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Dear CCCC Parents and Providers:

Once again the State of California did not approve a budget by June 30th as they are required to. Unfortunately, no one knows when a budget will be approved and signed – it could be very soon or we could be a couple of months away. In the past few days we have learned some information that we wanted to share with you since it **will affect your payment for child care services from Community Connection for Child Care (CCCC) starting in August 2010.** There are two issues that we are very concerned about – cash flow and the unknowns of how much child care funding will be in the final budget once it is signed by the Governor.

Cash Flow

The State has informed us that **they will not send any child development / child care subsidy funding out to agencies like Community Connection for Child Care (CCCC) until a final budget is signed – assuming that child care funding is not cut significantly in the final state budget.** Without these State funds CCCC will **NOT** be able to pay child care subsidies beginning with your **August 2010** payment. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible, as we were just given this information. **This issue will affect all child care subsidy programs (CalWORKs Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and the Alternative Payment Program).** These program designations are on each child's attendance log. If you provide services for the ***Child & Adult Care Food Program or WIA*** families, your payments for these families should not be affected.

If child care funding remains in the final state budget, you **will** receive partial or full payment for the services you provide based on available funding, but not until the State budget is signed and funds are released. It is important that you continue to submit your attendance logs as usual, which are due to CCCC on the 5th of each month. We will continue to process attendance logs and be ready to send provider payments as soon as we receive final word and money from the State.

Child Care Funding Unknowns

The other issue we are very concerned about is the unknowns of how much child care funding will ultimately end up in the final state budget. Remember that the State has a \$20 billion shortfall and the Governor did propose eliminating the CalWORKs programs and major cuts to child care funding in May. Although we have been told that child care funding will most likely remain in the final budget, we simply will not know until the final budget deal is approved. **As a result, we cannot make any guarantees about continued child care funding until a final budget deal is reached. While support for child care remains strong, there is the possibility that the final budget will significantly reduce or eliminate child care funding; however we will not know until a final budget deal is reached.**

We apologize for the hardship this may cause you, but we wanted to let you know now so you can plan ahead. Providers and parents should share this information with each other **as soon as possible.**

We are as frustrated as you are about the lack of a state budget and we appreciate the major concern and hardship this causes for all of you. **We encourage you to call your elected officials to ask them to sign a budget as soon as possible.** If you have additional questions, you may contact your CCCC case manager. Please check our website at www.kernchildcare.org for updated information about the state budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Sanders", is written over a white background.

Stephen L. Sanders, Administrator
Community Connection for Child Care