

Organizing in Tough Economic Times: Issues Across the Country

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- Alliance of high-quality providers of early care and education programs
- 8,000 centers in every state – 800,000 children
- A voice for child care providers in the states and in Congress
- Working in coalitions, grassroots advocacy and lobbying

A national view

- Stimulate the economy but restrain the spending
- Unemployment and creating jobs
- Meeting the needs of children and families?
- Congress:
 - Big turnover in the House of Representatives
 - Deficit Commission
 - ARRA was critical for child care and Head Start but we're on the brink of losing it
 - Unfinished business

In the states: new to the Job

- More than half of all states will have a new governor in 2011
 - One of the largest “incoming class” of new Governors in our history
- Big changes in state legislatures too
- Budget gaps continue
- Carrying out campaign promises?



Governors Promising No Taxes

New Governors

- Robert Bentley (R-AL)
- Rick Scott (R-FL)
- Nathan Deal (R-GA)
- Paul LePage (R-ME)
- Andrew Cuomo (D-NY)
- Brian Sandoval (R-NV)
- John Kasich (R-OH)
- Mary Fallin (R-OK)
- Tom Corbett (R-PA)
- Nikki Haley (R-SC)
- Scott Walker (R-WI)

Returning Governors

- Sean Parnell (R-AK)
- Rick Perry (R-TX)

Take Action!

- November 15: call Congress!
- Get involved
 - ▣ How... what works these days?

Advocacy in the states

- California
- Florida
- Ohio
- Arizona
- Illinois