

#ENDCHILDPOVERTYCA 2020 PRIORITIES



California families are working hard to get ahead, yet we still have approximately 2 million children in poverty – and 450,000 children in extreme poverty. In 2019, the state budget invested \$4.8 billion in End Child Poverty Plan recommendations to address the crisis. Additional key investments remain. Our children can't wait another year.

Child poverty is not a fact of nature. Together, we'll make sure ALL our children are healthy, fed, and housed.

#ENDCHILDPOVERTYCA MOVEMENT 2020 PRIORITIES



1. **The Child Poverty Tax Credit:** Get families the money they need so they don't have to choose between having a place to live, putting gas in the car, or paying for child care. Families are striving to escape extreme poverty; they know how to best spend their money; we can provide the boost for them to do it. **This proposal alone, when fully implemented, will eliminate deep child poverty.**



2. **Housing Supports:** Increase overall housing availability and reduce evictions so that children and families don't face the trauma and stress of homelessness.



3. **Child Care:** Improve access to child care and make sure child-care workers can afford to send their own children to preschool or daycare, because **child care is a lifeline to keep parents working and families stable.**



4. **Health Care:** Strengthen and expand community-based and school-based health care clinics to meet families where they are so they can get the care they need to keep them learning and working.



5. **Coordination of Services:** Continue to improve the cost-effectiveness of programs that support families, focusing on community-based, collaborative, research-based solutions.

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BACKGROUND:

- In 2018, California released the End Child Poverty Plan, a research-based, community-informed plan that, when implemented in full, will end extreme child poverty in California, cut overall child poverty in half, and make the Golden State a model for the nation.
- In 2019, California legislators approved \$4.82 billion in new investments supporting the End Child Poverty Plan, including a doubled California Earned Income Tax Credit, the Young Child Tax Credit, expanded health care, and new subsidized child care slots.
- In 2020, in addition to the five issues above, the #EndChildPovertyCA movement will be advocating for other policies supporting the End Child Poverty Plan and its recommendations.

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