

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



OFFICE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION



# Joint Committee on Legislation

March 20, 2024



# FRAMING OUR WORK

SECOND LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION OF  
2023 - 2024



# ROLE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

## Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL) Members

### Policy Roundtable

1. **Jessica Perea,  
Co-Chair**
2. Gloria Davis
3. Ofelia Medina
4. Nurhan Pirim

### Child Care Planning Committee

1. **Andrea Fernandez Mendoza  
Co-Chair**
2. Lester Garcia
3. Rachel Klein
4. Patrick MacFarlane

### Member Roles

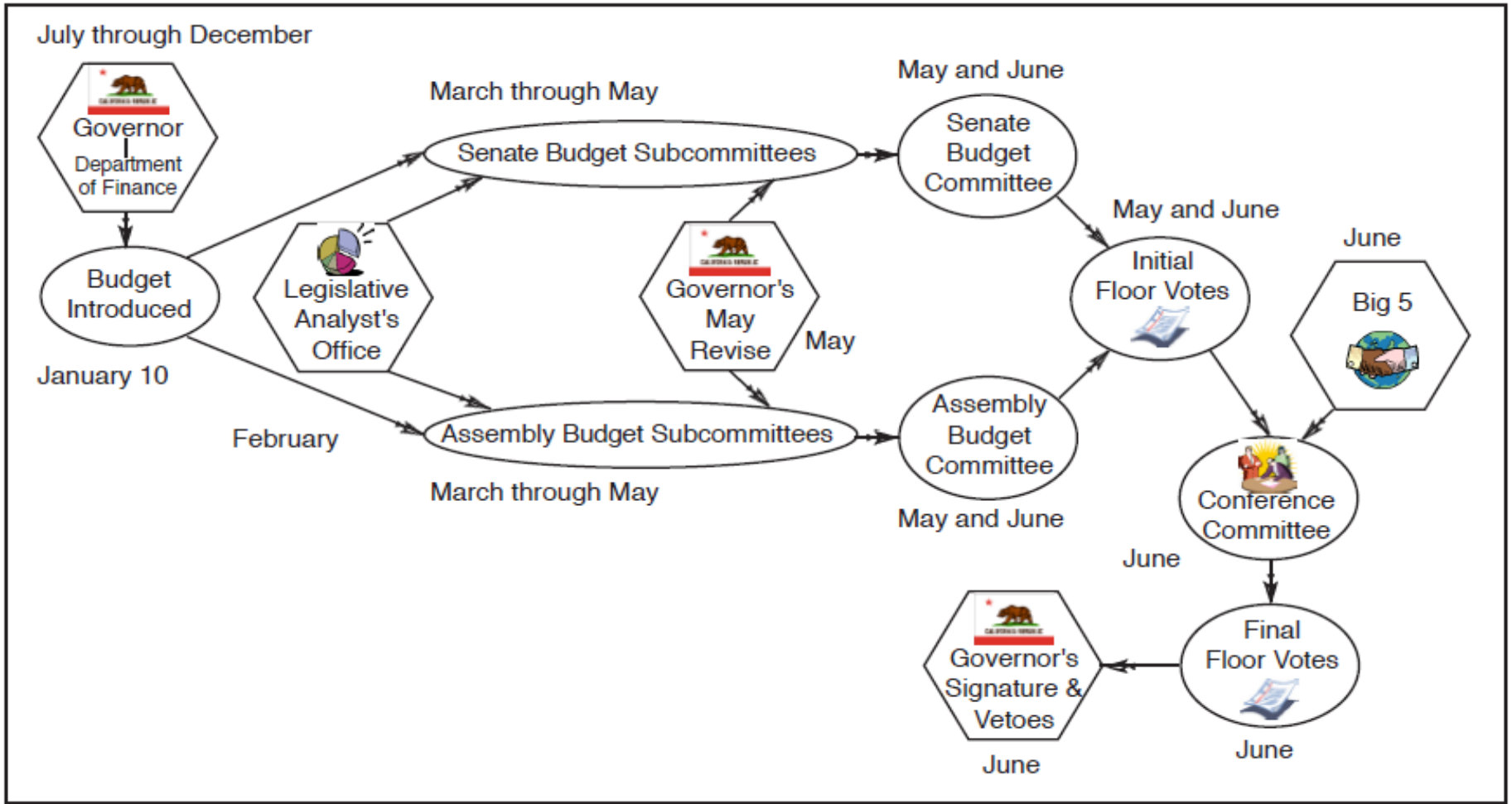
- Provide proposed legislation to JCL to review
- Review Governor's Budget & proposed legislation
- Vote on budget & legislative priorities for Policy Roundtable to consider for Pursuit of Position
- Actively participate in discussions
- Commit to attending meetings

## Official Position County takes on state and federal policy issues

- Once position is taken then County can weigh in on policy issues in Sacramento
- Every time there is a meeting on the policy issue then the County sends a letter with position



# BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE



## Guardrails

- ECE Public Policy Platform 2023-24
- LA County Policy of Equity

## Background/Source Documents

- LA County ECE Unified Strategic Plan
- CA State Budget Timeline
- Infant/Toddler ECE System Blueprint
- ECE Coalition Letter 2024
- EveryChild California Legislative Resources (Bill Tracker)
- Recommended Pursuit of Position FY 2022-23

## Process

- Who and how will information be provided to the Committee to review and discuss





# OVERVIEW OF JANUARY BUDGET



# Review of January Budget

**The Governor's 2024-2025 proposed budget includes:**

- 1) Agreements Made With CCPU
- 2) Agreed-upon Childcare Expansions
- 3) Cost of Living Adjustment
- 4) Transitional Kindergarten
- 5) Other Investments



# Review of January Budget

- 1) **Maintains the agreements made through the collective bargaining agreement with Child Care Providers United (CCPU)**

**The agreement and SB 140 also outline the continued work towards a single rate structure and an alternative methodology for estimating the costs of care**

- In accordance with the agreement and SB 140, by July 2024, the State of California will submit a state plan to the Federal Administration for Children and Families for approval of an alternative methodology.

**The Agreement will continue the Hold Harmless until June 30, 2025**

- This includes reimbursement based on maximum authorized hours of care regardless of attendance.
- Direct service contractors will receive either 100% of the contract's maximum reimbursable amount or net program costs, whichever is less.
- All subsidized childcare providers will receive the Cost-Plus supplements
- Family Fees will remain the same

# Review of January Budget

## 2) Child Care Slot Expansion

- The budget maintains the multi-year commitment initiated as part of the 2021 Budget Act to add 200,000 expanded APP and General Child Care slots.
  - The new slots, initially allocated for 2023-24, were postponed and will be funded in 2024-25, working towards fulfilling the goal of creating over 200,000 new slots by 2026-27.
  - CCTR expansion funds that were just awarded in January 2024 will be fully funded.
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# Review of January Budget

## 3) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

- 0.76% COLA to specific categorical programs, including State Preschools and County Offices of Education.

## 4) Transitional Kindergarten

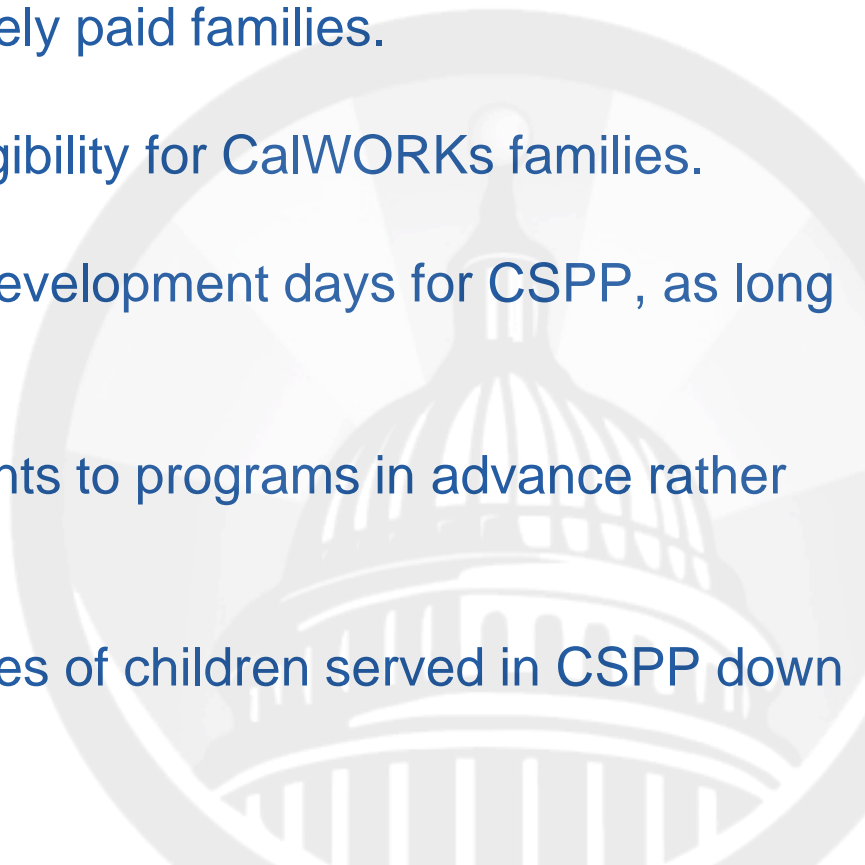
- Maintains parental choice for children eligible for TK, they can remain in CSPP, Head Start, and other subsidized programs should it be in the best interest of the family.
- Continuation of the multi-year Transitional Kindergarten investment which will be phased in over 5 years. 2024-25, starts year four of the expansion, with full implementation expected in 2025-26.

# Review of January Budget

## 5) Other Investments

- The 2022 Budget Act included a \$100 million one-time General Fund for the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program (FDK), and the 2023 Budget Act reflected an additional \$550 million in 2024-25 to support the FDK Program.
- To address the budget shortfall, the Budget delays the 2024-25 planned \$550 million FDK Program investment to 2025-26.
- The budget further delays the implementation of an annual \$10 million General Fund grant program to support preschool inclusion grants, such as facility modifications and training. The Budget maintains the grant program on an ongoing basis beginning in 2026-27.

# High Interest Bills

- **AB 1930 Reyes** - This will allow Associate Teacher Permits to be renewable beyond 10 years.
  - **AB 596 Reyes** - This will be amended so that programs can charge different amounts to subsidized and privately paid families.
  - **AB 1808 Nguyen** - This is 24-month eligibility for CalWORKs families.
  - **AB 1947 Rivas** - Expand professional development days for CSPP, as long as they include training on DLL.
  - **AB 2476 Bonta** - Would change payments to programs in advance rather than after services are rendered.
  - **SB 380 Limon** - This will expand the ages of children served in CSPP down to 24 months.
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# High Interest Bills

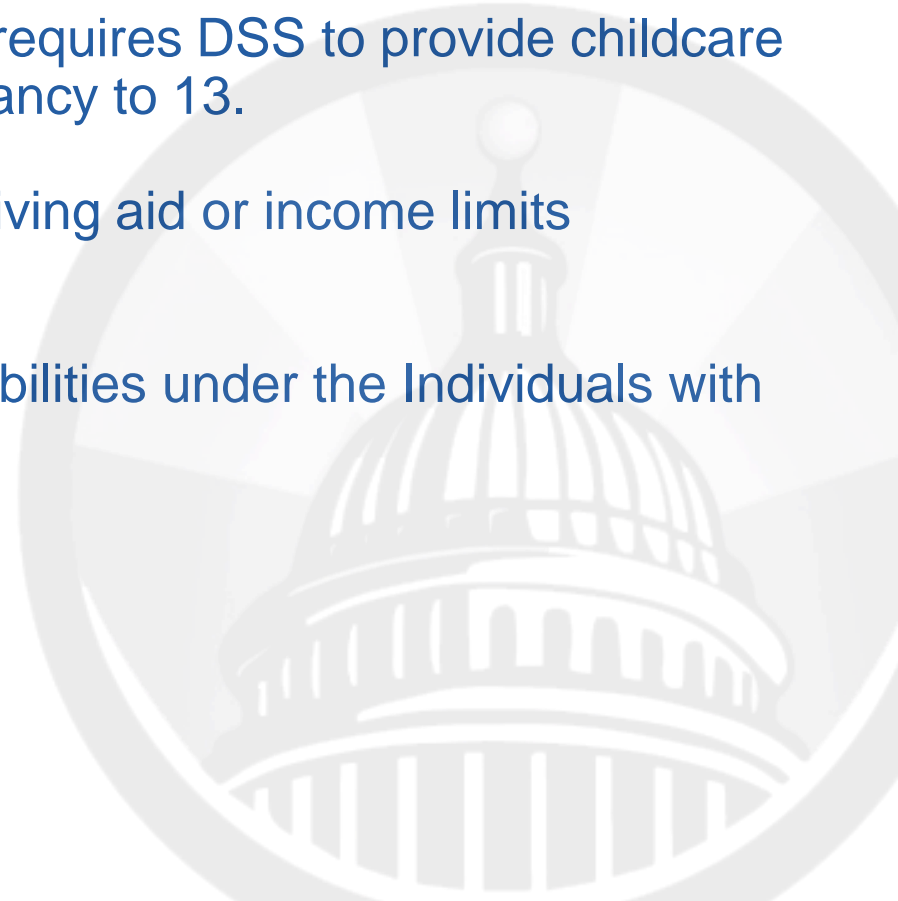
- **AB 1925 Rendon** - *Childcare and Development Programs: Eligibility*

## Background:

- The childcare and development act requires DSS to provide childcare and development programs from infancy to 13.
- Eligibility depends on income—receiving aid or income limits

## Bill proposes to:

- Extend services to families with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act
- Unhoused families are also eligible

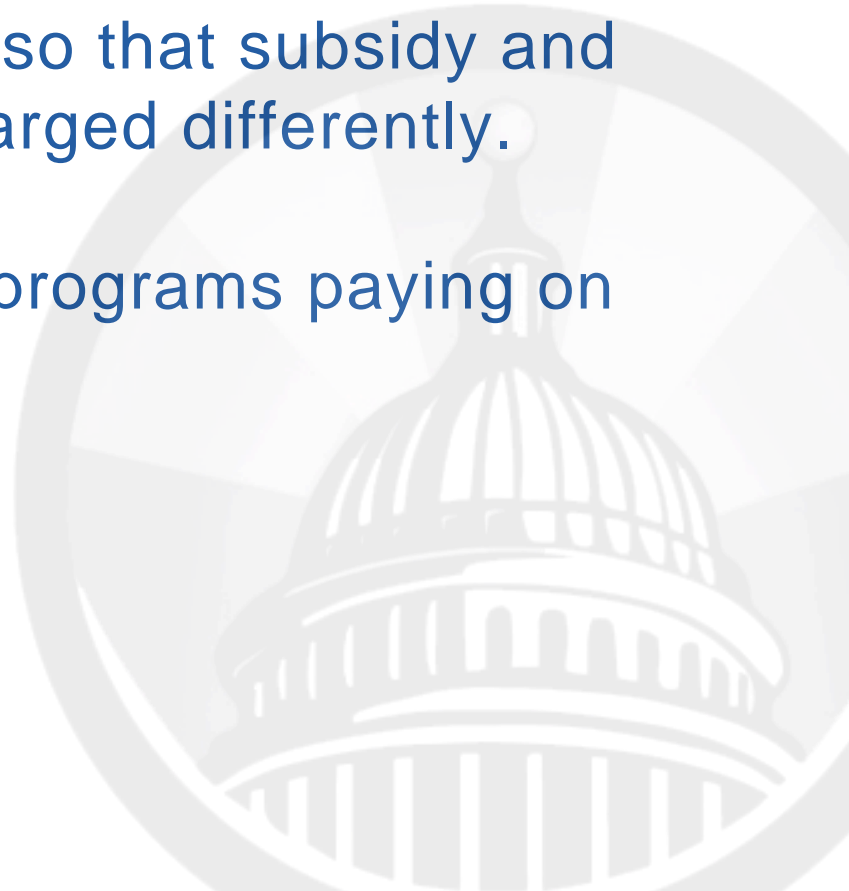




# Repurposed Bills

**AB 396** is going to be changed so that subsidy and non-subsidy families can be charged differently.

**AB 51** is going to be for CSPP programs paying on enrollment not attendance.



# Policy Roundtable Priorities

## Narrowing of Priority Issues to inform Joint Committee on Legislation discussion:

1. **Develop and implement the Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology** to be based on **true cost of care** and include in the State's July 1, 2024 submission of the CDSS Child Care Development Fund Plan 2024-2027
2. Include Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers in Alternative Methodology
  - **Co-Chairs suggest including “centers”**
3. **Award and distribute the ECE spaces appropriated in the 2023-24 budget** by June 30, 2024 - with a sustainable and equitable plan to **reach the 200,000 spaces commitment** by 2026-27

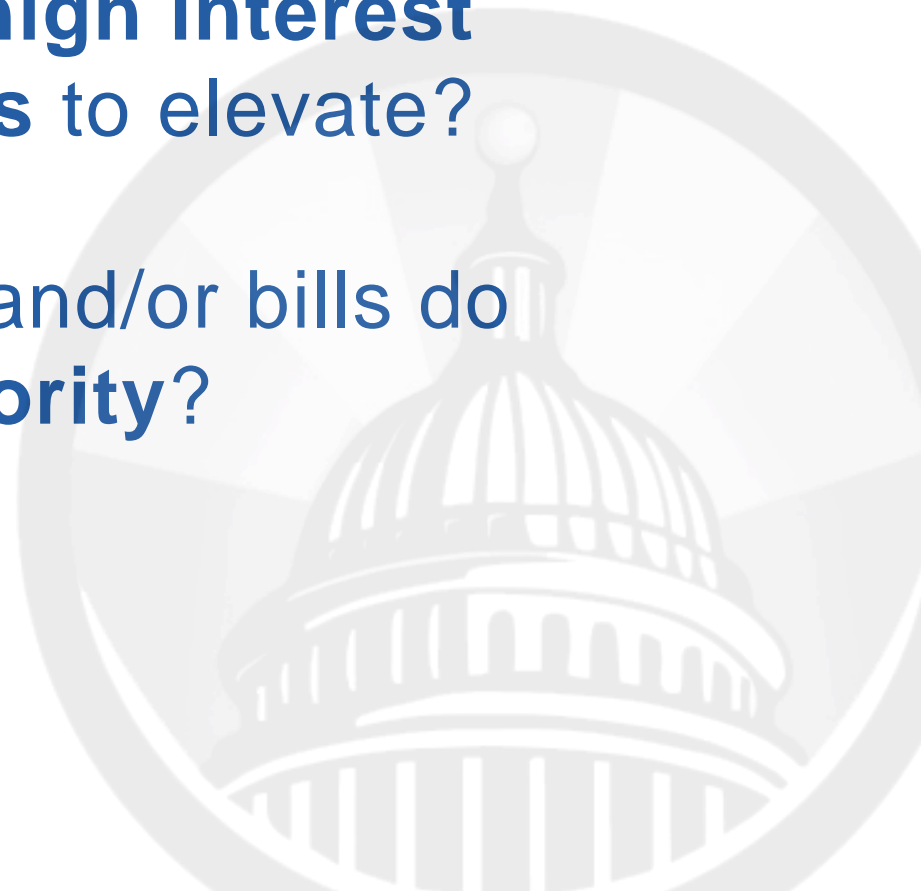
# Response to Governor's Budget

## ECE Coalition Letter 2024

- **Award and distribute the ECE spaces appropriated in the 2023-24 budget by June 30, 2024.** We request a sustainable and equitable plan to reach the 200,000 space commitment by 2026-27.
- **Develop and implement an alternative rate methodology in collaboration with providers, families, and advocates by June 30, 2024.** We request a transparent and collaborative process to ensure the methodology meets the needs of families and all providers.

# DISCUSSION

1. Are there any other **high interest budget items** or **bills** to elevate?
2. Which budget items and/or bills do you consider **top priority**?



# IDENTIFY PRIORITIZATION OF BILLS

PRIORITY 1 - SUPPORT  
PRIORITY 2 - MONITOR  
PRIORITY 3 - WATCH

# Action Item

## Approval of Policy Issue Recommendations

# Policy Issue Recommendations

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2. Include centers and Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers in Alternative Methodology
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# Announcements & Information Sharing



# Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn



# Joint Committee on Legislation