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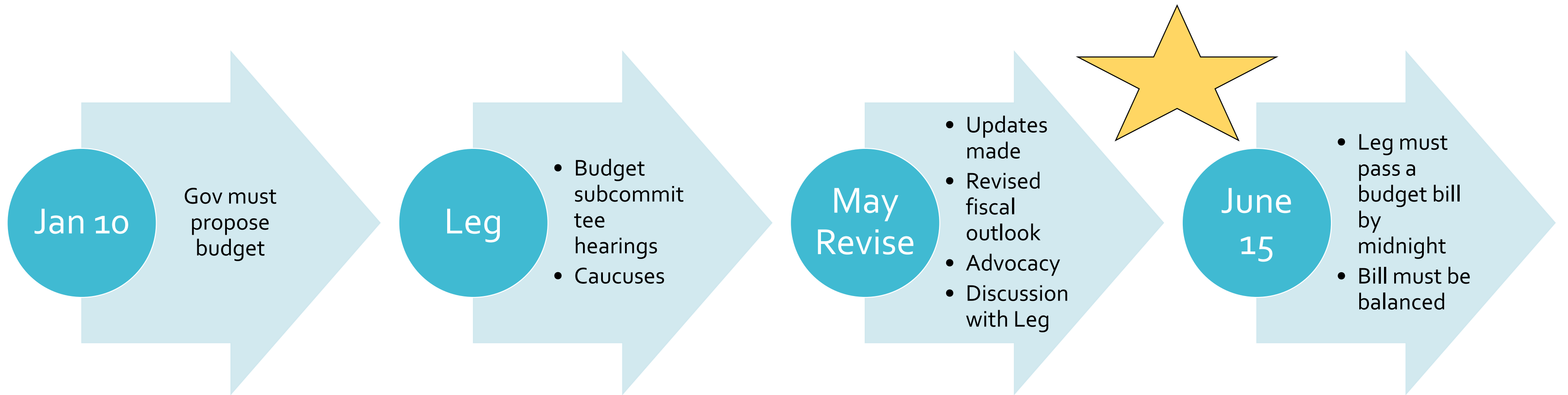
May Revise & Legislative  
Budget Proposals  
June 2023

# Children Now

Our Early Childhood team works  
across all areas of focus at  
Children Now



# Budget Timeline



Fiscal year starts  
Gov signs/vetos budget trailer bills

Last day to pass legislation



Leg can amend budget via 2/3 vote  
And adopt laws w/ budget impact

Last day for Gov to sign, veto or not sign bills

# Child Care & CSPP

## Governor's May Revise

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COLA 8.22 % for child care and CSPP

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Family Fees: \$29.4m in Federal funds to waive family fees thru September 30, 2023

\$169.2m in federal funds for temporary stipends for state-subsidized child care providers

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## Legislative Proposals (so far)

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Senate redirects Governor's COLA, augments with \$893m in one-time federal funding.

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Assembly redirects Governor's COLA and also augments with federal funds. They specify 25% rate increase – SRR by 5%a and would start October 1, 2023

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Both houses cap family fees at 1%

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# Governor's May Revise "COLA" will not benefit providers serving the majority of children

## Counties Receiving Full COLA (40 Counties ~ 40% of 0–5-Year-Old Children)

Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Nevada, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yuba

## Counties Receiving Partial COLA (5 Counties ~ 5% of 0–5-Year-Old Children)

Mono, Napa, Placer, Sonoma, Ventura

## Counties Receiving NO COLA (13 Counties ~ 55% of 0–5-Year-Old Children)

Alameda, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Yolo

# Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Governor	Assembly	Senate
- Maintain 12-1 Ratios	- Move to 10-1 ratios by 2025-26	- No change to ratios, and State Board prohibited from waiving
- Training requirements for assistant teachers starting in 2028-29	- Assistant teachers 48 hours of professional development	- No teacher assistant requirements
- Summer birthday 4-year-olds allowed to participate in early TK	- Allow summer birthday 4-year-olds if district at 10-1 ratio	- Summer 4-year-olds not allowed into early TK
		- Delays 24-unit in early childhood education requirement for TK teachers until Aug 2024

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Thank you!  
Over 1,160+  
organizations  
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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, California 95814

California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Governor's 2021-22 Budget Proposal to Expand Transitional Kindergarten - AMEND

Dear Pro Tem Atkins, Speaker Rendon, and Chairpersons Skinner and Ting:

Thank you for your leadership and your tireless work to support our health, our economy, our communities, and our most vulnerable residents in the midst of the current pandemic. We are writing to urge you to prioritize and support California's youngest children by phasing in, over a multi-year timeline, a series of interconnected investments and structural changes to California's transitional kindergarten program.

To effectively meet the needs of California's young children birth to 5, especially children experiencing poverty, learning English as a second language, and those furthest from opportunity due to the historic and current racist policies and practices, it is essential that California stabilize, strengthen and scale services that are developmentally appropriate and cover the cost of the services envisioned. While there are a myriad of proposals and plans to address these investments, we are highlighting some key issues related to current proposals for your attention below:

**Stabilize and Strengthen Child Care**  
The pandemic has strained an already fragile child care system to the breaking point. Comprehensive early care and education has the potential to have a profound and positive impact on a child's later development and success and getting families back to work is critical to California's economic recovery. We must invest to build out the supply of child care to ultimately serve all children who are eligible based on state eligibility standards. To that end, Children Now respectfully urges the Legislature to make a commitment to a multi-year, multi-billion-dollar investment of new general fund dollars in California's early care and education system and, for the 2021-22 budget specifically, to make investments aligned with the ECE Coalition's budget request. This includes expanding child care spaces and education reimbursement rates, restoring the Facilities and Professional Development Block Grants swept in the 2020-21 budget, waiving family fees on an ongoing basis, and updating technology systems to be more family-friendly.

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**Thursday, June 15, 2023**  
**8am - 2pm** CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
SACRAMENTO, CA



# STAY STRONG

It's not  
over  
until it's  
over





# Questions

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