

CHILD CARE FUNDING REDUCTIONS (2008-2012)

California's Child Care and Development system has been subject to consistent and significant decreases in funding since the 2008-2009 fiscal year. None of the child care programs have been exempt from funding cuts, which range from 14% in cuts to the CalWORKs Stage 2 program, to a 67% reduction to CalWORKs Stage 3 program. In light of recent research that indicates each dollar spent on child care in California returns a minimum of nearly three dollars to the state's economy (MacGillvary & Lucia, 2011), significant consideration should be given to the effects of any further cuts to the state's child care and development programs.

CHILD CARE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2008-2012 FISCAL YEARS (in millions) ¹								
PROGRAM	2008-09	2008-2009 (Revision)	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012 Trigger Cuts (Reductions)	Changes 2008-2012 (Amount)	Changes 2008-2012 (Percent)
CalWORKs Child Care								
Stage 1 ²	\$611	\$610	\$507	\$480	\$428		-\$183	-30%
Stage 2	\$517	\$490	\$476	\$431	\$442		-\$74	-14%
Stage 3	\$433	\$418	\$412	\$288 ³	\$145	(\$2)	-\$290	-67%
Subtotal	\$1,561	\$1,517	\$1,395	\$1,199	\$1,016	(\$2)	-\$547	-35%
Non-CalWORKs Child Care								
State Preschool (Prop. 98 funds)	\$445	\$429	\$439	\$439	\$374	(\$6)	-\$77	-17%
General Child Care ⁴	\$810	\$779	\$797	\$797	\$686	(\$11)	-\$135	-17%
Alternative Payment	\$259	\$259	\$275	\$271	\$217	(\$3)	-\$45	-17%
Other child care ⁵	\$79	\$70	\$46	\$35	\$31	(\$1)	-\$49	-62%
Subtotal (Non-Prop. 98 funds)	\$1,148	\$1,108	\$1,118	\$1,103	\$933	(\$15)	-\$230	-20%
Subtotal (all programs)	\$1,593	\$1,538	\$1,557	\$1,541	\$1,307	(\$21)	-\$307	-19%
Quality Improvement/Support ⁶	\$106	\$106	\$109	\$100	\$76		-\$30	-28%
Total Child Care Funding	\$3,259	\$3,161	\$3,060	\$2,682	\$2,399	(\$23)	-\$883	-27%



CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT REDUCTIONS (2008-2012)

CHILD CARE MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT 2008-2012 FISCAL YEARS ¹							
PROGRAM	2008-2009	2008-2009 (Revision)	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	Changes 2008-2012 (Amount)	Changes 2008-2012 (Percent)
CalWORKs Child Care							
Stage 1 ²	63,739	63,645	53,208	51,236	44,294	-19,445	-31%
Stage 2	69,219	66,491	61,854	59,980	64,724	-4,495	-6%
Stage 3	58,507	56,168	55,839	na ³	22,383	-36,124	-62%
Subtotal	191,465	186,304	170,901	111,216	131,401	-60,064	-31%
Non-CalWORKs Child Care							
State Preschool	118,445	114,264	116,832	116,847	99,334	-19,111	-16%
General Child Care ⁴	87,575	84,274	86,169	86,169	73,418	-14,157	-16%
Alternative Payment	34,982	34,791	37,186	38,777	32,052	-2,930	-8%
Other child care ⁵	17,654	15,630	10,180	7,561	6,654	-11,000	-62%
Subtotal	258,656	248,959	250,367	249,354	211,458	-47,198	-18%
Total Maximum Enrollment	450,121	435,263	421,268	360,570	342,859	-107,262	-24%

¹Department of Finance. California Child Care Programs Local Assistance Budget Charts 2008-2012. Total state and federal funding amount allocated and maximum enrollment estimated for child care services in the Final Budget Act. Totals and percentage change calculation results were rounded to the nearest million.

²Funding reductions and maximum enrollment estimates for fiscal years 2009-2010 to 2011-2012 reflect the implementation of a "voluntary" young child exemption which excludes families with one child under 23 months or more than two children under 6 years from CalWORKs work participation requirement.

³Legislative Analyst's Office. 2011-12 California Spending Plan report. The 2010-2011 CalWORKs Stage 3 funding amount reported reflects the final expenditure due to significant changes in allocated funding over the course of the budget year. CalWORKs Stage 3 maximum enrollment estimates were unavailable due to significant changes in allocated funding over the course of the budget year.

⁴General Child Care includes the following program contracts: Center-Based Child Care (CCTR) and Family Child Care.

⁵Other child care includes: Severely Handicapped Care, Center-Based Migrant Child Care, and Extended Day programs. The Extended Day program was phased out in the 2009-2010 budget.

⁶Quality Improvement/Support includes: child care resource and referral services, California Child Care Initiative, Centralized Eligibility Lists, Local Child Care Planning Councils, and other quality improvement programs. The Centralized Eligibility List was eliminated in the 2010-2011 budget.