 4/22/15

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/7/15)
Watch	SB 645 (Hancock)	Would increase appropriations by specified amounts to the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program annually in fiscal years (FY) 2015-16 and 2016-17. Commencing with FY 2017-18, would require the DOF to adjust the amount upwards using a specified formula. <i>Amendments reflect adjustments to the appropriation amounts and clarify the formula for determining the appropriations.</i>	California After School Coalition	Renee Estoista 916.651.4009				Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Education Hearing: 4/8/15
Spot bill	SB 670 (Jackson)	Would declare that it is the intent of the Legislature to enhance and expand the state's early care and educational system.						Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Rules
Spot bill	SB 749 (Morrell)	Would make a technical, non-substantive change to a provision related to the trustline registry as it pertains to license exempt child care providers. <i>Amended to address home health agencies/hospice care.</i>						Introduced: 2/27/15 Amended: 4/6/15 Committee on Rules
Watch	SB 792 (Mendoza)	Would prohibit a child development center or a family child care home from employing any person who has not been immunized against influenza, pertussis, and measles.	Health Officers Association	Dorian Almaraz 916.651.4755				Introduced: 2/27/15 Committee on Health Hearing: 4/15/15
California Budget Bills (including Trailer Bills)								
	AB 103 (Weber)	Budget Act of 2015						Introduced: 1/9/15 Committee on Budget
	SB 69 (Leno)	Budget Act of 2015						Introduced: 1/9/15
	(TBD)	Omnibus Education Trailer Bill – proposed minor increase to child nutrition rate; would create stakeholders groups to streamline data and other reporting requirements related to subsidized child care and development programs.						(Pending)
	(TBD)	2015-16 Budget Trailer Bill – Suspension of Licensing Fee Exemption						(Pending)

Level of Interest ¹	Bill Number (Author)	Brief Description	Sponsor	Contact	County Position	Support	Oppose	Status (As of 4/7/15)
	(TBD)	Department of Social Services Proposed Trailer Bill Legislation – Community Care Licensing Next Phase Quality Enhancement						(Pending)

To obtain additional information about any State legislation, go to www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.htm; for Federal legislation, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>. To access budget hearings on line, go to www.calchannel.com and click on appropriate link at right under "Live Webcast". Links to Trailer Bills are available at http://www.dof.ca.gov/budgeting/trailer_bill_language/. For questions or comments regarding this document, contact Michele Sartell, staff with the Office of Child Care, by e-mail at msartell@ceo.lacounty.gov or call (213) 974-5187. An additional source of information on bills posted in this matrix is the subscription-based publication, *Legislative Updates on Child Development*, issued weekly by On the Capitol Doorstep. For more information, visit www.otcdkids.com.

KEY TO LEVEL OF INTEREST ON BILLS:

- 1: Of potentially high interest to the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care.
- 2: Of moderate interest.
- 3: Of relatively low interest.
- Watch: Of interest, however level of interest may change based on further information regarding author's or sponsor's intent and/or future amendments.

** Levels of interest are assigned by the Joint Committee on Legislation based on consistency with Policy Platform accepted by the Child Care Planning Committee and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and consistent with County Legislative Policy for the current year. Levels of interest **do not** indicate a pursuit of position. Joint Committee will continue to monitor all listed bills as proceed through legislative process. Levels of interest may change based on future amendments.

KEY:

ACLU	American Civil Liberties Union	CTC	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
AFSCME:	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees	CWDA	County Welfare Directors' Association
CAPPA	California Alternative Payment Program Association	DDS	Department of Developmental Services
CAEYC	California Association for the Education of Young Children	DHS	Department of Health Services
CAFB	California Association of Food Banks	DOF	Department of Finance
CCCCA	California Child Care Coordinators Association	DMH	Department of Mental Health
CCRRN	California Child Care Resource and Referral Network	First 5 CA	First 5 Commission of California
CCDAA	California Child Development Administrators Association	HHSA	Health and Human Services Agency
CDA	California Dental Association	LCC	League of California Cities
CDE	California Department of Education	LAC CPSS	Los Angeles County Commission for Public Social Services
CDSS	California Department of Social Services	LACOE	Los Angeles County Office of Education
CFT	California Federation of Teachers	LAUSD	Los Angeles Unified School District
CFPA	California Food Policy Advocates	MALDEF	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
CHAC	California Hunger Action Coalition	NASW	National Association of Social Workers
CIWC	California Immigrant Welfare Collaborative	NCYL	National Center for Youth Law
CSAC	California School-Age Consortium	PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CSAC	California State Association of Counties	SEIU	Service Employees International Union
CTA	California Teachers Association	SPI	Superintendent of Public Instruction
CCALA	Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles	TCI	The Children's Initiative
CCLC	Child Care Law Center	US DHHS	US Department of Health and Human Services
CDPI	Child Development Policy Institute	WCLP	Western Center on Law and Poverty

DEFINITIONS:²

Committee on Rules	Bills are assigned to a Committee for hearing from here.
Consent Calendar	A set of non-controversial bills, grouped together and voted out of a committee or on the floor as a package.
First Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. The first reading of a bill occurs when it is introduced.
Held in Committee	Status of a bill that fails to receive sufficient affirmative votes to pass out of committee.
Held under Submission	Action taken by a committee when a bill is heard and there is an indication that the author and the committee members want to work on or discuss the bill further, but there is no motion for the bill to progress out of committee.
Inactive File	The portion of the Daily File containing legislation that is ready for floor consideration, but, for a variety of reasons, is dead or dormant. An author may move a bill to the inactive file, and move it off the inactive file at a later date. During the final weeks of the legislative session, measures may be moved there by the leadership as a method of encouraging authors to take up their bills promptly.
On File	A bill on the second or third reading file of the Assembly or Senate Daily File.
Second Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Second reading occurs after a bill has been reported to the floor from committee.
Spot Bill	A bill that proposes non-substantive amendments to a code section in a particular subject; introduced to assure that a bill will be available, subsequent to the deadline to introduce bills, for revision by amendments that are germane to the subject of the bill.
Third Reading	Each bill introduced must be read three times before final passage. Third reading occurs when the measure is about to be taken up on the floor of either house for final passage.
Third Reading File	That portion of the Daily File listing the bills that is ready to be taken up for final passage.
Urgency Measure	A bill affecting the public peace, health, or safety, containing an urgency clause, and requiring a two-thirds vote for passage. An urgency bill becomes effective immediately upon enactment.
Urgency Clause	Section of bill stating that bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A vote on the urgency clause, requiring a two-thirds vote in each house, must precede a vote on bill.
Enrollment	Bill has passed both Houses, House of origin has concurred with amendments (as needed), and bill is now on its way to the Governor's desk.

² Definitions are taken from the official site for California legislative information, Your Legislature, Glossary of Legislative Terms at www.leginfo.ca.gov/guide.html#Appendix_B.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR 2015 (Tentative)³

January 1, 2015	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
January 5, 2015	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).
January 10, 2015	Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
January 19, 2015	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed
January 30, 2015	Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel. Last day for any committee to meet and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house in 2013 (J.R. 61(b)(2)).
February 16, 2015	President's Day Observed
February 27, 2015	Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).
March 26, 2015	Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
March 30, 2015	Cesar Chavez Day observed.
April 6, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
May 1, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).
May 15, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report to the floor non-fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(3)).
May 22, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 8 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
May 25, 2015	Memorial Day observed.
May 23, 2015	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 3 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).
June 1-5, 2015	Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(7)). This deadline APPLIES TO ALL bills, constitutional amendments and bills which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c); J.R. 61(i)).
June 5, 2015	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(a)(8)).
June 8, 2015	Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).
June 15, 2015	Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
July 4, 2015	Independence Day observed.
July 17, 2015	Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(10)).
July 17, 2015	Summer recess begins at the end of this day's session, provided the Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
August 17, 2015	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(a)(3)).
August 28, 2015	Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)).
August 31- Sept 11, 2015	Floor session only. No committees, other than conference committees and Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(12)). This deadline APPLIES TO ALL bills, constitutional amendments and bills which would go into immediate effect pursuant to Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c); J.R. 61(i)).
September 4, 2014	Last day to amend bills on the floor (J.R. 61(a)(13)).
September 7, 2015	Labor Day observed.
Sept 11, 2015	Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)). Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).
Sept 30, 2015	Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before September 11, 2015 and in the Governor's possession after September 11 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(1)).

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Jan. 1	Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
Jan. 4	Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51 (a)(4)).

³ California State Assembly. *2015 Tentative Legislative Calendar*. Retrieved on October 29, 2014 from <http://assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines>.



California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program Los Angeles County

Senate Bill 876 was signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2014, making \$15 million available for professional development stipends for teachers in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) classrooms. Per this bill, credentialed teachers first assigned to TK classrooms after July 1, 2015, will be required to meet one of the following criteria by August 1, 2020:

1. Have completed at least 24 units in early childhood education, child development, or both.
2. Have been determined by the local education agency employing the teacher to possess the professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described above.
3. Have been awarded a Child Development Teacher Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The first priority for participation in the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program (CTKSP) is TK teachers seeking academic units in child development. CSPP teachers pursuing academic coursework are the second priority.

Allocation of Funds

Funding for CTKSP has been allocated to counties based on demographic data and a projection of the actual numbers of eligible TK children in each county. Contracts are to be administered in conjunction with Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils. The Office of Child Care will be administering this contract for Los Angeles County. The contract for Los Angeles County totals \$3,643,172 and is for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Earning a Stipend

Counties are afforded some flexibility in how they design their CTKSP. In Los Angeles County, the Office of Child Care will operate CTKSP using principles similar to those guiding the Investing in Early Educators Program (IEEP). IEEP makes cash stipends available to persons working in qualified programs and who complete unit bearing coursework in child development or leading to a degree in child development. Similarly, CTKSP will make cash stipends available to TK and CSPP teachers who complete academic units in early childhood development.



TK teachers are the first priority for participation in CTKSP, including those teaching in Charter schools. During the first year of CTKSP, TK teachers who participate in this program and complete six units in child development between July 1, 2015 and March 30, 2016, will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$3,000. TK teachers completing nine or more units during that same period will be eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$5,000.

During year two of CTKSP, TK teachers who complete six units in child development between April 1, 2015 and March 30, 2016, will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$3,000. TK teachers completing 12 or more units during that same period will be eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$5,000.

CSPP teachers with Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) degrees are the second priority for participation in CTKSP and will be enrolled based on the availability of funds. CSPP teachers with a BA/BS who complete six units in child development between July 1, 2015 and March 30, 2016, will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$3,000. CSPP teachers with a BA/BS completing nine or more units during that same period will be eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$5,000.

During year two of CTKSP, CSPP teachers with a BA/BS who complete six units in child development between April 1, 2015 and March 30, 2016, will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$3,000 for six units and those completing 12 or more units during that same period will be eligible to receive a stipend of up to \$5,000.

Participants will be encouraged to consider enrolling in the following courses that have been designed to be the foundation core for all early education professionals:

1. Child Growth and Development
2. Child, Family and Community
3. Introduction to Curriculum
4. Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children
5. Observation and Assessment
6. Health, Safety and Nutrition
7. Teaching in a Diverse Society

Launching the CTKSP in Los Angeles County

Applications to participate in the CTKSP will become available in July 2015 from the Office of Child Care website at www.childcare.lacounty.gov. Applicants will be required to be working in either a TK or CSPP classroom during the 2015-16 academic year.

Cash stipends will be paid out in June 2016 and June 2017.