



## End Child Poverty in CA Coalition

### 2022 Priority Proposals

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**Overview:** The following is a list of proposals to be considered by the full End Child Poverty California Coalition for the 2022 Legislative Cycle.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

##### **Priority Recommendations:**

- Child Care during COVID-19

**Proposal:** Provide financial relief for families by extending the waiving of family fees through October 2023.

- AB 92 (Reyes) - Preschool and early childcare: family fees.

**Proposal:** Guarantee access to childcare by ensuring family fees do not exceed 1% of a families income, ensure no family earning below 75% of the state median income pays families fees, and convene stakeholders to create an equitable family fee schedule.

- Eliminate the sunset for determining childcare vouchers

**Proposal:** Remove the inequities within the childcare voucher system by ensuring all vouchers have a guaranteed payment.

- Child Care Reimbursement Rates

**Proposal:** Increase child care reimbursement to address the current staffing crisis being faced in child care programs.

#### SOCIAL SAFETY NET

##### **Priority Recommendations:**

- Young Child Tax Credit

**Proposal:** Remove the \$1 earnings requirement for the YCTC and adjust credit for inflation. Eliminate state interception of Young Child Tax credit.

- California Earned Income Tax Credit

**Proposal:** Establish a minimum CalEITC credit/Increase Credit for filers without dependents.

- CalWORKS program

**Proposal:** Increase CalWORKS grant amounts to family size plus one (AU + 1).

- Child Support

**Proposal:** Guarantee a 100% pass through of child support for children on CalWORKS.

- School Meals for All

**Proposal:** Include additional investments to improve upon the School Meals for All program to ensure quality and nutritional meals for children.

- Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)

**Proposal:** Raise SSI grants to the Elder Economic Self-Sufficiency Index Level. Expedite the increase in SSP grants to 2023 instead of 2024.

- Food 4 All

**Proposal:** Permanently expand the California Food Assistance Program to all Californians regardless of their immigration status.

## **HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS**

**Priority Recommendations:** Empowering Children and Families Through the Expansion of Affordable Housing

- State and local funds to add quality affordable units for families currently residing in overcrowded/substandard housing
- Ease the approval process for developments on the sites of religious or education institutions (including community colleges)
- Increase flexibility of zoning for affordable housing

## **HEALTH CARE**

**Priority Recommendations:**

- Health 4All

**Proposal:** Expand Medi-cal to income eligible adults between the ages of 26-49, regardless of immigration status.

- Maternal and Early Childhood Mental Health

**Proposal:** Adopt the inclusion of maternal and early childhood mental health services for children 0-5 targeted through health and community based organizations where families have existing services.

### **EDUCATION, WORKFORCE & TRAINING**

#### **Priority Recommendations:**

- Wage Replacement for Excluded Workers

**Proposal:** Provide equitable economic relief for all workers, regardless of immigration status, by ensuring a wage replacement under our unemployment benefit system.

### **COORDINATED SERVICES**

#### **Priority Recommendations:**

- It Takes a Village

**Proposal:** Creating more Promise Neighborhoods and regional cradle-to-career networks

### **Criminal Justice**

#### **Priority Recommendations:**

- CalFresh Program

**Proposal:** Expand food access by pre-enrolling the Re-entry population to the CalFresh Program.

- Incarcerated People's Welfare Fund

**Proposal:** Rename the inmate welfare fund to the incarcerated peoples' welfare fund and require all money in the fund to be expended solely for the benefit, education, and welfare of incarcerated people.

### **Federal Priority Efforts**

#### **Priority Recommendation:**

- Build Back Better

**Proposal:** Organize End Child Poverty coalition members to rally behind passing Build Back Better federal legislation