

**State Contractors Forum**

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Sacramento County Local Child Care & Development Planning Council 

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**Forum Goals**

- Provide an overview of and update on Council activities and program oversight
- Discuss requirements and implementation of Management Bulletin 09-07, Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Contract Funds (VTT)
- Collect comments and input from state contract program representatives
- Identify next steps for the implementation of VTT

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**Three Main Functions of the Council**

- Advisory Body to:
  - Board of Supervisors
  - County Superintendent of Education / Board of Education
- Advocate for Strategic Plan Elements
- Community Planning

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**Advisory Capacity**

- Board of Supervisors Legislative Platform
  - Sacramento Children's Coalition proposal to address child care (2008)
- Need for child care in developing areas
  - City and County Plans
  - Sacramento Rail Yard Development

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**Advocacy Functions**

- Identify Community Needs
- Promote Community solutions and Collaborations
- Public education
- Community Forums

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**Community Planning**

- Needs Assessments
- Priorities Development
- Five Year Child Care Plan
- Early Care & Education Workforce Development

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### Sacramento CARES

#### Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards

- 2008/09 Year:
  - Countywide
    - 442 stipends awarded = \$664,400
  - State Funded Programs
    - 259 stipends = \$457,172
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Policy and appeals oversight

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### Sacramento CARES Survey

- Conducted May 30 – July 15 by questioning current and past CARES participants.
  - 45.4% state funded child care programs
  - 28.9% state funded preschool programs
  - 14% earned Site Supervisor Permit (45)
  - 10.5% completed AA degrees (33)
  - 31 completed BA, MA or working on post graduate degree

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### State Contract Funding Priorities

- Legislative Mandate
  - California Education Code 8499.3 – 8499.5
- Methodology
- Data Sources
  - California Department of Education, Child Development Division
  - Local Programs
- Process / Timeline

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### Break

- Stand
- Stretch
- Breathe!



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### State Contract Funds Analysis

An analysis of the amount of funds budgeted for services and the amount of funds earned by the existing pool of CDE Contractors did not conform, indicating a substantial amount of unspent funds returning to state coffers.

Percentage of Unspent Funds Returned to State (Overall CA)		
	FY 2004-05	FY 2007-08
Preschool Programs	14%	17%
General Child Development	11%	10%
Migrant Care	23%	13%
Alternative Payment Programs	9%	4%
Latchkey Programs	14%	14%

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### Background

- 2008 – State Legislature directs California Department of Education to develop a proposal to ensure full expenditure of appropriated funds
- Two sources for unspent Child Care Funding
  - Unearned Balances
  - Unallocated Balances
- The Goals of the California Department of Education
  - To utilize all available funds.
  - Provide maximum amount of services to eligible children and families.

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**Three Strategies**

- **Strategy One:** Transfer of Dollars between General Child Care and Development (CCTR) Contracts and California State Preschool (CSPP) Contracts in order to maximize contract earnings
- **Strategy Two:** Assigning Permanent Contracts When Funds are Returned
- **Strategy Three:** Voluntary Temporary Transfer of Direct Services Contract Funds (VTT)

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**Education Code Section 8275.5**

- EC 8275.5 allows the CDE to **temporarily** transfer like-contract funds between **mutually agreeing** contractors for the balance of the fiscal year.

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**Management Bulletin 09-07**

- Identified Local Planning Councils (LPC) as the Agency to Facilitate this Voluntary Process  
*Under EC 8499.5, LPCs are required to:  
Conduct periodic reviews of programs funded by CDE to determine if LPC identified priorities are met.*
- The LPC acts as a facilitator to maximize fiscal resources and services within their county

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds**

- **Voluntary Temporary Transfer (VTT)** of Direct Services Contract Funds
- Self-identify a willingness to participate in the process.
- Intent is to fully utilize CDD contract funds to serve eligible children within the county.
- Transferred funds may not be placed in a reserve account.

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds (continued)**

- All contract types are eligible for the voluntary transfer process, except CalWORKS Stage 2 and Stage 3
- Voluntary transfer of funds can only be between the same contract type, or in some cases, between CCTR and CSPP
- Contractors' spending must be in line with service earnings

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds (continued)**

- In order to receive funds, a contractor must be able to expend the funds:
  - Within the current fiscal year
  - On child days of enrollment

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds (continued)**

- Contractors have two opportunities to request a transfer of funds:
  - November 1 to 15
  - May 1 to 15
- Agencies requesting fund transfers must submit a request on agency letterhead and signed by the contractor's authorized representative

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds (continued)**

- Requests are forwarded to LPC
- If the amount of funds requested is more than available, LPC must consider requesting agencies in priority areas of greatest need
- LPC forwards to CDD
- CDE will approve or deny any requests after careful review by both CDE fiscal staff and CDD field consultants

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**Voluntary Temporary Transfer of CDD Contract Funds (continued)**

- This is a temporary transfer of CDD contract funds for the fiscal year only
- CDD contract funds will return to their previous Maximum Reimbursable Amount (MRA) subject to the Budget Act
- This process does not exempt the CDE from reducing contract MRA's within the contract review process

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### Small Group Discussion

- Discuss impact of VTT on local programs
  - Identify concerns about VTT process
  - Identify desired components of a transparent review process
1. Spend the next 30 minutes in small groups discussing each of the above items (approximately 10 minutes for each item).
  2. Assign a scribe to record the group discussion
  3. Report out to the entire group.

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### Council's Next Steps

1. Draft policies and procedures incorporating input from today's forum
2. Identify responsible party(ies) for the review process
3. Develop timeline for identification and notification of transfer requests
4. Present for public comment
5. Approval by Council

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### Participation in the Process

- You are welcome to participate and help shape the development of this process in the following ways:
  - All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public.
  - Members of the public may join and actively participate in Council committees.
  - Submit written comment(s) which will be shared with the appropriate Council committee.

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