



Truth and Justice in Child Support Coalition

Response to Preliminary Summary of the 2022-2023 California State Budget
TJCS Coalition congratulates Gov. Newsom, Sen. Skinner, Asm. Ting, and Legislature for their historic investment in low-income families in child support system

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It is with the deepest gratitude that we thank Governor Newsom and his administration, Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Ting, and the Legislature, for stopping the practice of intercepted child support payments for families currently and formerly receiving public benefit assistance in their [Legislative Version of the 2022-23 State Budget](#). Beginning in Spring 2024, this Budget would ensure that **100 percent of child support payments go to who needs them most: low-income children and parents**. It supports directing 100 percent of child support payments to families who are currently, or were previously, receiving assistance from CalWorks and Medi-Cal. This policy change will put **\$430 million** back in the pockets of low-income children and parents each year, right a historic wrong, and spur other states and the federal government to follow California’s lead on creating a more just child support system.

Providing 100% of child support payments to all low-income children will be transformative for families in our state. We especially thank and applaud Governor Newsom, Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Ting, and the Legislature for recognizing



and addressing the systemic racism in our current policy that disproportionately requires families of color to pay twice for government benefits. This policy change represents an unprecedented investment in the wealth and well-being of low-income children and families in our State's child support system and will show states around the country that funding the social safety net on the backs of struggling families is both counter-productive and ineffective.

We thank and congratulate Governor Newsom, Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Ting, and the Legislature again for their stalwart support for a more just child support system and look forward to helping the Administration implement this reform.

[Truth and Justice in Child Support](#) is a growing statewide coalition of 50+ organizations that seeks to change state policy on child support pass-through, payments and collections to better support low-income children and their families and reduce child poverty in California. For more information, watch our video [“Everything You Think You Know About California Child Support is Probably Wrong”](#). Please contact Rachel Freitas at rachcfreitas@gmail.com, for additional information.

