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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD CUT CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL SERVICES FOR THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN ACROSS CALIFORNIA

California's child care assistance and preschool programs provide care and educational activities for more than 250,000 children from low-income families. Governor Schwarzenegger proposes to cut state child care and preschool funding by \$198.9 million in 2008-09. This change would reduce the number of child care and preschool spaces ("slots") available for California's children from low-income families by more than 18,000 in 2008-09.

Estimated Impact of Governor's Proposal to Cut State Child Care and Preschool Funding, 2008-09					
County	Number of Lost Child Care and Preschool "Slots"	Loss of Funds	County	Number of Lost Child Care and Preschool "Slots"	Loss of Funds
Alameda	840	\$9,143,000	Orange	930	\$10,114,000
Alpine	2	\$20,000	Placer	70	\$787,000
Amador	20	\$233,000	Plumas	20	\$255,000
Butte	90	\$998,000	Riverside	830	\$9,018,000
Calaveras	30	\$272,000	Sacramento	740	\$8,010,000
Colusa	30	\$284,000	San Benito	30	\$339,000
Contra Costa	490	\$5,262,000	San Bernardino	1,000	\$10,826,000
Del Norte	20	\$259,000	San Diego	1,270	\$13,710,000
El Dorado	70	\$806,000	San Francisco	640	\$6,915,000
Fresno	690	\$7,443,000	San Joaquin	220	\$2,371,000
Glenn	20	\$265,000	San Luis Obispo	70	\$764,000
Humboldt	110	\$1,171,000	San Mateo	340	\$3,630,000
Imperial	110	\$1,231,000	Santa Barbara	220	\$2,422,000
Inyo	20	\$210,000	Santa Clara	670	\$7,264,000
Kern	550	\$5,941,000	Santa Cruz	150	\$1,607,000
Kings	100	\$1,134,000	Shasta	90	\$957,000
Lake	60	\$703,000	Sierra	2	\$22,000
Lassen	20	\$191,000	Siskiyou	50	\$586,000
Los Angeles	5,170	\$55,989,000	Solano	130	\$1,355,000
Madera	90	\$943,000	Sonoma	160	\$1,745,000
Marin	80	\$911,000	Stanislaus	270	\$2,953,000
Mariposa	10	\$78,000	Sutter	80	\$910,000
Mendocino	90	\$980,000	Tehama	40	\$440,000
Merced	80	\$1,936,000	Trinity	20	\$218,000

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Modoc	20	\$258,000	Tulare	420	\$4,518,000
Mono	10	\$139,000	Tuolumne	10	\$138,000
Monterey	300	\$3,277,000	Ventura	330	\$3,594,000
Napa	50	\$562,000	Yolo	120	\$1,280,000
Nevada	60	\$663,000	Yuba	70	\$804,000
Total			18,375		
			\$198,853,000		

Note: The estimated number of lost child care and preschool slots is based on a Department of Finance projection for 2008-09 and reflects both funding reductions and the elimination of the 2008-09 cost-of-living adjustment and growth funding. Slots represent the number of openings in a program, rather than the number of children estimated to be served. Estimated loss of funds reflects state General Fund savings in 2008-09. County estimates of lost slots are rounded to the nearest 10 (with the exception of Alpine and Sierra counties) and county estimates of loss of funds are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Estimates are based on counties' share of State Preschool Program and non-CalWORKs child care enrollment in December 2006, the most recent month for which county-level data could be obtained. Estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding.
Source: CBP analysis of Department of Education and Department of Finance data