

What You Can Do

◆ Call your state legislators' offices

You can find out who your state Assembly Member and state Senator is and their contact information by going to www.vote-smart.org and typing in your zip code. Tell your legislator how the budget proposals will affect your child and family. Give examples.

◆ Visit your state legislators' offices

You can call and set up an appointment to meet with your legislators or their staff person in their local office. Take your child or bring a picture of your child and tell your legislator how the budget proposals will affect your child and family. Include examples.

◆ Write a letter to Governor Schwarzenegger

Write a letter to the Governor about the cuts and how they will affect your child and family. Include a picture of your child and family.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

State Capitol Building

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916-445-2841

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◆ Write letters to the editors of your local newspapers.

For tips on how to write a letter to the editor, check:

<http://tinyurl.com/2nen49> or www.ctnonprofits.org/Content/NonprofitResources/FlexibleContent/4EditorOp-EdTips_1.pdf

◆ Pass this information along to your friends and family.

◆ Keep informed and up to date. Check:

Support for Families' legislative website

www.supportforfamilies.org/legislative/current.html

Protection & Advocacy's Public Affairs page provides information on legislation and budget

www.pai-ca.org

California Disability Community Action Network provides lots of information and you can join their listserv to stay informed

www.cdcan.us California Budget Project provides information about the state and federal budget for the people of California www.cbp.org