



## COMMUNITY CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SONOMA COUNTY, INC.

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Dear 4Cs Parents (Guardians) and Child Care Providers,

As we approach July 1<sup>st</sup> and the beginning of the 2010-11 fiscal year, we once again find ourselves in a very challenging financial position. The state legislature and Governor have not yet agreed upon a budget for the State of California. **This means 4Cs will not be able to issue payments for care provided on or after July 1, 2010 until the state budget is signed and 4Cs receives contract payments.**

Currently you are enrolled or you have children in your care who are enrolled with a state subsidized funding source. 4Cs will pay for all contracted care provided through June 30, 2010. We ask that you continue to complete and submit attendance sheets on schedule and collect relevant family fees, so we may process payments in a timely manner once the state budget is signed and funding has been released.

For providers enrolled in 4Cs Child Care Food Program, payments will continue to be issued on schedule according to food program policies.

These are challenging times for all of us. We ask parents to please report changes, per program requirements. We ask child care providers, to please continue to provide your valuable service to subsidized families throughout this crisis. If there is any change in child care arrangements, please inform your 4Cs case manager immediately so we can provide as much stability as possible.

We understand the hardship this causes you and encourage you to write letters and speak out at the state level to help legislators know what it could mean to you and your family to be without payments for child care services for many weeks or months. Let our state legislators and Governor know the urgency with which we need this state budget signed and to keep funding for programs intact. See the attached list of contact information. Below are some topics that you may wish to cover.

- Give them your name and the city in which you live and that you are their constituent.
- Ask them to avoid cuts to child care and development programs.
- Explain how losing child care will affect your family and your ability to work.
- Explain how this will affect your small business.
- Explain how many children and families this will affect.
- Tell them that providing child care is a job and you are supporting parents to keep their jobs as well.
- Urge them to pass and sign a state budget on time.

We appreciate your support and patience as we deal with this uncertain and difficult situation. We will let you know as soon as we receive funding and of the date payments will be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Tina Paige  
Acting Executive Director