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Parents and Providers,

This letter serves to up-date you on **Stage 3 funding**. Last week the California Department of Education (CDE) informed Stage 3 contractors that there were insufficient funds to cover the number of families currently enrolled in Stage 3. Crystal Stairs, along with other Stage 3 contractors in California will be required to disenroll a significant number of Stage 3 families in order to stay within the available funding. Prior to this directive, Crystal Stairs was instructed to continue enrolling with no warning that CDE would not be able to pay for these families through the remainder of the fiscal year.

CDE has provided specific criteria for the disenrollment process which will begin with the families ranked at the highest income levels. If you are impacted by this cut, you will be notified by mail within the first weeks of January 2012.

Please know that Crystal Stairs will continue to be on the front line advocating for child care funding. However, it is critical that we all work together to keep our state representatives aware of the negative impacts of continued cuts to child care. These leaders need to hear from the hard-working families that will be significantly impacted by this action. Please **contact your Assemblymember and/or Senator** to express your concerns about this decision to eliminate funding for the Stage 3 child care subsidy program. If you don't know your representative, please contact the California State Legislature website, <http://www.legislature.ca.gov/>, or contact the Community Voices project at Crystal Stairs at 323.421.2698.

Sincerely,


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