



**Fiscal Year 2025-26**  
**Budget Proposal**  
**for CDSS Programs**  
**and Services**

ECPC Meeting  
February 26, 2025



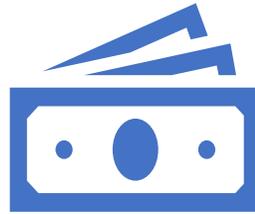


The CDSS Child Care and Development Programs serves over 350,000 children annually.

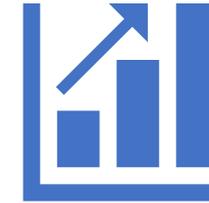
# 2025-26 Proposed Budget for Child Care and Development Programs and Services



The Governor's Budget includes **\$6.4 billion total funds (\$4.6 billion General Fund)** in **2025-26** for DSS administered child care and development programs.



287.8 million Net increase from the Budget Act of 2024



**Since 2016-17, the budget for child care and development has grown by more than 200 percent**

# Proposals in the 2025- 26 Budget

## Fiscal Proposal

- ECPC Reappropriation

## Non Fiscal: TBL-Only Proposals

- CDSS Reporting Requirements: Removing Outdated CDE Programs References
- Part-Time/Full-Time Definition  
Implementation Conflict: Clean -Up

# Cost of Care Plus Rate

- The budget maintains funding to continue the Cost of Care Plus Rate monthly payments.
- The Administration will continue to work towards a single rate structure that uses a cost-based alternative methodology to inform rates.
- The Administration will provide the Legislature with a timeline for transitioning to rates informed by the cost of care.





Child Care  
Providers  
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2025-26  
Proposed  
Budget for  
Early  
Education

**Transitional Kindergarten (TK)**

- \$2.4 billion to support the full implementation of TK
- \$1.5 billion for student-to-adult ratio costs

**California State Preschool Program (CSPP)**

- The 2025-26 Governor's Budget provides \$2.9 billion to support CSPP
- Includes a 2.43 percent cost-of-living adjustment of \$29 million
- Maintains funding to administer the program

**Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program**

- Trailer Bill Language to adjust state level activity funding from \$50 million to \$10 million, with the difference provided directly to grantees

# Safety-net Program Budget Proposals

- CalWORKs Work and Family Well-being Pilot
- CalWORKs Assistance and Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) Increase
  - A MAP increase of 0.2 percent for CalWORKs families, which would bring the non-exempt MAP level \$1,177 per month.
- CalFresh Office of Administrative Hearings Support
- National Accuracy Clearinghouse



# Child Welfare Budget Proposals

- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Fidelity and Training
- Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Duplicate Data Clean-Up





Thank you

