

State Budget Update

August 23, 2010

California has now been without a state budget for 2 months. This is the 4th latest that the budget has been in California's history.

As a result of the lack of action from your Governor and legislators, CCCC will only be able to make Stage 1 payments during our August 2010 pay run. That means all other subsidy payments will be delayed until the state signs a budget and the state forwards the funds they are holding to our agency.

Attached to this section of the website is the budget letter we sent to all of you in July letting you know this could happen. We truly apologize and know how hard this is on Kern's providers and families. Also attached is a list of Kern County State legislators who are the only people that can solve the budget crisis.

Key Information:

- Due to lack of a state budget the state is withholding child care payments to agencies like CCCC;
- As a result, CCCC will only be able to pay Stage 1 child care payments this month;
- All other subsidy payments (Stage 2, Stage 3, AP, Food Program) will be delayed until the state sends us the cash we need to be able to make these payments;
- We are expecting Food Program and Stage 2 funding in the next few weeks. As soon as these funds are received we will rush Stage 2 and Food Program payments to providers;
- Other subsidy programs (Stage 3 and AP) will not be paid until a state budget is signed and the state send us these funds;
- Please call your local legislators as they are people with the responsibility to develop a state budget.

This is a very tough time for all of us. The lack of action in Sacramento around the state budget is maddening. CCCC appreciates all that you do to serve the children of Kern County.

We will continue to update you as things progress.