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Early Childhood Policy Council
Workforce Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Making Sense of What’s Coming Out of Washington DC & Sacramento: 
*Policies Affecting the Early Childhood Workforce*

September 8, 2022
Early Childhood Policy Council
Workforce Advisory Committee
Child Care Headlines

Essential for strong thriving families & inclusive communities

Recognized by Congress & the President

*Almost* became an entitlement for everyone in 2021
How child care policy is made

The difference between federal and state actions, and how child care policy is made through the:

- federal budget
- state budget
- federal legislation
- state legislation
Federal Policy with State Impact

- Child Care & Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
- Head Start, Early Head Start
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B and Part C
- Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Preschool Development Grants
- Budget and Appropriations
- “Reconciliation”
State Policy with a Program Impact

- Budget
- Eligibility policy and provider payment policy for child care assistance
- Health & safety standards, and who follows what regulations and who enforces - and how
- Preschool & TK
- QRIS & “quality initiatives”
- Professional development, training, & availability, and education requirements
What is happening - Washington DC

Past, present and future:

- Big investment, smart policy for child care
- Annual Appropriations
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Higher Ed - student loan forgiveness
2020 & 2021 - Congress passed three fund bills that included child care relief funds, and funds were distributed to the states. $5 billion to California for child care.
The federal money paid for this in California

- Increase Child Care Provider Wages
- Stipends for child care providers
- Retirement & Health Benefits for Child Care Providers United (CCPU) members
- Waive Family Fees
- Minor Renovation Grants
- Major Renovation Grants
- More vouchers for families
- Child Care Infrastructure Grants
- Workforce Development Grants
American Families Plan Becomes Build Back Better - but then, what happened?

August 2021: House and Senate approve “reconciliation rules” and make available billions for child care, paid for through tax code - but committees have to decide details.

November 2021: House passes “Build Back Better” with $400 billion for child care and ECE.

December 2021: Senators are going to be challenging.

Dec 2021 to July 2022: Intense advocacy from you, and everyone who cares. Some US Senators continue to balk at child care.

August 2022: Congress passes and Pres signs the Inflation Reduction Act. It contains no child care funding at all.
What’s next federal FY23 Appropriations

Annual effort to fund Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start/Early Head Start, 0-5 Preschool Development Grants

- House and Senate Appropriations Committees said:
  - Child Care and Development Block Grant: an increase of $1 billion
  - Head Start: an increase of $1.4 billion (Senate side said $1 billion)
  - Preschool Development Grants: $350 million, an increase of $60 million over current year

- Deadline: September 30
  - which they’ll need to extend, because no one wants a government shut-down
  - election day also looms
Child and Adult Care Food Program

Child Nutrition Act

- Includes school breakfast and lunch, summer nutrition, WIC, CACFP
- To be reauthorized every 5 years - but last done in 2010

- House status
  - House Education and Labor Committee passed Healthy Meals Healthy Kids Act in July
  - Next stop: full vote in the House?

- Senate status
  - Senate Agriculture Committee to make priority time for this?
  - Then, on to a full vote in the Senate?
Forgiving student loans

Student debt relief/loan forgiveness announcement

August 24: Biden Administration announces targeted debt relief:

- $20,000 for Pell Grant recipients
- $10,000 for non-Pell
- Assorted eligibility details
- Application for relief to open in October

Public Service Loan Forgiveness proposal

- “Public Service Loan Forgiveness” is operated by U.S. Department of Education, approved by Congress
- Currently: ECE workforce is eligible if employed by a non-profit organization or government entity
- Proposal: expand those who are eligible, including those working in for-profit programs and self-employed family child care
What are your questions?
What is happening - Sacramento

Past, Present and Future

- California added a year of school - Transitional Kindergarten (TK) for 4 year olds
- Movement grows to include family child care, child care centers, and Head Start in the publicly-funded universal preschool program
- Child Care Providers United negotiates for stipends for all providers, and health insurance and retirement contributions for those participating in the subsidy system
- Minor renovations grants
- Major renovations grants
- Number of spaces available for subsidized child care has grown a lot
State Policy with a Program Impact

- Budget
- Eligibility policy and provider payment policy for Child Care Assistance
- Health and safety standards and who follows what regulations and who enforces - and how
- Preschool/TK
- QRIS/"quality initiatives"
- Professional development, training & availability and education requirements
Legislative Women’s Caucus members are child care champions

Supporting

- Increased pay for child care providers
- Health care and retirement plans for Child Care Providers United
- Compensate child care providers even when families’ can not attend
- Fund state preschool
- Waive family fees
- Grants for child care programs and facilities
Quiz Time

What’s the difference between a budget bill and a policy bill?
Budget and Policy Bills - What’s the Difference?
Every Year...

California Child Care Policy
Affordable Child Care Family Fees Act

**AB 92** (Gómez Reyes)

- Implements an equitable family fee schedule starting July 1, 2023
- Ensures child care providers do not absorb the family fees waiver cost
- Ensures no reduction in spaces/vouchers on account of a reduction in family fees collected

* Family fees waiver extended for ALL families in the Budget FY 22-23
Universal Preschool Proposal (did not pass)

SB 976 (Leyva)

- California State Preschool for all 3 & 4 year olds (regardless of income)
- Family child care homes and Head Start centers could be preschool providers
- Parents pay no fees
Other actions that impact child care programs

California Child Care Policy
Washington

**Recent past:**
- BBB - transformational child care provisions, but didn't pass

**Present:**
- Inflation Reduction Act (no child care $)
- FY23 Appropriations
- CACFP action

**Future:**
- Nonprofit child care professionals and family child care may be included in Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- (add in how to phrase that many may qualify for the forgiveness announced two weeks ago too)
- We aren’t giving up on robust investments in child care

Sacramento

**Recent past:**
- Preschool for all, “mixed delivery” bill (didn’t pass)
- TK *did* pass (last year)
- DSS released minor renovation grant applications

**Present:**
- Union is winning health care and retirement; advocates are struggling to get rates raised (they weren’t this year)
- Many new child care spaces are available
- State agencies are making their budgets now
- Major renovation grants coming soon

**Future:**
- Legislators and even champions are losing sight of child care, relying on federal money, not making effort to increase state funding
- Infrastructure grants