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## **Children & Families Commission**



**Tuesday, December 7, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Petersen Event Center  
720 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Modesto, CA**



**Children & Families Commission**  
 930 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, CA 95354  
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**Commission Meeting Notice**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**  
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**MEMBERS:**

Vicki Bauman  
 School Representative

Vito Chiesa  
 County Supervisor

David Cooper  
 Community Representative

Denise Hunt, RN, MFT  
 Behavioral Health &  
 Recovery Services

Mary Ann Lee  
 Chair  
 Health Services Agency

Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, Ph.D.  
 Community Representative

George Skol  
 Vice-Chair  
 Community Representative

Dan Souza, LCSW  
 Community Representative

John Walker, MD  
 Public Health Officer

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John Sims  
 Executive Director

The Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission welcomes you to its meetings which are regularly held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

The agenda is divided into two sections:

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** These matters include routine financial and administrative actions and are identified with an asterisk (\*). All items on the consent calendar will be voted on at the beginning of the meeting under the section titled "Consent Calendar." If you wish to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar, please make your request at the time the Commission Chairperson asks if any member of the public wishes to remove an item from consent.

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**COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA  
 December 7, 2010**

*Times provided are approximate times.*

- 4:00 p.m. I. Welcome & Introductions – Chair Mary Ann Lee
- 4:05 p.m. II. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4:10 p.m. III. Announcement of Recusals <sup>1</sup>
- 4:15 p.m. IV. Public Comment Period (Limit of 5 minutes per person)
- 4:20 p.m. V. Approval of the Consent Calendar – Agenda items marked by an Asterisk (\*)
- VI. Agenda Items
  - \* A. Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2010. **P. 4-6**
  - B. Executive Director’s Office
- 4:25 p.m. 1. Approval to Submit a Letter of Intent to First 5 CA Indicating that the Children and Families Commission Will Not Submit a CARES Plus Application as Stanislaus County’s “Lead Agency” **P. 7-11**
- 4:35 p.m. 2. Community Services Agency Request to Loan or Grant Funds for Stage 3 Childcare Costs **P.12-23**
- C. Committee Reports
  - \* 1. Accept the Minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting of November 15, 2010.
    - a. Contract Financial Report as of October 31, 2010 **P.24-26**
  - \* 2. Accept the Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting of November 17, 2010. **P.27-28**
  - \* 3. Accept the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 22, 2010. **P. 29**
- VII. Correspondence **P. 30**
  - \* 1. Accept 20 letters from members of the community and parents that will be impacted by the elimination of CalWORKS Stage 3 child care.

Stacey Koely	Ricardo Ballardo
Savannah Anderson	Amber Dualls
Ginger Sharp	Caitlin Kemp
Caitlin Greenwood	Nary Chrun
Elissa Dolly	Sheila
Angela Calderon	Jessica
Tracy Walters	Hvng
Donna Saeed	(5 illegible signatures)

<sup>1</sup> Commissioners may publicly announce the item(s) or recommendation(s) from which he/she will recuse himself or herself due to an actual or perceived conflict of interest. The Commissioner will excuse himself or herself from the meeting and leave the room when the specific agenda item comes up for discussion and voting.

- 4:45 p.m. VIII. Commissioner Reports
- 4:50 p.m. IX. Staff Reports
- 4:55 p.m. X. Adjourn



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**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 26, 2010**  
*Petersen Event Center*  
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**Members Present:** Vicki Bauman, David Cooper, Denise Hunt, Mary Ann Lee (Chair), Nelly Paredes-Walsborn, George Skol, and Dr. John Walker.

**Members Absent:** Vito Chiesa and Dan Souza.

**Staff Present:** John Sims, Executive Director; Erica Inacio, Administration; Tina Jamison, Accountant; Kirsten Jasek-Rysdahl, Program Evaluator; Luis Molina, Program Monitor; Dan Rosas, Program Monitor; and Jack Doering, Counsel.

- I. Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Chair Lee welcomed those in attendance.
- II. Commission members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Announcement of Commissioner Recusals - None.
- IV. Public Comment - None.
- V. Consent Calendar

The Consent Calendar was approved, with the exception of the correspondence.

**Moved Skol and seconded by Cooper. Unanimously approved.**

John Sims provided background information as it pertained to the subsidized Stage 3 child care funding. The Governor vetoed funding for Stage 3 and parents are being informed about the loss of funding. Speaker of the Assembly, John A. Perez, and Senate President Pro Tempore, Darrel Steinberg, sent letters to all First 5 Commissions asking for assistance to continue funding childcare until funding is restored.

Staff will continue to provide updates on the situation as more information becomes available.

**The correspondence was accepted. Moved Walker and seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.**

VI. Agenda Items

A. The Commission approved the Commission Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2010.  
**Approved on consent.**

B. Executive Director's Office

1. Provisions of Proposition 10 were codified into California State Law as Sections 130100-130155 of the California Health and Safety Code. Section 130150 requires local Children and Families Commission to conduct a public hearing on the Annual Report and to submit the report to the State by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The report shows the progress towards and achievement of the goals and objectives of the Proposition.

The Commission heard a presentation on the 2009-2010 Local Annual Report and a Public Hearing was opened at 4:33 p.m. to obtain comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, the Commission closed the hearing at 4:34 p.m.

The Commission accepted the 2009-2010 Local Annual Report and authorized the Executive Director to submit the report to the State First 5 Commission.

**Moved Skol, seconded by Cooper. Unanimously approved.**

2. To ensure the consistency and accuracy of the Commission's Policies and Procedures Manual, staff annually reviews the document and recommends that the Commission readopt the Manual.

The suggested changes to the Manual fell into two categories:

- Language or punctuation changes that serve to enhance readability and consistency, but do not change the meaning of the section.
- Language changes association with the elimination of contracts.

The Commission heard a presentation on the revisions and opened a Public Hearing at 4:37 p.m. to hear comments from the public. Hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 4:38 p.m.

The Commission adopted the revised Policies and Procedures Manual and instructed staff to place the manual on the Commission's website.

**Moved Hunt, seconded by Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.**

3. The Commission was presented with a draft Request for Proposals for acquisition of a data gathering system that is designed to provide useful data, outcomes, and information to all stakeholders in an easy to understand format.

The Commission allocated \$170,000 in its 2010-2011 budget for acquisition of a data gathering system to help address Stanislaus' need to develop accurate program information. As result, Commission staff convened a database workgroup comprised of Prop 10 contractors and service providers and the group's recommendations were incorporated into the draft RFP. The RFP also lists activities and goals for the Commission that a data system must address.

The cost of the system cannot be determined until an RFP is issued and a recommendation cannot be made until all the proposals have been received and evaluated.

Jennifer Tudor from the Turlock Family Resource Center, Evelina McDowall from the Healthy Birth Outcomes, and Lori Schumacher from the Center for Human Services all shared their views on the data gathering system. They indicated that the system would make the data collecting process more efficient and result in rich outcome information versus outputs.

Commissioner Skol made a motion to issue the Request for Proposals for a data gathering system after contractors present expressed how the system would benefit their organizations. The motion was seconded by Commission Hunt and unanimously approved.

**Moved Skol, seconded by Hunt. Unanimously approved.**

4. The Commission approved the 2011 Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission / Committee Calendar.  
**Approved on Consent.**

C. Committee Reports – None.

VII. Correspondence – Pulled from Consent and later approved.

1. Accepted a letter from Speaker of the Assembly, John A. Perez, regarding the loss of subsidized Stage 3 childcare funding.
2. Accepted a letter from Senate President Pro Tempore and Senator Darrel Steinberg regarding the loss of subsidized Stage 3 childcare funding.

**Moved Walker and seconded Paredes-Walsborn. Unanimously approved.**

VIII. Commissioners' Reports

- Chair Lee reported on the presentation made to the Board of Supervisors and thanked staff for preparing the presentation.

- Chair Lee reported on John Sims' evaluation and that the Commission was pleased with his performance and his leadership.
- Commissioner Skol shared that the Family Justice Center had held its open house on October 22, 2010 and will soon start providing services.
- Commissioner Cooper congratulated Commission staff on a fine job on the Report to the Community.

IX. Staff Report

- Dan Rosas presented the Report to the Community and thanked staff for their collaboration in finalizing the report.
- Kirsten Jasek-Rysdahl informed the Commission on the Collaboration Celebration held on October 12<sup>th</sup> which more than 60 contractors attended. Commissioners Bauman and Hunt presented at the Celebration. Chair Lee was also in attendance.
- John Sims shared with the Commission that there may not be a need for a December Commission meeting but will confirm as soon as possible.
- John Sims shared the Quarterly Financial Report as of September 30, 2010.
- John informed the Commission that the State Budget has passed, but now there is the request for the Stage 3 childcare funding. Staff will keep the Commission posted on changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**Moved Skol, seconded by Hunt. Unanimous.**



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**COMMITTEE ROUTING**

Administrative/Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY**

**AGENDA DATE:** December 7, 2010

**COMMISSION AGENDA #** VI-B-1

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Submit a Letter of Intent to First 5 CA Indicating that the Children and Families Commission Will Not Submit a CARES Plus Application as Stanislaus County's "Lead Agency"

**BACKGROUND:**

Between November of 2001 and June of 2010, the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission contracted with the Child Development Training Consortium of the Yosemite Community College District for the CARES Project (Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards). Using incentives and stipends, the project provided training and technical assistance to formal and informal early care and education providers. The goal of the program was to improve the quality of early care and education settings by improving the skills of providers, building a more qualified and stable work force, decreasing staff turnover, and improving the safety of children in care. Funding for the program, which was budgeted at \$959,323 in 2009-2010, was split on an 80/20 basis between the local Commission and First 5 CA Commission from November 2001 through the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

In the current fiscal year, the Commission approved a contract with Sierra Vista Child and Family Services that reduced the scope of the CARES program and focused the program on services to informal childcare providers (known as FFN's - families, friends, and neighbors). With a budget of \$147,731, services to be provided by Sierra Vista in fiscal year 2010-2011 include:

- Conducting trainings for FFN's on a variety of topics, including child development and child safety
- Training Commission contractors on the use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)


In November of 2010, the State First 5 Commission issued a request for applications (RFA) for CARES Plus. CARES Plus is considered by the State to be one of its "signature programs" that can be sustained for the foreseeable future by anticipated tobacco tax income. (The forgoing sentence contains the questionable assumption that the State of California will not require additional financial support from First 5 CA for ongoing State programs.) CARES Plus was built on what was learned from CARES. CARES Plus is designed to:

1. Support improved teacher effectiveness and practice;
2. Focus on improving child outcomes;
3. Support readiness at the local level for a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS);
4. Align with the federal direction around effectiveness and increased accountability; and
5. Gain research knowledge to support future investments in areas that demonstrate positive impacts on children's development.

The CARES Plus program, which will be partially funded by First 5 CA, is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1 - Planning and Development - February 16, 2011 to June 30, 2011 - \$75,000 from the State with no local match
- Phase 2 - Program Operations – July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013 - \$300,000 for the two year period with a State/local match of 1:2. To utilize the entire State allocation over two years, the program would have to budget \$450,000 annually (\$150,000 of which would be annually reimbursed by the State).

The following Program Design Chart comes from the State's RFA and is a graphic description of the CARES Plus program as it is to be operated for the 11-12 and 12-13 fiscal years:

CARES Plus Program Design FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13		
Components	Participant Requirements	Evaluation Requirements
<b>CORE:</b>  All participants are required to complete the Core components.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meet with a CARES Plus Advisor and submit a Professional Development Plan</li> <li>2. Introduction to CLASS</li> <li>3. Looking at CLASSrooms (LAC) – includes Video Library*</li> <li>4. CLASS Observation tool</li> <li>5. Self-directed training on second-hand smoke</li> </ol>	Pre- and Post- CLASS assessment (sample)*
<b>PLUS: Programs may offer up to four components in addition to the Core. Programs must add Components A or B, or can add both. Regardless of the number of Components incorporated in a local program, participants may only participate in up to one Component in addition to the required Core.</b>		
<b>Component A:</b> State Research-Based Resources	CDE sponsored training on research-based resources such as: Foundations, Preschool Curriculum Framework, Learning and Development System, Competencies, English Learners Guide (PEL), Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP 2010), Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC), and Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations in Early Learning (CSEFEL) – minimum <b>21 hours/year</b>	Pre- and Post- CLASS assessment (sample)*
<b>Component B:</b> Higher Education	Lower Division 8 Core Coursework to Degree Focused Coursework – <b>6 units/year</b>	Pre- and Post- CLASS assessment (sample)*
<b>Component C:</b> Advisors (Optional for Counties)**	Provide advising to CARES Plus Core participants and help them develop their Professional Development Plans	N/A
<b>Component D:</b> State Coaching Pilot (Competitive and Optional for Counties)	MyTeachingPartner (MTP, Evaluation Design – Criteria Selected or Randomized Sample)*. MTP is only for participants who are lead or master teachers or family child care owners/operators.	Pre- and Post- CLASS assessment (all)*

\*LAC, CLASS Assessments and MTP not available for Infant teachers (working with children 0 to 18 months) and will only be available for Toddler teachers (working with children 18 months to 3 years) in Year 2.

\*\*While the use of Advisors is not optional for county programs, the use of CARES Plus participants for this service is. See pg. 25 for additional information on CARES Plus Advisors.

Attest:

Erica M. Inacio – Administration

The Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission has the "first right of refusal" to be the lead agency and operate the CARES Plus program in our county. A letter of intent regarding this right must be filed with the State by December 13, 2010 (copy attached). If the Commission decides not to operate the CARES Plus program, another local public entity (county, city, district, public authority, public agency, etc.) can apply to be the CARES Plus lead agency for Stanislaus County. A letter of intent from a public agency to serve as the CARES Plus lead agency is due December 27, 2010. Regardless of whether the local Commission or a public agency submits a letter of intent to be the CARES Plus lead agency, applications are due to the State on January 18, 2011.

It should be noted that if the Stanislaus Commission does not operate the CARES Plus program, the State will not evaluate multiple CARES Plus applications from Stanislaus public agencies. The RFA contains provisions to encourage, promote, and require collaboration between agencies. Only one CARES Plus application will be accepted from a county. If more than one application is submitted from a county, the State will reject all applications from the county.

It is recommended that the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission indicate to the State that it will not submit a CARES Plus application as the lead agency for Stanislaus County. This recommendation is made for the following reasons:

1. The Commission's policy is to serve the community as a funder and contract administrator, not as a program operator.
2. Components of the former CARES program, which are similar to the components of the CARES Plus program, were assessed in 2009-2010 as being somewhat aligned with the Commission's strategic plan. (NOTE: This formed the basis of the Commission's decision not to fund CARES in the current fiscal year.)
3. The CARES Plus design requires a high level of administrative/technical sophistication regarding early education teaching strategies, best practices, licensing requirements, and assessment tools.
4. Family, friends, and neighbors, a high priority for the Stanislaus Commission, are not eligible for services under CARES Plus.
5. Materials for CARES Plus are currently only available in English. The timeline for developing CARES Plus materials in other languages is uncertain.
6. A heavy reliance on technology for delivering services requires CARES Plus participants to have access to high speed internet and more than basic computer literacy.
7. Money was not budgeted in 2010-2011 for a CARES Plus match.

If this recommendation is approved by the Commission and a Stanislaus County public agency submits a letter of intent to serve as the CARES Plus lead agency, it is likely the Commission and its staff will be asked to collaborate on the development and operation of a CARES Plus program. Such collaboration could include having Commission staff participate on a CARES Plus-required consortium of organizations working to improve the quality of early learning. Staff has the capacity to participate in such a consortium.

The Administrative and Finance Committee discussed this item on November 15th. The Operations and Executive Committees discussed this item on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, respectively.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Submit the attached letter of intent to inform First 5 CA that the Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission will not submit a CARES Plus application as Stanislaus County's lead agency.
2. Instruct staff to inform any Stanislaus County public entity submitting a CARES Plus program application that the Commission does not wish to receive CARES Plus financial support proposals.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this agenda item. However, should the Commission decide to operate and/or financially support a CARES Plus program, the fiscal impact to the Commission could exceed \$300,000 for at least the next two years, depending on the configuration and costs of a to-be-designed CARES Plus program.

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**COMMISSION ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
and approved by the following vote:

Attest:

Erica M. Inacio – Administration

Ayes: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Noes: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Excused or Absent Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as recommended.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Erica M. Inacio – Administration



**Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards  
(CARES) PLUS Program**

**LEAD AGENCY  
LETTER OF INTENT**

**Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission**

**December 13, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.** is the deadline for a First 5 county commission to submit to First 5 California both an electronic and original (hard copy) Letter of Intent (Form 1) with the signature of the executive director or designee, and Collaborative Partners List (Form 3).

Electronic Address:  
[caresplus@ccfc.ca.gov](mailto:caresplus@ccfc.ca.gov)

Mailing Address: First 5 California  
2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
Attn: CARES Plus Application

<b>County Commission Name:</b>	<b>Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission</b>
<b>Check One Box</b>	<b>This County Commission:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	will not submit a CARES Plus application as the lead agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

December 7, 2010  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

John Sims, Executive Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name

**If a First 5 county commission does not submit the Letter of Intent form by the required due date, First 5 California will deem the non-response an acknowledgement that the First 5 county commission will not serve as the lead agency in that county for the CARES Plus program.**



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**COMMITTEE ROUTING**

Administrative/Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Stanislaus County Children and Families Commission  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY**

**AGENDA DATE:** December 7, 2010

**COMMISSION AGENDA #** VI-B-2

**SUBJECT:**

Community Services Agency Request to Loan or Grant Funds for Stage 3 Childcare Costs

**BACKGROUND:**

To support families as they progress through the CalWORKS welfare-to-work program, childcare is offered to participants in three stages:

Stage 1 begins with a family's entry into the CalWORKs program. Clients leave Stage 1 after six months or when their situation is stable, and when there is a slot available in Stage 2 or 3.

Stage 2 begins after six months or after a recipient's work or work activity has stabilized, or when the family is transitioning off of aid. Clients may continue to receive child care in Stage 2 up to two years after they are no longer eligible for aid.

Stage 3 begins when a funded space is available and when the client has acquired the 24 months of child care, after transitioning off of aid (for former CalWORKs recipients).

Stage 1 is administered by county welfare departments, while Stages 2 and 3 are administered by Alternative Payment Program (APP) agencies under contract with the California Department of Education (CDE). In Stanislaus County, the Stanislaus County Community Services Agency serves as the APP agency.

On Friday, October 8, 2010 Governor Schwarzenegger signed the 2010-2011 State budget and used his "blue pencil" veto power to eliminate, effective November 1, 2010, \$256 million in child care services for low income working families in the CalWORKS Stage 3 program. The veto caught Democratic leaders in the Legislature by surprise. According to some accounts, the Governor did not honor a gentleman's agreement with legislative leaders that would have maintained childcare services. After the veto, Democratic leaders contacted all 59 Prop 10 commissions in the state and requested that loans be made to maintain Stage 3 services for the three month period November 1, 2010 to January 31, 2011. Democratic leaders sent a letter to local Prop 10 commissions (attached) with a copy of legislation they plan to introduce in December during the next legislative session. The legislation, which will be expedited for passage in early January, would reimburse local commissions (through a to-be-identified process) who loan money to APP's for Stage 3 costs. Governor-Elect Jerry Brown has not indicated whether or not he will sign a Stage 3 reimbursement bill passed by the Legislature.

In response to a suit filed regarding procedural issues associated with the Governor's blue pencil veto, an Alameda County Superior Court Judge issued a temporary restraining order delaying implementation of the Governor's veto until November 23, 2010. A subsequent stipulated settlement between the parties continued state-subsidized child care services through December 31, 2010.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, the attached request for funding was received from the Community Services Agency (CSA). Of the 209 families in Stage 3 in October, all but 34 families have been transitioned to other CalWORKS childcare programs. 16 of the 34 remaining families have children 0-5 and CSA's request would have the Commission fund childcare services to these 16 families (as well as the families with 0-5 children that "term out" from other stages)

Attest:

Erica M. Inacio – Administration

for the remainder of the fiscal year. Depending on the childcare rates used (actual average reimbursement rates or childcare center rates), costs for these families for the remainder of the fiscal year could run from:

	<u>Average Costs</u>	<u>Center Costs</u>
January	\$ 13,127	\$ 30,782
February – June	\$ 75,998	\$178,210
Program Administration	\$ 14,260	\$ 33,439
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,385</b>	<b>\$242,431</b>

During their review of CSA's proposal, Commission staff and Committee members identified the following concerns:

- If the State Legislature fails to act or the Governor fails to act, CSA does not have the ability to repay the Commission for Stage 3 subsidized childcare costs.
- Subsidized childcare programs have been evaluated as somewhat, rather than closely, aligned with the Commission's strategic plan.
- The Commission stopped funding subsidized childcare more than five years ago.
- Proposed program costs are relatively high compared to the relatively small number of families served.
- Should the Commission fund the Stage 3 program for only January or through June, the Commission, and not the State, will be viewed as having eliminated the program when funding ends.

The Administrative and Finance Committee discussed this item on November 15th. The Operations and Executive Committees discussed this item on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, respectively. Commission staff and Commission Committees are not recommending approval of CSA's Stage 3 subsidized childcare request.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based on the concerns listed above, do not approve the following funding requests proposed by Legislative leaders and CSA for the Stage 3 subsidized childcare program:

1. Loan up to \$35,707 (\$30,782 plus 16% for administration) to the Stage 3 childcare program for the month of January 2011 with the understanding the loan may become a grant.
2. Grant up to \$242,431 to support the Stage 3 childcare program for the period January 2011 to June 2011 (of which some costs may be reimbursed by the state)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Depending on the decision made the Commission, the fiscal impact for this agenda could range from no impact (if the request is not funded) to \$242,431 for the remainder of the fiscal year (if a grant is made for the remainder of the year). Any funds approved for this request will be transferred from the Commission's contingency line item which currently contains an appropriation of \$500,000.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

On motion of Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Noes: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Excused or Absent Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining: Commissioner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as recommended.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Erica M. Inacio – Administration

# California Legislature

October 25, 2010

Local First Five Commissioners  
C/O Sherry Novick, Executive Director  
First Five Association of California  
719 El Cerrito Plaza  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Dear Commissioner:

We want to thank you for your attention and interest in joining our efforts to avoid the child care crisis caused by Governor Schwarzenegger's veto of \$256 million from Stage 3 Child Care.

If the veto is left unanswered, 60,000 working parents that have successfully worked their way off of welfare and into the workforce will be faced with the cruel choice: either quit their jobs and go back on welfare or be forced to leave their children without quality, educational, and safe child care.

As the Speaker of the Assembly and the Pro Tempore of the Senate, we want to make clear what our commitments are to avert the child care crisis, and we hope our strong commitments better enable you to provide critical transitional funding.

Attached to this letter is a Legislative Counsel draft of the bill that will be introduced on December 6, 2010, the first day of the new Legislative Session. We commit that both houses will pass this bill and deliver to the new Governor's desk on the earliest day possible.

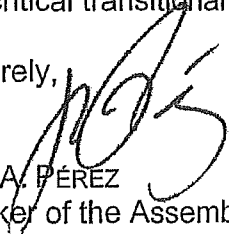
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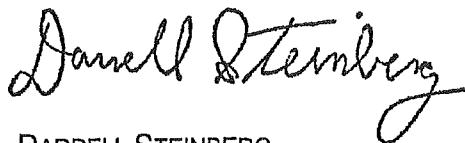
- ◆ Restores \$250 million of the veto. This amount, in addition to \$6 million contributed by the Assembly, will fully fund Stage 3 Child Care for the *entire 2010-11 fiscal year*.
- ◆ Covers the transitional period from November 1 until the bill is signed. Therefore funds will be available for the Alternative Payment Providers to reimburse any funds forwarded by your commission during the transitional period.

- ◆ Requires only a simply majority vote under the Constitution, since this is an appropriation for educational purposes (Article 4, Section 12(d)), and will take effect immediately as a current and usual expense (Article 4, Section 8 (c) 3). Both of these issues are reflected in the Counsel Digest in the attached draft of the bill.

Once again, thank you for working to avoid this crisis. We hope our joint commitments contained in this letter help with your decisions to come through with critical transitional funding.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN A. PÉREZ  
Speaker of the Assembly



DARRELL STEINBERG  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.

as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.

General Subject: Education finance: CalWORKs Stage 3.

Existing law requires that child care be provided in 3 stages to recipients of benefits under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program. The 1st stage of child care begins upon the entry of a person into the CalWORKs program. The 2nd stage of child care begins when a county determines that the work or approved work activity of the recipient is stable or when a recipient is making the transition off of aid and child care is available through a local stage 2 program. The 3rd stage of child care, which is administered by programs contracting with the State Department of Education, begins when a funded child care space becomes available for the child or children of the eligible CalWORKs recipient.

This bill would appropriate \$256,000,000 from the General Fund, for transfer by the Controller to Section A of the State School Fund, for restoration of funding for CalWORKs Stage 3 child care, retroactive to November 1, 2010.



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The bill would declare that it makes appropriations for the usual and current expenses of the state, thereby taking effect immediate.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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An act relating to education finance and making an appropriation therefor,  
to take effect immediately as an appropriation for the usual and current  
expenses of the state.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to restore funding to CalWORKs Stage 3 Child Care, retroactive to November 1, 2010.

SEC. 2. The sum of two hundred fifty-~~six~~ million dollars <sup>(250,000,000)</sup> ~~(256,000,000)~~ is appropriated on a one-time basis from the General Fund, for transfer by the Controller to Section A of the State School Fund, for restoration of funding of Item 6110-196-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2010 (Ch. 712, Stats. 2010), as follows:

(1.5) 30.10.020---Child Care Services

(f) 30.10.020.012---Special Program, Child Development, Alternative Payment Program---Stage 3 Setaside

SEC. 3. This act makes an appropriation for the usual current expenses of the state within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediately effect.

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November 30, 2010

Mary Ann Lee, Chair  
Children and Families Commission  
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Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Mary Ann Lee,

The goal of the Community Services Agency (CSA) Child Care program can be viewed as a last step in the continuum of services provided to our families on their journey to self sufficiency. Historically, reducing barriers to self sufficiency has been one of the highest values held by our agency. Our success as an agency is measured by the number of positive outcomes our customers experience as a result of the services our agency provides. We know the value that the Children and Families Commission places on promoting the development and wellbeing of children 0-5 and we believe this grant request perfectly aligns with the vision of the Children and Families Commission in Stanislaus County.

Program Description

The State of California's system to support families with child care services as they transition from public assistance to employment is the CalWORKs Child Care Program. Stanislaus County's Community Services Agency (CSA) is one of the local CalWORKs Child Care contractors. Our program is known as the StanWORKs Child Care Program.

The CSA StanWORKs Child Care Program partners with parents to improve the future of their children by providing child care assistance to individuals residing in Stanislaus County who are receiving CalWORKs cash assistance and are transitioning from CalWORKs to full time employment. In addition, we also provide child care assistance to former CalWORKs recipients.



The Child Care program is administered in 3 Stages. Family income and need for services are considered in the determination of eligibility for services. The 3 Stages of Child Care are described as follows:

Stage 1: Administered by CSA and supervised by the California Department of Social Services. All current and former CalWORKs (cash assistance) recipients applying for child care start in this stage of child care (including CalWORKs Diversion). Child care services will not be available more than 30 days prior to the parent requesting services.

Stage 2: Contracted to CSA by the California Department of Education to provide child care services to stable families who are receiving CalWORKs (cash assistance) or have received CalWORKs assistance in the last 24 months (including CalWORKs Diversion).

Stage 3: Contracted to CSA by the California Department of Education to provide child care services to parents who have been discontinued from CalWORKs cash assistance (including CalWORKs Diversion) for 24 months and are in their final 24<sup>th</sup> month of Stage 1 or 2 Child Care. CSA facilitates a seamless transition between all three stages.

### Background

The passing of the state budget has negatively impacted families receiving Stage 3 child care services from the StanWORKs Child Care Program. On October 11, 2010, our agency was notified that effective November 1, 2010, child care services to Stage 3 families must be terminated because the State Budget eliminated funding for the CalWORKs Stage 3 program. The Community Services Agency immediately notified all the families in Stanislaus County impacted by this decision, yet the situation to this day remains critical. This has to do with the fact that the time line of this directive did not allow families enough time to make alternative arrangements for child care services. As this would be effective November 1, 2010, many of these families were faced with the decision to either quit their jobs or take care of their children if they could find no alternative arrangements. It is important to note that the majority of families in Stage 3 child care services are single parent families.

Though CSA has been proactive in trying to alleviate this situation by looking at families who may be eligible for the Diversion (CalWORKs) program and thereby giving them the necessary CalWORKs connection required by our program, there are a number of families who will not qualify through this effort. CSA does not have any other funding source within our agency structure to support these families. The majority of the families in Stage 3 child care are employed or involved in another activity. The families that we

have contacted have informed us that if their child care services are eliminated; they will lose their current employment.

Proposal

Based on our data analysis (based on October 2010), a total of 209 families in Stanislaus County were affected by the elimination of Stage 3 Child Care funding. CSA is looking at ways to assist these families and we estimate that we may be able to re-instate approximately 175 of these families to the CalWORKs program giving them the necessary CalWORKs connection required by our program. Of the remaining 34 families, 16 families have children 0-5 years of age. The other 18 families are without children 0-5 years of age and are left without any other possible access to subsidized child care.

In order to assist the 16 families with children 0-5 years of age with this urgent need for child care services, CSA is seeking a grant from the Children and Families Commission. Specifically, and in alignment with the Commission's strategic result area of improved child health and sustainable systems, the Community Services Agency would like to seek support for these 16 families. We have attached the following projection for your review:

Projection of Stage 3 Case that meet 0-5 Prop 10 eligibility

Oct 2010 total Stage 3 families	209
October count of Prop 10 Eligible	16
Ratio of eligible Stage 3 cases	7.7%

Projected Total # of Stage 2 cases that time out monthly	15
Projected number of monthly Prop 10 eligible families	1

Ser Month	Family	1.8 Children per Family	FT Monthly 0- 24 Child Care Center Rate (1) \$900.05	Current FT Monthly 0-24 Child Care Ctr Avg Rate in Stanislaus County (1) \$767.12	CSA Stage 3 FY 10/11 avg monthly reimbursement (2) \$383.83
Jan-11	19	34.2	30,782	26,236	13,127
Feb-11	1	36	32,402	27,616	13,818
Mar-11	1	37.8	34,022	28,997	14,509
Apr-11	1	39.6	35,642	30,378	15,200

May-11	1	41.4	37,262	31,759	15,891
Jun-11	1	43.2	38,882	33,140	16,581
Projected cost through June 2011			208,992	178,125	89,125

Estimate Range for Admin and Support Services using Indirect Cost Rate for FY 10/11 x Highest Monthly Rate (4)	Estimate Range for Admin and Support Services using Indirect Cost Rate for FY 10/11 x Lowest Monthly Rate (4)
33,439	14,260

Note:

- (1) CDE FT Monthly Child Care Center Rate for a child 0-24 mos, projection presumes all children in the family are 0-24 mos placed with a Child Care Center Provider
- (2) FY 10/11 avg monthly reimbursement for all Stage 3 cases, does not include legislated reduction of RMR for license exempt providers
- (3) Presumes a consistent caseload
- (4) Calculate potential indirect costs by applying Indirect Cost Rate (ICR) developed by CDSS for use by the counties for FY 10/11. Apply to highest and lowest potential payments to establish range. FY 10/11 ICR of 16% can be found in CFL 10/11-25

We estimate that the number of families with children 0-5 years needing child care services will increase by one family each month. Through the end of Fiscal Year 2010/2011, a total of 43.2 children will have a need for child care services. The direct cost of services is estimated between \$89,125 and \$208,992 (payment to providers). This estimate does not include administrative cost which is estimated between \$14,260 and \$33,439. If the legislature reinstates Stage 3 funding, CSA intends to reimburse allowable expenditures.

Sincerely,

Christine C. Applegate, Director



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**Administrative Committee Minutes**  
November 15, 2010

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# STANISLAUS COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

## CONTRACT SCHEDULE

### 10/31/2010

	Budget	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Budget	% Actual to Budget	
<b>RESULT AREA 1: Improved Family Functioning (Family Support, Education, and Services)</b>					
<b>Behavioral and Mental Health Services</b>					
1	BHRS	\$ 1,523,009	\$ 127,473	\$ 1,395,536	8%
2	El Concilio	\$ 98,000	\$ 7,137	\$ 90,863	7%
<b>Community Resource and Referral</b>					
3	211 Project	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 150,000	0%
4	Food Stamp Outreach	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	0%
Family Resource Centers:					
5	Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children	\$ 183,958	\$ 29,276	\$ 154,682	16%
6	Hughson Family Resource Center	\$ 146,255	\$ 26,846	\$ 119,409	18%
7	N. Modesto/Salida Family Resource Center	\$ 397,941	\$ 62,296	\$ 335,645	16%
8	Oakdale/Riverbank Family Resource Center	\$ 153,868	\$ 22,818	\$ 131,050	15%
9	Parent Resource Center	\$ 508,155	\$ 85,617	\$ 422,538	17%
10	Turlock Family Resource Center	\$ 238,638	\$ -	\$ 238,638	0%
11	Westside Family Resource Center	\$ 211,878	\$ 29,584	\$ 182,294	14%
12	The Bridge	\$ 185,000	\$ 12,137	\$ 172,863	7%
13	Healthy Start Sites	\$ 374,418	\$ -	\$ 374,418	0%
<b>Targeted Intensive Parent Support Services</b>					
14	Children's Crisis Center	\$ 460,000	\$ 178,745	\$ 281,255	39%
15	Family Justice Center	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0%
<b>Total Area 1:</b>		<b>\$ 4,781,120</b>	<b>\$ 581,929</b>	<b>\$ 4,199,191</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>RESULT AREA 2: Improved Child Development (Child Development Services)</b>					
<b>School Readiness Programs</b>					
16	Waterford (1)	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	0%
<b>Early Education Programs for Children</b>					
17	Chatom (1)	\$ 62,500	\$ 3,826	\$ 58,674	6%
18	Keyes (1)	\$ 62,500	\$ -	\$ 62,500	0%
19	Grayson (1)	\$ 62,500	\$ -	\$ 62,500	0%
20	Riverbank (2)	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ 125,000	0%
21	Turlock (3)	\$ 187,500	\$ 1,339	\$ 186,161	1%
22	Von Renner (1)	\$ 62,500	\$ -	\$ 62,500	0%
<b>Early Education Provider Programs</b>					
23	Family Friends Neighbors/ASQ Training	\$ 147,731	\$ -	\$ 147,731	0%
<b>Total Area 2:</b>		<b>\$ 810,231</b>	<b>\$ 5,165</b>	<b>\$ 805,066</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>RESULT AREA 3: Improved Health (Health Education and Services)</b>					
<b>Health Access</b>					
24	HSA - Healthy Cubs	\$ 570,000	\$ -	\$ 570,000	0%
<b>Oral Health</b>					
25	Golden Valley Dental Education/Screening Services	\$ 65,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	0%
26	Health Services Agency-Dental Education	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	0%
<b>Prenatal Care</b>					
27	HSA - Perinatal Home Visitations (HBO)	\$ 1,339,160	\$ 70,121	\$ 1,269,039	5%
<b>Primary Care Services (Immunizations, Well-Child Checkups)</b>					
28	DMCF - MOMobile#1	\$ 121,050	\$ 30,263	\$ 90,788	25%
<b>Safety Education and Intentional and Unintentional Injury Prevention</b>					
29	Shaken Baby Syndrome	\$ 22,333	\$ -	\$ 22,333	0%
<b>Total Area 3:</b>		<b>\$ 2,127,543</b>	<b>\$ 100,383</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,160</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>RESULT AREA 4: Improved Systems of Care</b>					
<b>Service Outreach, Planning, Support, and Management</b>					
30	SCOE - Healthy Start Support	\$ 82,378	\$ -	\$ 82,378	0%
<b>Total Area 4:</b>		<b>\$ 82,378</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 82,378</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Estimated Services Contracts</b>		<b>\$ 7,801,272</b>	<b>\$ 687,478</b>	<b>\$ 7,113,794</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Evaluation</b>					
31	CSU Stanislaus - Core 4 Evaluation	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,541	\$ 36,459	9%
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<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL FOR ALL CONTRACTS</b>		<b>\$ 7,841,272</b>	<b>\$ 691,019</b>	<b>\$ 7,150,253</b>	<b>9%</b>



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## Operations Committee Minutes

November 17, 2010

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**Executive Committee Minutes**  
November 22, 2010

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**Commissioners Present:** Mary Ann Lee, George Skol  
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1. As Commissioner Chiesa had met with John Sims and Erica Inacio earlier in the day to go over the items on the Executive Committee agenda, the Committee focused on the agenda for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - a. CARES RFA – Letter of Intent
  - b. Stage 3 Childcare Subsidies Application from Community Services Agency
2. While discussing the December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda, the Committee reviewed the status of the Stage 3 proposal from CSA. A revised proposal from CSA is expected to be delivered by Wednesday of next week. The proposal had to be revised to account for the latest Alameda Court ruling that now continues Stage 3 services through December 31, 2010.

Chairman Souza  
First 5 Commission  
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Modesto, Ca 95354

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October 28, 2010

Dear Chairman Souza

I am writing to you as a member of your community and as a parent in a family that will be deeply impacted by the elimination of CalWORKS Stage 3 child care. Please consider offering bridge funding to come to the aid of a portion of the 81,000 Californian children who will lose access to child care on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Despite the fact that the budget bill that the Legislature passed did not add to the deficit, Governor Schwarzenegger decided to line-item veto \$256 million in funding for CalWORKS Stage 3 child care. As a result, 81,000 children from more than 60,000 families will face significant hardship. Some will return to Stage 1 or Stage 2 at considerable expense to the State. Those who have used up all of their Stage 1 and Stage 2 eligibility will be faced with few options. Some will be forced to put their children in the hands of relatives or unlicensed care, others will likely quit their jobs to stay home with their children. In other words, with no Stage 3 child care, there will be no good options for tens-of-thousands of families.

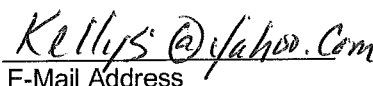
Of course, this likely comes as no surprise to you, since you lead this county's First 5 Commission, which has played a critical role in furthering the education and wellbeing of our community's children. You already know that families rely on child care assistance to ensure that their children are in a safe and educationally stimulating environment, and that it gives parents the opportunity to go to work and have peace of mind that their children are well cared for. You already know that investments in high-quality early childhood education yield unparalleled returns and that, over the long term, programs like CalWORKS Stage 3 child care pay for themselves many times over; so you know that scaling back child care assistance may make the budget look better in the short term, but it does great long-term damage to California's most valuable asset: the human capital of its citizens.

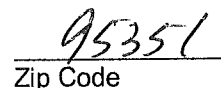
Assembly Speaker John Pérez showed his commitment to our young children by pledging \$6 million from the Assembly's operating budget to help keep CalWORKS Stage 3 child care alive for a little while longer, and he has promised to work to restore funding for CalWORKS Stage 3 child care when the Assembly reconvenes under a new Governor in January. However, \$6 million will only fund the program for a week. 81,000 Californian children need other entities to help ensure that they have a safe, nurturing environment to be in until the Legislature can restore funding for CalWORKS Stage 3. Please consider coming to their aid by contributing funds to keep CalWORKS Stage 3 child care going until January.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Name

  
E-Mail Address

  
Zip Code