

Family Child Care Association of San Francisco



Newsletter

A nuestros proveedores hispanos:
Una version en español de este comunicado se les enviará en una semana más o menos.

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GOVERNOR PROPOSES HORRIFIC CUTS TO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION BUDGET

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This month, Governor Schwarzenegger released his proposed budget for the State of California for next fiscal year, 2010-2011. Faced with a \$19.9 billion deficit over the next 18 months, the Governor has proposed a budget with significant tax cuts and even more horrific cuts to health services, human services and public education. There is no way around it. Cuts have to be made and/or taxes have to be raised and other revenue sources identified. But do these cuts all have to come at the expense of children and families??

The following are the Governor's Proposals that would most impact your family child care business --and would leave parents without access to child care.

1. The Governor Proposes to reduce the Regional Market Rate (RMR) from the 85th percentile to the 75th percentile based on the 2005 regional market rate survey. This reduction would take place on July 1, 2010, and would result in \$77.1 million in savings for the General Fund. This proposal also reduces the reimbursement rate limits for licensed-exempt care from 90% of the ceiling for licensed family childcare homes to 70%. This proposal affects all voucher programs, including the Alternative Payment Program, CalWORKS Stage 2, and CalWORKS Stage 3.
2. The Governor proposed decreasing the CalWORKS Stage 2 and 3 budgets by \$9 million and \$3.4 million in the current year.
3. The Governor proposes decreasing the CalWORKS Stage 2 and 3 budget by \$13.8 million the in budget year 2010-2011.

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WELCOME TO 2010

The FCCASF would like to wish all it's supporters a Happy 2010. As we welcome in a New Year, we must say thank you to all of those who have supported the Family Child Care community. Last year was very tough for many of us but we have managed to make it through.

As we move forward it will be a tremendous help to have the support of the Early Child Care community to continue help us fight the good fight. We would like to encourage the field to continue to support the FCCASF in its effort to rebuild and strengthen the ECE community. It is time for people to step up to the challenges of a new budget year and continue the fight for providers, children and our families.

WE'VE MOVED!

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All FCC providers are invited to our Open House
Saturday February 27th 2010
Time: 10 am - 2pm
Stop by and say hello.

Join us for a New Year Brunch at the Association General meeting and elections of new Advisory Board members

Saturday March 27th 2010
Time: 11am - 2pm
UCSF Building at 15th and Folsom

ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Position	Name	E-Mail	Phone	Fax
President	Monique Guidry	guidrymn@yahoo.com	585-8147	585-8147
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Board Member	Philip Siharath	landandpradit@yahoo.com	467-5856	467-5856
Board Member	Carmen Maldonado	cm922p@yahoo.com	586-9316	586-1027
Program Director	Alicia Daniel	msaliciadaniel@yahoo.com	656-1010	656-1090

NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK MEETINGS

Citywide Asian Network

Contact: Angela Siharath at 415-467-5856 or Karen Kuang at 415-585-8939

Western Addition Network

Contact: Leni De Leon at 415 863-7736 or Lenda Taylor at 415 771-6452

OMI Network

Contact: Sally Carino at 415-678-0870, or Deanna Lee at 415-337-8602

Sunset District Network

Contact Selina Chen at 415-215-6703, or Song Moy at 415-664-3977

Richmond District Network

Contact Crystal He at 415-752-1285

Citywide Hispanic Network

Contact: Milagros Acosta at 415-842-9588 or Carmen Maldonado at 415-586-9316

Visitation Valley Network

Contact: Sandy Chow at 415-467-4986, or Jamie Huang at 415-468-1814

Bayview/Hunters Point FCC Network

Contact: Renee Underwood at 415-821-7269, or Evelyn Ned-Johnson at 415-467-1892

Glen Park, Noe Valley, Bernal Heights

Contact Julia Ready at growingup2@earthlink.net

Citywide Russian Network

Contact Marina Schmidt at 415-564-6646



FCCASF OFFICE STAFF:

Alicia Daniel: Program Director
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 Asian Outreach Specialist (Chinese & English)
 Ireri Rangel: Hispanic Outreach Specialist
 (Spanish & English)
 Imelda Aloba: Office Assistant (Tagalog & English)

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays: Closed
 Tuesdays: 10am-8pm
 Wednesdays: 10am-5pm
 Thursday: 10am-8pm
 Friday: 12noon-5pm



CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

Come to Celebrate
 Chinese New Year 2010
 the year of the Tiger.

Saturday, February 20th, 2010
 Time: 2:00pm-6:00pm
 1855 Folsom Street

Please call for RSVP:
 Selina Chen: 731-6180
 Song Moy: 664-3977 or
 Angela Siharath: 467-5856

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Governor proposes horrific cuts to Early Care and Education budget

4. The Governor proposes reductions by \$122.9 million the CalWORKS Stage 3 Child Care to achieve additional ongoing Proposition 98 General Fund savings

Family child care providers are already struggling in this tough economy. These budget cuts would most likely put many family child providers (and child care centers) out of business and will leave parents without child care. Many parents will be forced to choose between quitting their jobs or dropping out of school and leaving their child in poor quality child care, or worse, home alone.

We have time to fight these cuts. But no one else is going to be out there fighting for us. Providers and parents are going to have to go to meetings and rallies, make phone calls, write e-mails and yes, drive to Sacramento to make sure their voices are heard.

You have the choice between making sure the Governor hears you and getting him commit to valuing and preserving not just child care, but also health care, K-12 education, and the social services that protect and support children and families, or throwing in the towel and allowing him to put you out of business and denying parents access to quality child care. We can't let him balance his budget by taking everything from those who need it the most.

CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING

In Chinese: Feb. 7, 2010, Mar 7, 2010, April 4, 2010
May 9, 2010 and June 6, 2010

In English: Feb. 6, 2010, Mar 6, 2010,
Apr 3, 2010,
May 8, 2010 and Jun 5, 2010

To register, call Angela Siharath at
(415) 467-5856



SAVE THE DATES

CAFCC 2010 Annual Conference

April 22-25, 2010

Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Francisco Airport
Room rate @ \$107.00 per night single/double
More details coming.

NAFCC 2010 Annual Conference

July 15, 16, 17, 2010

Renaissance Nashville Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
Visit NAFCC's website for an application and more information about the conference:
<http://www.nafcc.org/conferences/conference.asp>

For more information contact JoLene Holbrook at
conference@nafcc.org, 901-886-2322 x 222 or 226

SF CARES UPDATES

Application submission begins: 11/24/2009
Application deadline: 2/27/2010 by 4:00pm
Units must be completed by 12/31/2009

If you are a first applicant, or if you did not receive a stipend in 2009, you must make an individual appointment to turn in your completed application. To request an applications packages or make an appointment please call (415) 856-8140.

Reminders:

- *Order your official transcripts now.
- *Upgrade your permit.
- *Education or professional growth plan (For returning applicants only).
- *Please pay attention to the new requirements.

Eligibility Specialist Direct Lines:

Gilda Witherell, Spanish/English—(415) 230-7542
June Cheng, English/Cantonese—(415) 230-7532
Wendy Huang, Cantonese/Mandarin—(415) 230-7535

KQED EARLY LEARNING WORKSHOP SERIES

Visit www.kqed.org/education/earlylearning
for workshop information.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

PFA Provider Application Process:

Preschool programs may apply to First 5 San Francisco for PFA funding through a process that is outlined on our website,

www.first5sf.org/pfa_preschools.htm.

To qualify for recommendation as PFA participating sites in the 2010/2011 school year, preschools must meet the **PFA Baseline Criteria** go to www.first5sf.org/downloads/bc_1011.pdf; and complete the PFA Provider Application process, including submission of all Application documents.

Visit www.first5sf.org/pfa_preschools.htm to review the process, and contact Matthew Rector at 415- 934-4808 for more information about 2010/2011 PFA Provider Application.



FAMILY CHILD CARE EXPANSION CLASS

The **Family Child Care Expansion** class offered by Low Income Investment Fund is currently full. City College doesn't allow anyone to register on-line. If you, or other family child care provider who is interested, but cannot register, please contact Susana Cheng at (415) 489-6126 to get on a waiting list. She will be prepared to add you on the first day of class.

(CDEV 41E FCC Expansion class; CRN# 39358;
Location: Phelan Campus; Date: Saturdays: March 6 & March 20; Time: 9am-5pm)

CHILD CARE OMBUDS

One of my New Year's resolutions this year is to help promote significant improvements in customer service for providers at Children's Council of San Francisco and Wu Yee Children's Services.

There could be many different issues you'd like to see addressed in terms of customer service at the agencies (please contact me with all your ideas and suggestions), but for starters, I want to focus on the following two fundamental issues:

- 1) Calls not being returned within two business days of a voice mail you left.
- 2) Calls not being forwarded. This occurs when, once you reach someone at the agency, you are told that she/he cannot help you and that you need to call somebody else at the agency. This happens frequently, but it is NOT the correct procedure at the agencies. The management expect staff to forward calls, not tell you to call back. The appropriate customer service procedures at the agencies is that the person on the phone should help you by forwarding your call for you, to the person you need to speak to. If ever you encounter either of these two scenarios, please call me. I can document your circumstance and I can put you in touch with the staff person's manager so that you can make her/him aware of the fact that her/his staff are not upholding the protocol.

I look forward to a day when providers not having their phone calls returned and having to call make multiple phone calls to the agencies to resolve one of their concerns, is a thing of the past. Every time you document your experience with me or with a manager at the agencies, you are helping this day come sooner!

HOLIDAY EVENT

From the City-wide Asian Family Child Care Provider Network:

On December 20, 2009, the City-wide Asian Providers Network celebrated the holidays at 1855 Folsom St. in San Francisco. There were many providers present, along with their families and friends, representing many ethnic backgrounds.

Throughout the event, providers and their families enjoyed delicious food and participated in various activities, one of which was making holiday wreaths. This event provided an opportunity for child care providers to communicate with each other, meet association staff and exchange information. Through the event, providers were able to learn from each other and teach each other many things, like how to operate their child care business and possible lesson plans for their programs.

At the end of the event, our program director, Alicia Daniel reminded providers that their neighborhood network leaders were available to them and that they

Time sheet reminders:

****Whoever drops the child off/picks her/him up needs to sign the time sheet; it does not have to be the parent. The only line that needs to be signed by the parent is the signature at the bottom of the time sheet at the end of the month.**

****Make sure there is a reason listed for every absence on a child's time sheet. If the time sheet is turned in with a blank line with no absence reason indicated, you will lose the chance to be paid for that absence, when, if there had been a reason listed on the time sheet, you could likely have been paid. Either you or the parent can write the reason on the time sheet.**

A note on Job Search schedules:

Especially in the current economy, many parents who are receiving child care subsidies are "on job search". If you have one of these schedules, you know that they tend to be a variable schedule with 29.5 hours/week of care authorized. These schedules can be frustrating for providers precisely because they are variable, and because they are part time. I am here to tell you, though, that you do not have to simply accept the schedule in this format. Parents on job search cannot have full time child care paid for by the state. However, the schedule does not have to be variable! You are fully entitled to work out other kinds of schedule specifications on the hours and make the schedule more concrete if that would be helpful to you and your program. For example, you and the parent can agree to have the care authorized only on certain days (ex. MWF), or only at certain times (ex. only in the morning). Once you and the parent decide on a schedule, express your schedule decision to the Family Service Specialist/Caseworker, so that she/he can make an agreement that reflects that schedule.

Any questions and concerns, please call me, Julie Loder at (650) 270-1366

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 10-18, 2010
More information coming soon

should call on them when they needed assistance. Thank you to all the staff, providers and family members who participated in the event. Happy New Year to you all!



KID! LOVE! LAUGH!

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, "What does love mean?"

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth." >Billy - age 4

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other." Karl - age 5

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri - age 4

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen," Bobby - age 5

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."

Jenny - age 4

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - Age 5

"Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." Mary Ann - age 4 >

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."

Lauren - age 4

"I let my big sister pick on me because my Mom says she only picks on me because she loves me. So I pick on my baby sister because I love her." Bethany - age 4

To be continued.....

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WANTED!!!
ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS
2010

The Family Child Care Association of San Francisco (FCCASF) is now accepting applications for 2010 Advisory Board. This is your chance to get involved!! The FCCASF is a growing force in the San Francisco Early Childhood community.

Mission Statement: It is the mission of the Family Child Care Association of San Francisco to help its diverse membership maintain a high degree of professionalism in the early care and education of young children and to promote family child care as a vital and necessary service to the community.

Job Description:

Each Advisory Board member has general duties and responsibilities to generate the level of the effectiveness and the quality and character of the board. The board members' job description is a collection of duties and responsibilities derived from the Association's guidelines

They are as follows:

- To review policies and mission with participation;
- To adapt and update guidelines;
- To review agency goals and objectives - short and long term
- To monitor and evaluate agency budget;
- To assist in the planning and raising of funds for meeting objectives;
- To attend agencies meetings;

To serve as an advocate of the agency in the community.

To successfully accomplish these duties and responsibilities, board members are expected to:

- Attend every (quarterly) meetings and actively participate;
- Come prepared to meetings: read minutes and other information from prior meetings;
- Attend outside agency meetings;
- Be prepared to make decisions;
- Keep an open mind; and
- Hold each other accountable.

If you are interested in serving on the Family Child Care Association of San Francisco Advisory Board, please fill in the opposite page and mail it to us by February 26, 2010 to:

FCCASF 4444 Geary Blvd., Suite 301 San Francisco, CA 94118

ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION



Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Specialized Training: _____

Organizational Affiliations: Current: _____

Former: _____

Special Awards, Honors, and Recognitions: _____

Areas of interest to You for Volunteer involvement with the Advisory Board (Committees):

Financial Program Fund Development Outreach

Membership/Nominating Legal Affairs

Please use back for additional space.

Why are you interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Family Child Care Association of San Francisco?

What skills/experience can you contribute to the Family Child Care Association of San Francisco?

What are your particular interest areas in regards to serving on the Advisory Board for the Family Child Care community?

Please submit no later than February 26, 2010 to: FCCASF 4444 Geary Blvd., Suite 301 San Francisco, CA 94118



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Mondays: Closed
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Find out the time and place for the Neighborhood Network meetings. Get the latest news and information on legislation, government policies, professional development, support programs, marketing and whatever else affects you, and the children and families in your neighborhood. When family child care providers connect, they make things happen. Call your Neighborhood contact for more information.



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