

"Children without color?"

The Latino children could run out of day care for budget cuts

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REDWOOD CITY .- Children Development Center of the Plaza play and draw in their classes without the slightest idea that in Sacramento have substantially reduced the budget for programs like this, so danger closing in the nursery.

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Governor Brown's proposal reduces 35% the budget for State Department programs for education and childcare, which is an alarming figure of \$ 716 million.

Most low-income families will be affected in this center are Latino, 98% of the total population.

This nonprofit organization with 40 years experience, has taken about 300 children ages six weeks to twelve years, respectively.

Development Center The Plaza is one of six centers that leads the Peninsula Family Service, located in San Mateo, Redwood City, Menlo Park and South San Francisco.

Additionally, working with 15 providers in the community care programs for children.

"It helps children develop their social skills, emotional and motor also taught to belong to a group and its environment," said Marisa Binder, in charge of marketing and communications organization.

In this institution, infants have your breakfast, lunch and snacks for free.

Have qualified staff offers individualized service in a friendly environment.

According to Kathy Choteu, a spokeswoman for the agency, Peninsula Family Services can not raise the funds necessary to meet this deficit.

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"Families can not afford to pay childcare, as in the Bay Area this service is very expensive and we could not raise funds and keep schools afloat," he said.



A girl tested their creativity in the Development Center Plaza in Redwood City. Supplied Pe Marisa Binder

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