

Restructuring California's Child Care and Development System



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Current System Has Several Serious Design Flaws.

- Some families guaranteed access for many years whereas other eligible families never receive child care benefits.
- Similar families have different amount of choice in selecting care.
- Similar families provided different standards of care.
- State has higher reimbursement rate for lower standard of care.

System in Need of Comprehensive Restructuring.

- Allow more families to access system by instituting time limit.
- Provide similar levels of choice.
- Require developmentally appropriate care for children birth through age four.
- Update reimbursement rates to reflect higher standard of care.