

WHY OPPOSE SB792?

SB792 TARGETS CHILD CARE WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

SB792 means less support from volunteers and higher rates for a service most people already have a hard time affording.

In its newly amended form, SB792 requires all employees and volunteers at a licensed home, daycare or preschool center to be vaccinated for Measles, Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and the Flu.

WHAT'S THE RUSH?

SB792 cannot be further amended, and if passed, will go into effect January 1st, 2016. With its restrictions on employees and volunteers, it will have a severe impact on low income workers and child care facilities. Many lives will be adversely affected.

How will SB792 negatively impact child care?

Child care facilities have very high turnover rates, almost ten times that of school teachers. SB792 would further limit the availability of an already scarce supply of reliable, safe and competent child care workers. Those who wish to avoid the health risk of vaccination would be forced to leave the child care industry altogether.

THE MOST RECENT AMENDMENT ADDS A VACCINE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS. CHILD CARE FACILITIES CANNOT FORCE VOLUNTEERS TO BE VACCINATED, AND THEY WILL SUFFER A SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AS A RESULT, FURTHER BURDENING CHILD CARE.

But won't SB792 protect our young children?

Most adults have already been vaccinated against Measles and Pertussis, and no outbreaks have occurred in child care facilities. There is no evidence to suggest forcibly requiring child care workers and volunteers to receive shots will increase a child's safety.

Very few people choose to exercise their right to conscientiously opt out of vaccination. Those that do have never been shown to pose a health risk to others.

Even health care providers are given the option to decline vaccination due to personal beliefs.

Who will be affected the most by SB792?

Low-income workers, mostly women, who already stretch themselves working long hours (often weekends) will be directly impacted by this bill.

Those who dedicate themselves to caring for our children will be forced to choose between their careers and vaccination.

Families who rely on affordable child care will no longer have the resources they need.

