

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

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LEGISLATION CONSIDERED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE – SECOND LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2023-2024 SESSION

| Bill Number | Author | Brief Description | Sponsor | CAAEYC Contact | CAAEYC Position | Support | Oppose | Status |
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| | | ASSEMBLY BILLS | | | | | | |
| AB 555 | Carrillo | California state preschool programs: reimbursement amounts; adjustment factors Would require the 3 rd priority for services to be given to eligible 3- and 4-year-old children who are not enrolled in a state-funded transitional kindergarten program, and would revise the remaining priorities accordingly | | | Watch | | | 2 year bill Senate Appropriations Committee DEAD in 2023- 2024 budget bill |
| AB 596 | Reyes | Early Learning and Care: Rate Reform Would require CDSS, in collaboration with CDE, to develop an alternative methodology for calculating subsidy payment rates for child care and development services and CSPP that build upon and align with the recommendations of the working group and Joint Labor Management Committee, and that uses a cost estimation model; would require the department to develop an interim transition plan, if necessary. Bill to be gutted and reissued to allow more flexibility for state contractors between reimbursements rates and private pay fees charges to families. Bill to be reissued with new language in August. More to come! | | Joyce | Watch | | | 2 year bill Senate Appropriations Committee (Held in suspension) Incorporated into the 2023-2024 budget bill Waiting for new bill language Maybe 2025 |

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| AB 1106 | Soria | PK-3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Credential grant program Would establishes a one-time grant program, administered by the CTC to incentivize development and implementation at IHEs of the PK-3 Early childhood Education Specialist Credential pathway would encourage grantees to work with their corresponding bilingual authorization programs to meet the demand for an early learning workforce that is prepared to teach the next generation of Californians | The Education Trust—West Children Now | Jan | Watch | | | 2 year bill 09/01/2023 In Senate committee DEAD |
| AB 1192 | McCarty | TK Implementation By 2025-2026 will receive ADA for all TK students; reduce teacher child ratios to 10:1; requires LEAs to provide administrators, teachers, and teacher aides with professional development training. | Early Edge CA Children Now Kidango | Jan??? | Watch | | | 2 year bill 7/14/2023 In Senate appropriation in suspension DEAD |
| AB 1808 | Nguyen and Davies | Childcare and Development Services: Eligibility will align the eligibility period for child care support under the CalWORKs program with other subsidized programs, extending it from 12 to 24 months. This change aims to create consistent rules for families in need, regardless of whether they access support through welfare, community- based structures, or county offices. | Thriving Families CA | Норе | Support? | Thriving Families CA | None | 1/9/2024 Published 4/03/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriation 5/21/2024 ordered to the Senate 5/29/2024 referred to Committee on Human Services passed to the Senate 6/17/2024 Hearing—Human Services Committee 7/1/2024 In suspense 8/18.2024 Senate Floor |

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| AB 1925 | Rendon | Childcare and Development Services: Eligibility would extend eligibility for childcare and development programs to families whose child is eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and a family who needs the childcare services because the child is identified as eligible for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. In centers and family child care homes, ages birth-13 years | LACOE | Juliet | Watch | LACOE | None at this time | 1/25/2024 Published 2/5/2024 Referred to the Committee on Human Services 4/3/2024 Referred to committee on appropriations 5/16/2024 In committee, held under submission |
| AB 1930 | Reyes | Teaching credentials: Child Development Associate Teacher Permit: renewal. This bill would, on or before April 30, 2025, require the commission to, by rule or regulation, authorize a holder of a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit to renew their permit without a limitation on the number of renewals if the permitholder completes specified hours of professional growth activities, as provided. | CA County Superintendent s Child Care Resource Center EveryChild CA Head Start CA Kidango Santa Clara County Office of Education | Juliet | Support Letter sent | CA County Superintendents Child Care Resource Center EveryChild CA Head Start CA Kidango Santa Clara County Office of Education | None on file | 1/25/2024 Published 3/21/2024 Revised 3/21/2024 Referred to the Committee on appropriations 4/18/2024 Passed to Senate 5/01/2024 referred to committee on education 5/29/2024 referred to Rules Committee 7/1/2024 Passed and re- referred to Committee on Appropriations 8/09/2024 Senate Floor : |

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| AB1947 | Rivas | California state preschool programs: contracting agencies: staff training days Would authorize up to 6 days of staff training, per contract period, using state reimbursement funding; would require a contractor with an enrollment of at least 25% dual language learner children that schedules a minimum of 3 days of staff training to ensure that at least one scheduled staff training day is used to provide staff development that is specific to supporting dual language learner children; would require a day of staff training scheduled during a contractor's regular hours of operation to count toward the minimum number of days a CA state preschool program is required to operate per year. would require the Superintendent to adopt regulations to implement these provisions, and, on or before August 1, 2025, to develop informal directives and bulletins to implement these provisions until the regulations are adopted, as provided. | Californians Together (Co- Sponsor) Early Edge California (Co-Sponsor) | Joyce | Watch | Californians Together (Co- Sponsor) Early Edge California (Co-Sponsor) Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Southern California Association of Two-way Dual Language Education California Federation of Teachers Catalyst California Children Now Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office Los Angeles County Office of Education Los Angeles Unified School District Sobrato Early Academic Language The Children's Partnership | None on file | 1/29/2024 Published 3/18/2024 Referred to Committee on Education 4/04/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 4/25/2024 Passed to the Senate 5/8/2024 Referred to Human Service Committee 5/29/2024 Referred to Health & Human Services Committee 6/3/2024 Hearing postponed 7/1/2024 Amended by author & referred to Committee on Appropriations 8/01/2024 Referred to Appropriations Suspense File 8/7/2024 Senate floor analysis 8/21/2024 Back to Assembly Floor Analysis |

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| AB 2226 | Muratsuchi | Elementary Education: Kindergarten Would require a child to have completed one year of kindergarten before that child may be admitted to the first grade at a public elementary school; states the intent of the Legislature to fund kindergarten as a mandatory grade beginning with the 2026-27 school year | | Juliet | Watch | | | 2/26/2024 Referred to Committee on Education 5/1/2024 in suspense file 5/21/2024 referred to Senate Education Committee 5/29/2024 referred to Committee on education 6/26/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations |
| AB 2343 | Schiavo | CalWORKs: Child Care Programs Would authorize an administrator of a childcare program providing services during the 1st and 2nd stages of childcare to provide additional enhanced support and navigation services to those recipients experiencing homelessness, escaping domestic violence, or both; would also authorize the administrator of a childcare program to partner with specified agencies to provide those services. | | Норе | Watch | | | 2/26/2024 referred to Committee on Health & Human Services 4/24/2024 referred to committee on Appropriations 5/21/2024 referred to Senate 5/29/2024 referred to Committee on Human Services 7/3/2024 Ordered to 3rd reading 8/5/2024 Referred to Senate Appropriation Committee; held in suspense |

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| AB 2381 | Bonta | CA State Preschool Reimbursement Rates Changes the reimbursement methodology for which a California State Preschool Program (CSDPP) contractor may earn their state contract by eliminating attendance as a factor, thereby basing reimbursement on enrollment. Would require, for a contract whose period of performance begins on and after July 1, 2025, the contract reimbursement to be based on the lesser of the maximum reimbursable amount stated in the contract, the net reimbursable program costs, or the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment for certified children times the contract rate set forth in the above-described provisions. For a contract whose period of performance begins on and after July 1, 2025, the contract reimbursement shall be based on the lesser of the following: (1) The maximum reimbursable amount stated in the contract. (2) Net reimbursable program costs. (3) The product of the adjusted child days of enrollment for certified children times the contract rate set forth in this section. | | Joyce | Watch | State Superintendent of Instruction California Alternative Payment Program Association Early Care and Education Consortium Santa Clara County Office of Education | None on file | 3/23/2024 Published 3/21/2024 referred to Committee on Education and Human Services 4/24/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriation 5/22/2024 Referred to the Senate 7/3/2024 Referred to the Appropriations Committee 8/05/2024 Referred to Appropriations Suspense File 8/19/2024 Senate Floor 3rd Reading |

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| AB2476 | Bonta | Child Care Services: Alternative Payment Programs Would remove the requirement the alternative payment reimburse child care programs based on specific criteria; would require the department to ensure that childcare providers are reimbursed at the applicable regional market rate ceiling. The bill would also require that, commencing on April 30, 2026, alternative payment programs provide payment to childcare providers <i>prior</i> to the day the childcare begins for the child and require the department to compensate issue guidance for prospective payments to the alternative payment programs that reimburse childcare providers for the provision of state-funded subsidized childcare and development services no later than April 30, 2025. | Thriving Families CA | | Watch | | | 4/18/2024 referred to Committee on Human Services 4/24/2024 referred to committee on Appropriations 5/23/2024 Referred to the Senate 8/5/2024 In Senate; held in committee, suspense file 8/15/2024 In committee, held in submission |
| AB 2671 | Weber | Family daycare homes: filtered water Would require a licensed family daycare home to only serve water to children in their care or use water in food preparation for children in their care that has been filtered with a point-of-use water filtration device certified to meet specified standards for water safety; would require, on or before January 1, 2026, the department to adopt regulations to implement the requirements, including requiring the family daycare home to maintain records and receipts demonstrating that the water filtration device has been maintained, and its filters replaced, and requiring the department to take specified action if a family daycare home does not comply; would authorize funds from a specified grant program be used to provide lead removing water filters to family daycare homes. | | Juliet | | | | 2/14/2024 Published 3/22/24 Referred to Human Services Committee 4/4/444 Referred to Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee 4/24/2024 Referred to Appropriations Committee 5/16/2024 Held under Submission |

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| AB2732 | Papan | Grant Information Act of 2028: internet web portal: climate-related grants: childcare sector. Would require the library, in consultation with the agency, to include on the above-described internet web portal the category "childcare" under the category tab, in order to ensure that the childcare sector had the ability to search for climate-related grants applicable to childcare providers | | Joyce | Watch | | | 2/15/ 2024 Published 4/11/2024 Referred to Committee on Human services 5/16/2024 Held under Submission in Committee on Appropriations Probably DEAD |

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| AB 2774 | Grayson | Childcare for Working Families Act Would establish the Childcare for Working Families Task Force for the purpose of submitting a report to the Legislature and the executive branch administration of the state, that recommends future comprehensive strategies aimed at addressing challenges faced by working families in accessing flexible, affordable, and quality childcare options. The bill would require the report to be completed by January 1, 2026; would require the Office of Business & Economic Development to invite and convene the task force; would require the office to assist the task force in carrying out its duties to the extent that funding is available; would create the Childcare for Working Families Fund to receive moneys from nongovernment sources to support the implementation of the task force. | | Juliet | | California State Association of Counties Early Care and Education Consortium Thriving Families California | None on file | 2/15/2024 Published 3/21/2024 Referred to Human Services & Education Committees 4/15/2024 Referred to Committee on Education 4/18/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/22/2024 Passed to the Senate 6/5/2024 Referred to Committees on Human Services, Business, Education 7/1/2024 Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations 8/5/2024 Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations 8/5/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 8/5/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations- suspense file 8/15/2024 In committee held under submission |

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| AB 2949 | Rendon | Family Child Care Home Education Networks Would require that tools used to make the family assessments be appropriate to family childcare home settings, and would require a family childcare home education network program to maintain a developmental portfolio for each child and include opportunities for parent involvement; would impose additional requirements on family childcare home education network contractors, including that the developmental profiles specified above be completed in accordance with the provider's observations and that the contractors conduct a parent survey; would also impose various duties on family childcare home education network providers, including requiring providers to adopt and use a curriculum and to provide age- appropriate and developmentally appropriate educational activities for children. | | Juliet/ James | Watch | Child Care Resource Center | None on file | 3/21/2024 referred to Committees on Human Services and Education 4/24/2024 Referred to Committee on Appropriations 5/16/2024 Held under submission DEAD |
| | | SENATE BILLS | | | | | | |
| SB 116 | Committee on Budget & Fiscal Revies | Early Care and Education The bill would suspend the annual cost-of-living adjustment for the reimbursement rate for the 2023–24 and 2024–25 fiscal years. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that any adjustment in the 2023–24 and 2024–25 fiscal years related to reimbursement for programs funded pursuant to these provisions be subject to a ratified agreement and subject to future legislation, as specified. This bill would codify that "income eligible" means that a family's adjusted monthly income is at or below 85% of the state median income, adjusted for family size. | | Jeanne | Watch | | | 2 Year Bill DEAD |

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| SB 380 | Limón | Early Learning and Care: Rate Reform Would require the alternative payment program to reimburse childcare providers based on the maximum certified hours of care, as specified; would require contracting agencies operating those general childcare and development programs to be reimbursed the lesser of 100% of the contract maximum reimbursable amount or net reimbursable program costs. New Bill Language California State Preschool Programs: Age of Eligibility Until July 1, 2027, would authorize, but not require, a California state preschool contractor operating a part-day, full-day, or both part- and full-day California state preschool program to enroll interested eligible 2-year-old children, as defined, and would make conforming changes; would instead require the adjustment factor for 2-year-old and 3-year-old children to be 1.8 and would require the State Department of Education to ensure that the rate that contractors receive for 2-year-old children in each county for each setting and time base type is no less than the rate provided for children of the same age served in general child care and development programs, as provided. | CA Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Resource Center Children Now EveryChild CA Parent Voices | Joyce | Watch | CA Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Resource Center Children Now EveryChild CA Parent Voices Many various ECE agencies | None on File | 2 Year bill No activity this fiscal year Part of budget act for 2023-2024, expires 6/2025? 7/13/2023 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations 8/23/2023 Hearing postponed GUTTED & REWRITTEN 6/10/2024 Published and Rewritten in the Assembly 8/7/2024 Hearing Postponed by the Committee Incorporated into the Budget Act of 2024 |

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| SB 499 | Menjivar | Cool Schools Act of 2023 Would require school sites to develop an Extreme Heat Action Plan to remove harmful surfaces and replace them with cooler surfaces; schools must start implementing their plan by January 1, 2027; school must also install and plant nature-based solutions to promote cooling strategies and pollution mitigation through planting trees, expanding greenspace and gardens, and restoring urban streams. | A Voice for Choice Advocacy Non-Toxic Schools | Joyce | Watch | | | 2- year bill 5/19/2023 Published 7/13/2023 Revised 9/1/2023 Held in submission DEAD |
| SB 600 | Menjivar | California CalFresh Minimum Benefit Adequacy Act of 2023 would, by January 1, 2025, require the department to establish the CalFresh Minimum Nutrition Benefit (MNB) Program to provide a household with a monthly CalFresh allotment of less than a minimum monthly benefit, established by the bill to be \$50, with an additional state-funded monthly MNB that is equal to the difference between their monthly CalFresh allotment and \$50. | | Jeanne | Watch | | | DEAD |
| SB 1307 | Becker | Child Care and Development Services: Eligibility and priority Would give 3 rd priority, to the extent funds are available in the next state plan, to families that are eligible due to a family member's employment at the childcare center or family childcare home. | | Jeanne | Watch | | | 4/15/2024 Human Services Committee Hearing on 4/25/2024 Published 5/6/2024 Placed in Appropriation Committee Suspense file 5/16/2024 Held in Appropriation Committee under submission file |

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| | | FEDERAL LEGISLATION | | | | | | |
| HR 7360 | Tenney (R-NY) Schneider (IL) | Promoting Affordable Child Care for Everyone (PACE) To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and make fully refundable the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit, to increase the maximum amount excludable from gross income for employer-provided dependent care assistance, and for other purpose. Would improve access to affordable and high-quality child care for American families; would modernize the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and enhance Dependent Care Flexible Spend Accounts (FSAs) to make the credit refundable and allow for annual updates to keep both incentives effective and provide more financial support for working parents. Would increase the amount of employer-provided dependent care assistance which may be excluded from the gross income of an employee and requires the increased exclusion amount to be adjusted for inflation. | Co-sponsors: Fitzpatrick, B (R-PA) Stephanik, E (R-NY) Schneider, B (D-IL) | Joyce | None at this time | | | Introduced 2/15/2024 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee |
| HR 7465 | Rep Bice (R-OK) | Combating High Inflation Limiting Daycare (CHILD) Act To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index dependent care assistance programs to inflation. Would double the annual contribution limit for tax advantaged Dependent Care Flexible Savings Accounts (DCFSAs); would increase the annual contribution limit to \$10,000 from \$5000 for joint filers, to \$5000 from \$2500 for separate filers | Cosponsors Feenstra, R (R-IA) Hoolihan, C (D-PA) Magaziner, S (D-RI) Moolenaar, J (R-MI) Nunn, Z (R-IA) Sánchez, L. (D-CA) Torres, R. (D-NY) | Joyce | None at this time | | | Introduced 2/28/2024 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee |

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| HR 7877 | Rep Norcross (D-NJ) | Second Chance at Public Service Loan Forgiveness Act To improve the public service loan forgiveness program under section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, to improve loan forgiveness eligibility provisions under such Act for teachers, and for other purposes. No summary available yet. | | | None at this time | | | Introduced 4/5/2024 Referred to House Education and Workforce Committee |
| HR 9068 | Rep Harder, J (D-CA) | To assist States in carrying out projects to expand the child care workforce and child care facilities in the States, and for other purposes. No summary available yet. | Fitzpatrick, B. (R-PA) | | | | | 7/18/2024 Introduced into the House 7/18/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Education & Workforce |

| RAISE ACT (Respect, Advancement, and Increasing Support for Educators) Senator Booker reintroduces legislation to boost teacher compensation and expands eligibility to childhood educators. Refundable tax credit of up to \$15,000 for early childhood educators with a bachelor's degree Refundable tax credit of up to \$10,000 for early childhood educators with an associate degree or CDA Increase educators' deduction to \$500 to offset teacher purchases of school supplies | Jan Watch | American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Bank Street College of Education, California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC), California Teachers Association (CTA), Californians for Quality Early Learning (CQEL), Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), Early Edge California, Every Child California, Head Start California, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC),), National Education Association (NEA), National Network of State Teachers of the Year (NNSTOY), National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), National Women's Law Center, San Diego Unified School District, T.E.A.C.H., United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) and others | 5/11/2023 Introduced into the Senate 5/11/2023 Referred to Senate Finance committee |
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| S.3787 | Shaheen, J. (D-NH) | Right Start Child Care and Education Act of 2024 This bill increases or allows new child care tax credits and increases the tax exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance. Specifically, the bill doubles the rate and the maximum allowable amount of the employer-provided child care credit. It also allows an additional increase for certain small businesses. The bill allows a new three-year tax credit for individuals who hold child care-related educational degrees and who work in licensed child care facilities. The bill increases the tax exclusion for employer-provided dependent care assistance. | King, A (I-ME) Klobuchar, A (D-MN) Gillibrand, K (D-NY) | | None at this time | | | 2/8/2024 Introduced into the Senate Referred to Committee on Finance 4/10/2424 Referred to the Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship Hearings held |
| S.4874 | Kaine, T (D-VA) | A bill to expand the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care assistance exclusion. (No summary available yet.) | Britt, K (R-AL) | | None at this time | | | 7/31/2024 Introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance |
| S.4880 | Kaine, T (D-VA) | A bill to implement or strengthen programs that increase the supply of quality child care services by enhancing the wages of child care workers, and for other purposes. (No summary available yet.) | Britt, K (R-AL) | | None at this time | | | 7/31/2024 Introduced Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions |
| S.4967 | Fischer, D (R-NE) | A bill to Amend the Child Care & Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to Reauthorize and Update the Act, and for other purposes (No summary available yet.) | Collins, S (R-ME) Grassley, C. (R-IA) Tillis, T. (R-NC) Ricketts, P. (R-NE) Young, T. (R-IN) | | | | | 8/1/2024 Introduced 8/1/2024 Referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions |

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| | Biden- Harris | TITLE: Child Care Executive Actions 50 directives to nearly every cabinet-level agency to expand access to affordable, high-quality care | | | Watch | | | ACTION IN EACH CABINET |
| | | The America child care sector received a significant boost recently with the passage of a federal spending bill that included a \$1 billion increase in funding for early childhood education programs. This increase, which amounts to roughly a 30% hike in funding, includes significant boosts for Head Start and the Child Care and Development Block Grant, potentially expanding access for more families and improving the quality and availability of child care services. | | | | | | |

To obtain additional information:

- 1. State legislation, go to http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/
- 2. Federal legislation, visit http://thomas.loc.gov
- 3. To access CA budget hearings online, go to https://www.assembly.ca.gov/listentorooms
- 4. Links to Trailer Bills are available at http://www.dof.ca.gov/budgeting/trailer_bill_language/

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Guide to program/funding acronyms:

State Government:

AB Assembly Bill SB Senate Bill

Chaptered Signed into law & filed in the appropriate statute In suspense file Waiting for appropriations in the budget bills

Special consent calendar The consent calendar is where bills are placed which are non-controversial and do not require much discussion. The

consent calendar allows decision-makers to group such items together under one heading and decide them at one time.

Administered by California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

- Resource and Referral Program (CRRP)
- Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program)
- Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP)
- Family Child Care Home Education Network (CFCC)
- CalWORKS Stages 2 and 2 (C@AP and C3AP)
- California Alternative Payment Program (CAPP)
- General Child Care and Development Program (CCTR, ages 0-3; school age)

Administered by California Department of Education (CDE)

- California State Preschool Program (CSPP)
- After School Education and Safety Program (ASES)
- Expanded Learning & Opportunities Program (ELOP)

Administered by the Office of Head Start: (Area IX office)

• Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS)

Administered by the USDA's Food & Nutrition Service

• Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

SHORT LIST OF Public Policy Committee RESOURCES

Child Care Law Center http://www.childcarelaw.org

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Coalition

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Early Edge CA, https://earlyedgecalifornia.org

Every Child CA Home (everychildca.org)

NAEYC https://www.naeyc.org

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