

# Your Tax Dollars at Work: Journey of a **TANF Dollar**

**355,000** California families are at risk of losing child care and other employment services.

For many families with young children, access to affordable child care is key to finding and maintaining employment. Quality early learning programs have immediate and long-term benefits for children and their families working to get out of poverty. CalWORKs is California's implementation of the Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, providing cash assistance and supportive services to eligible families with children.



## 01 | Federal Tax Dollars Collected

Every year, Californians make investments in the future by paying their taxes.



## 02 | State Programs

CalWORKs provides assistance and services to eligible families.



## 03 | Service Providers

Local agencies, nonprofits, and contractors, each offer distinct services.



## 04 | Services for Families and Providers

Child care and support services help families achieve economic self-sufficiency. Subsidize child care costs, allowing providers to serve more families.



## 05 | Community Impact and Investment

Investments in the nation's child care infrastructure help unlock a better economy for everyone, empowering parents to rejoin the workforce, retrain for an emerging field, pursue an education, or start their own business.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Example: payments for over 57,000 children are administered for child care so that 24,000 parents can work and earn income in the communities of the Antelope, San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys, as well as the entirety of San Bernardino County.

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## When Funds Are Threatened, **Child Care is in Jeopardy**

The high cost and limited availability of child care continue to be key barriers to family success. In California, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant funds CalWORKs, the state's welfare to work program for low-income families. Funding helps decrease the need for dependence on government benefits by promoting job preparation, education, and work.



Work, education,  
and training



Child care



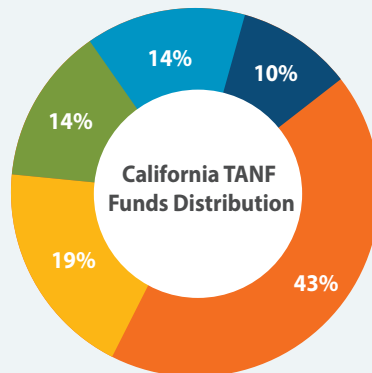
Child welfare



Early care  
and education



Other services



- Basic Assistance (payments to families or foster youth)
- Work Activities, Supports or Support Services
- Child Care
- Administration and Systems
- Other Services



When TANF funds are threatened, child care is in jeopardy. And because child care programs require a state match, any decrease of funding from federal sources, (e.g., Medicaid) will result in choices at the state-level of where to apply state funds, potentially jeopardizing all child care programs and a family's ability to thrive.

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