



DOWNTOWN SANTA BARBARA EMPLOYER CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

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Child care is like roads, parents need both to get to work.

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Employee Child Care Project Update

The Downtown Santa Barbara Employer Child Care Partnership is preparing to present the study results to the County Board of Supervisors. There is great excitement about the project's findings

and the unprecedented opportunity to collectively examine the results through a public/private lens. Stay posted for more information about the public release of the study results.



Federal Reprioritization of Early Care

The President's final American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will invest in education, health care, child care, while simultaneously building human capital and creating jobs for teachers, health care workers, and early childhood educators.

a national level. The Act will also provide substantial economic help to women and families.

Child Care and Development Block Grant and \$2.1 billion for Head Start and Early Head Start."

The Act reprioritizes early care and education, starting with the first years of life, on

According to the National Woman's Law Center, the "Act will help low-income parents obtain the child care they need to get and keep jobs and help children get the early learning they need to succeed, including \$2 billion for the

For more information about American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and its impact on women and children go to <http://www.nwlc.org>.

Child Care and Taxes

Tax season is here. Every year millions of families fail to claim federal and state tax credits for which they are eligible, leaving billions of dollars unclaimed. Families filing their 2008 tax returns may be eligible for up to:

- \$1,050 from the California Tax Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses;
- \$2,100 from the federal

Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit;

- \$1,000 per child from the federal Child Tax Credit; and
- \$4,824 from the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

For more information about tax filing assistance, contact the IRS at (800) TAX-1040 or (800) 829-1040. Or go to www.irs.gov/individuals/topic or contact Child Care

Connection toll-free at (800) KIDS-793 or (800) 543-7793.

