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LA CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO DECRY BUDGET IMPASSE

***Nonprofits, teachers, parents & children to urge Legislature to pass a budget;
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell to join***

WHO: Para Los Niños
Crystal Stairs
Community Voices
Los Angeles Universal Preschool
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell
Parents and toddlers

WHAT: Press conference to urge legislative action on State Budget

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, September 13, 2008

WHERE: Para Los Niños Vermont Child Development Center
5054 S. Vermont
Los Angeles, 90037

WHY: Thanks to the extended state budget impasse and the lack of state funding for their programs, child care providers have now reached the point where they are being forced to lay-off workers, close centers and abandon the children and families who need them most.

Para Los Niños, Crystal Stairs, early childhood development service providers, parents and toddlers will join with O'Connell, whose department distributes the state funding for child care programs, to urge the Legislature and Governor to pass a reasonable budget now.

They will share stories of the human toll the stalemate is taking on real families and will encourage parents throughout the state to send photos of their loved ones who are impacted by the lack of state funding to their Legislators so they may more visually appreciate the impacts of the impasse.

Para Los Niños opened its doors in 1980 in response to the plight of children living in Skid Row hotels. Initially, 45 children received care at the agency; today, in its 28th year of operation, Para Los Niños assists 3,500 low-income children and youth each week and 5,000 economically challenged families from 24 sites throughout Southern California. The agency's core services include early child development and education, a Charter School (K-5), after-school enrichment, youth diversion and delinquency prevention, youth workforce services, and a life skills training and academic assistance program for transitioning foster youth. In addition, Para Los Niños offers support to at-risk families, including child abuse prevention and intervention, mental health services and comprehensive family support.