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### **State and Local News**

#### **Child Care Operators Are Accused of Bilking City Program for Working Poor**

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**EXCERPT FROM: The New York Times**

*By William Rashbaum*

A group of day care center operators bribed workers at three New York City agencies and exploited the complex social service bureaucracy to loot millions of dollars from a program that pays child-care expenses for poor parents so they can find work, officials said Tuesday.

[Full text available at The New York Times.](#)

[http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/11/nyregion/11daycare.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/11/nyregion/11daycare.html?_r=2)

#### **Funds Set to Train Child Care Providers**

Posted in: [Wisconsin](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**

*By Raquel Rutledge*

Child care providers will have more opportunities to improve their programs and at a

lower cost as the state Department of Children and Families pumps \$1.5 million into training programs across much of Wisconsin.

[Full text available at Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.](#)

<http://www.jsonline.com/watchdog/watchdogreports/100307054.html>

### **State Should Regulate Child Care Centers with 6 or Less Kids, Says Group**

Posted in: [Ohio](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: Dayton Daily News**

*By Margo Rutledge Kissell*

Home child care businesses in Ohio with six or fewer children have come under scrutiny from a prominent child care advocacy group citing a lack of state regulation.

[Full text available at Dayton Daily News.](#)

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/state-should-regulate-day-cares-with-6state-should-regulate-day-cares-with-6-or-less-kids-says-group-850957.html>

### **Impact of the Economy on Child Care**

#### **Child Care Subsidies Among Gregoire Cuts**

Posted in: [Impact of the Economy on Child Care](#), [Washington](#), [Fee Assistance Programs](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: KPLU**

*By Gary Davis*

(KPLU) - Among the budget cuts announced by Governor Chris Gregoire on Thursday are child care subsidies to families on welfare. Gregoire says September's revenue forecast is likely to be bleak, and the outlook prompted her to make \$51 million in reductions to the state's Workfirst program.

[Full text available at KPLU.](#)

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kplu/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1687818/KPLU.LocalNews/Child.Care.Subsidies.Among.Gregoire.Cuts>

#### **Students, Parents March Against Closure Of Oakland Childcare Centers**

Posted in: [Impact of the Economy on Child Care](#), [California](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: KTVU San Francisco**

*By STAFF*

OAKLAND, Calif. -- Families opposed to the closure of seven Oakland Unified School District childcare centers marched Wednesday to the Board of Education meeting to protest shuttering the state-funded centers, a spokeswoman for the families said.

[Full text available at KTVU San Francisco.](#)

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/24601901/detail.html>

### **Parents and the High Cost of Child Care**

#### **Childcare Costs Going Through a Growth Spurt**

Posted in: [Parents and the High Cost of Child Care](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: NBC Washington**

*By John Wist*

Parents are used to planning ahead... pack snacks, call a babysitter, save for college. But now potential parents may have to start planning ahead just to afford childcare.

[Full text available at NBC Washington.](#)

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local-beat/Child-Care-Cost-Going-Through-a-Growth-Spurt-100336614.html>

**Preschool**

**Large Urban School Districts Leaning on Quality Pre-K Education to Help Transform Future Students**

Posted in: [Preschool](#)

**EXCERPT FROM: Business Wire**

*By BUSINESS WIRE*

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--With studies consistently proving the effectiveness of quality Pre-K education on the future of students, global education leader Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) continues to partner with large urban school districts to help mold students at one of the most important times in their development.

[Full text available at Business Wire.](#)

[http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/permalink/?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20100811005101&newsLang=en](http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/permalink/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20100811005101&newsLang=en)

