



2019-20 California State Budget	Alameda County Impact
<p><b>Early Care and Education Master Plan</b> Building upon the Assembly’s Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Childhood Education, the Governor will convene stakeholders to provide a roadmap for CA to achieve comprehensive, quality, and affordable childcare and universal preschool with an expected completion date no later than October 1, 2020.</p>	
<p><b>Progress toward Universal Preschool</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$31 million to increase access to full day preschool for low-income parents working or in school resulting in an additional 10,000 California State Preschool Program slots for programs that are not part of school districts, effective April 1, 2020.</li> <li>• Expands state preschool eligibility to include all families that live in a school attendance area where 80% or more students qualify for Free or Reduced Price Meal (FRPM).</li> </ul>	<p>Up to approximately <b>2,000 Alameda County children may be eligible</b> to increase access from part- to full-day as a result of this year’s budget deal.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Payment (AP) Child Care Vouchers</b> \$93.3 million resulting in approximately 9,459 AP vouchers statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$80.5 million in ongoing Proposition 64 funds</li> <li>• \$12.8 million in ongoing federal Child Care Development Block Grant funds</li> </ul>	<p>There will be an estimated \$1.5 million in new subsidies and an estimated <b>122 increase in enrollments</b> for Alameda County.</p>
<p><b>General Child Care (CCTR)</b> \$50 million in one-time General Fund support for ongoing 3,086 General Child Care slots (slots to be funded in future years with growth in Proposition 64 funds).</p>	<p>\$1.5 million in new subsidies and an estimated <b>155 increase in enrollments</b> for Alameda County.</p>
<p><b>CalWORKs Child Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$56.4 million to fund up to 12 months of Stage 1 child care for CalWORKs recipients (\$70.5 million ongoing).</li> <li>• \$157.5 million towards Stage 2 and Stage 3 to reflect increases in caseloads.</li> </ul>	<p>Approximately <b>1,000 children</b> in CalWORKs Stage 1 will now be eligible for 12 months.</p>
<p><b>Child Care Professional Development and Facilities Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$195 to provide professional development stipends and better align professional development efforts, including \$2.2 million for Quality Counts California. The funding will expand trainings and support activities to a broad range of providers, ensure that stipends and professional development are aligned with the Quality Counts California professional development system.</li> <li>• \$273 million to improve facilities. Of this, \$18 million will go towards converting the Child Care Facilities Revolving Loan Fund into a grants- based program.</li> </ul>	<p>Over <b>10,000 Alameda County children</b> benefited from Quality Counts’ quality improvement programs in 2017-18. This funding will help this program continue.</p> <p>An estimated <b>\$12.3 - \$14.5 million in facilities improvements</b> over five years may come to Alameda County. Alameda County participates in Quality Counts and is well positioned to receive additional professional development stipends.</p>



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<p><b>Early Learning Data Systems</b> \$10 million in one-time funding for the Department of Education, the Department of Social Service, the Public Employment Relations Board and Human Resources Department for data collection and implementation of child care organizing.</p>	<p><b>Carla Kenner from First 5 Alameda County</b> was asked to <b>sit on a statewide workgroup</b> to help inform a data system that will contribute to a consumer facing online portal to access child care and other developmental services.</p>
<p><b>Screenings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$40.8 million for trauma screenings and \$53.9 million for developmental screenings for MediCal beneficiaries, with direction for the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to post payment structure of the physician supplemental payments by September 30, 2019.</li> <li>• \$60 million in one-time to train providers administering trauma screening over three years. In developing the provider training curriculum, DHCS will work closely with subject matter experts in trauma-informed care, professional associations, academic institutions.</li> </ul>	<p>Forty percent (40%) of Alameda County six-year-olds have an unidentified or untreated developmental issue. First 5’s Help Me Grow program helps refer families to quality screening and served <b>over 3,000 children and their families</b> last year, 85% of which were Medi-Cal recipients.</p> <p>Of households with children, an estimated <b>17.5% had at least one adult with four or more ACES in Alameda County</b>. This budget will increase the number of children screened in our county.</p>
<p><b>Home Visiting</b> \$155 million for expansion of the Home Visiting Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$89.6 million for CalWORKS Home Visiting Initiative</li> <li>• \$45.9 million for the CA Home Visiting Program</li> <li>• \$19.5 million for Black Infant Health Program</li> </ul>	<p>Existing home visit programs served <b>only half of Alameda County children</b> born with Medi-Cal as a payer in 2017-18. This funding will increase access for Alameda County families to home visiting programs.</p>
<p><b>CalWORKs Grants</b> Increasing CalWORKs grants to 50% of Federal Poverty Level families living in deep poverty.</p>	<p>Alameda County has <b>approximately 6,000 children ages 0-5</b> who are CalWORKs recipients.</p>
<p><b>CalWORKs Earned Income Disregard (EID)</b> Called the EID, the first \$225 of CalWORKs recipient’s gross monthly earnings, then 50% of the remainder is exempt when determining gross monthly income for CalWORKs participant. This budget increases the EID to \$500, which would allow CalWORKs parents to keep more of their earnings.</p>	<p>While the state minimum wage will reach \$15 per hour in 2023, <b>the minimum wage is already \$15 per hour or higher in many Alameda County cities</b>. Therefore, this change in the EID is particularly important for CalWORKs recipients in our county.</p>
<p><b>Changes to CalWORKs Asset Test</b> Currently, families with certain assets or cars above a certain value are ineligible for CalWORKs. The budget increases the asset limitation to \$10,000 and allowable value for a vehicle to \$25,000 for eligibility and continued participation in CalWORKs. (\$7.5 million in 2019-20 and \$27.8 million in 2020-21)</p>	<p>Alameda County families with two parent and two young children must <b>make close to \$118,000 to cover basic needs</b>, according to the Self-Sufficiency Standard. This increase in the asset test will allow more Alameda County families in need to take become eligible for CalWORKs.</p>



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<p><b>Paid Family Leave (PFL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expands paid family leave from six to eight weeks starting July 1, 2020, and adopts intent language to with the goal of providing 90% wage replacement for low income workers.</li> <li>Budget also includes \$5 million in one-time funding for media and outreach to increase participation in the PFL program.</li> </ul>	<p>Alameda County had an estimated 5.5 paid family leave claims per 1,000 people between 2004 and 2012, <b>one of the highest numbers in the state</b>. This change will give them more time to be at home with their family.</p>
<p><b>Child Savings Accounts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 million to create savings accounts that support and encourage families to build assets for their child’s post-secondary education.</li> <li>Of this funding, \$25 million toward pilot programs with First 5 and local governments, \$25 million to the “Scholarshare” effort.</li> </ul>	<p>First 5 Alameda County partners with Oakland Promise, one of eleven California child savings accounts programs. A statewide expansion of child savings accounts should bring more asset building opportunities to Alameda County families and <b>add to the 400 Oakland babies with child savings accounts</b>.</p>
<p><b>California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EITC program will grow from \$400 million to over \$1 billion.</li> <li>Expands the CalEITC by \$1,000 annually to every family that otherwise qualifies for the credit and has a child under the age of 6</li> <li>Increases maximum earned income eligibility for households who earn up to \$30,000 annually.</li> <li>Provides the option for monthly payments rather than a yearly lump sum.</li> </ul>	<p>24% of Alameda County children lived in households that that claimed the EITC. Without the EITC, <b>close to 13,000 Alameda County children</b> would live below the federal poverty level. This increase in the child tax credit more support for families with young children.</p>
<p><b>Sales Tax on Diapers and Menstrual Products</b> Remove the sales tax on diaper and menstrual products for two years.</p>	<p>First 5 Alameda County works with supplybank.org to provide a diaper bank to families in need. Over the last 9 months, <b>135,000 diapers and 270,000 wipes</b> were distributed serving <b>187 families with 220 children</b> which shows the deep need families have for basic hygiene products.</p>

\*Note: additional information about some of the funding will be released in trailer bills this summer.

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