



DOWNTOWN SANTA BARBARA EMPLOYER CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP



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Employee Child Care Project Update

Welcome to the second monthly Downtown Santa Barbara Employee Child Care Survey project newsletter! The survey analysis is in process and the report will be available in the next few months.

In the meantime, special recognition will be awarded to all employers who participated in the Survey as part of October

National Work and Family month. The U.S. Senate and the National Work-Life



Initiative passed National Work and Family month in 2003 to build awareness about the importance of work-life balance and the value of work-life effectiveness as a business imperative. For more information on the history and status of National Work and Family Month go to www.awlp.org.

Child Care Tax Credits

Parents and employers can take advantage of child care tax credits to ease the costs of child care.

Parents who paid someone to care for a child under age 13 so they could work (or look for work), may be able to reduce their taxes by claiming the Child and Dependent Care Credit on your federal income tax return. For more informa-

tion see Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=106189,00.html> or call 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Employers can also take advantage of child care tax credits! California has extended the Employer Child Care Contribution Credit and the

Employer Child Care Program Credit (AB 1282, Ch. 06-712) in effort to encourage businesses to invest in child care and work-family balance.

Between the federal credit of 25% and the California credit of 30%, employers can substantially save on the cost of providing childcare for employees.*

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National Call for Child Care Solutions

According to a new Time Rockefeller Foundation poll, the majority of Americans are calling out for new solutions. Child care initiatives are ranked high on the list of preferred programs by the majority of surveyed Americans. In fact, more than two in three Americans favor government funded child care to make it easier for people to work.

This survey was designed to understand attitudes and perceptions towards the economy, the state of the American dream and social contract, as well as the role of the government in helping Americans. For more information about this national poll go to:

http://www.rockfound.org/index_CAW_bm.shtml



*Spidell's California Tax letter, Vol. 29, No. 1, January 1, 2007.