

2021-2022 CALIFORNIA
BUDGET TO ADDRESS
COVID AND MENTAL
HEALTH ISSUES FOR
INFANTS AND TODDLERS



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PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Provide Overview of California's 2021-2022 State Budget and Beyond Because of COVID
- Highlight Early Childhood Mental Health Issues the State Budget Addresses

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Budget Allocates Billions of Dollars to Early Childhood Mental and Behavioral Health
- \$12.4 Million One Time Allocation on Treatment & Prevention of ACEs
- \$4 Billion One Time Allocation to Support Children and Youth to Address Impact of COVID
- \$2.7 Billion Dedicated to Creation of Transitional Kindergarten for All 4-year -old children by 2025. For 2022-2023, \$600 million is dedicated

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HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- \$4 Billion One Time Allocation for Children and Youth Mental Health Issues
- The State Anticipates Assistance Through Schools in Administration of Program. Children in Early Start will still have access to Regional Centers
- \$10.6 Million One Time Allocation for ECMH Consultation for Children and Youth
- \$27 Million One Time Allocation for Regional Center and Early Start Recovery Efforts
- Funding for a Deaf Specialist at each Regional Center
- Extends Early Start & Provisional Regional Center Eligibility to Children Under 5

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FUNDING FOR TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE

- Extends Medi-Cal Flexibility & Parity on Telemedicine through December 2022
- \$151 million for the extension of telehealth at reimbursement same rates under pandemic, including payment parity for audio-only communication, through December 2022
- \$106 million for ongoing remote patient monitoring
- A health budget trailer bill includes a stakeholder process to assess the impact of telehealth on access, quality and equity

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MEDI-CAL CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTS

- Extends Supplemental Medi-Cal Indefinitely Proposition 56 (Tobacco Tax Funds)
- Providers could receive 40% over base rate and, in some instances, as much as 80% over average commercial payment
- Reimbursement of Hundreds of Current Procedural Terminology Codes will no longer expire July 2022.
- Provides Continued Medi-Cal Coverage for Children Under 5
- Multiyear developmental service provider rate increase to \$1.2 billion by 2025–26, to help increase the number of developmental services providers available to Medi-Cal members

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MEDI-CAL CHANGES AND SUPPLEMENTS CONTINUED

- Extends Eligibility for Full Scope Medi-Cal for Pregnant Women and Targeted Low-Income Children for a Year After Birth. A Mental Health Diagnosis [postpartum depression] is No Longer Necessary. Federal funds are supposed to be available for the next 5 years, provided the applicant applies for such services within one year of giving birth
- Provides \$120.3 Million in Total Funds Annually to Cover Optional Medi-Cal Services
- \$39.2 Million for Foster Youth with Complex Needs and Behavioral Health Conditions

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DDS CHANGES AND FUNDING

- DDS Budget \$8.5 Billion to CalWORKs, which is over Child Care, Child Welfare, and Foster Youth
- Counties Remain Authorized to Reduce Collections for Non-Fraudulent Overpayments of CalWORKs Benefits
- 4 Months of Foster Care Emergency Assistance to Care Givers Pending Resolution of Family Approval and 12 Months for Good Cause
- Master Plan for Early Learning and Care Adds 6,500 slots, with a Goal of 100,000, to be Funded by Proposition 64, up to 200,000 by 2025

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MISCELLANEOUS

- \$63 million for California Reducing Disparities Project and other pilot projects operated by community-based organizations throughout the state, which provide mental health and behavioral health services to historically underserved communities
- Link to California State 2021-2022 Budget
- <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov>
- Link to San Diego County Budget 2021-2022
- https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/auditor/pdf/adoptedplan_20-22.pdf

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QUESTIONS?



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