

California faces an ongoing budget deficit that threatens programs and services that affect the daily lives of all Californians. The California Budget Project's third annual conference will examine proposals for addressing the state's fiscal crisis and improving the social and economic well-being of low- and middle-income Californians. Join policymakers, national budget experts, advocates, service providers, and local government officials in a discussion on how to balance the budget and protect services in the context of a changing political environment. Workshops will feature state and national speakers addressing the current budget crisis, the ins and outs of the state's tax system, the health care crisis, the affordable housing crunch, and the latest developments in welfare reform.

Register now and get the early bird rate!



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March 18, 2004
Sacramento Convention Center
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*P*olicymakers, advocates, service providers, and local government officials with an interest in improving the lives of low- and middle-income Californians should attend the third annual conference of the California Budget Project.

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Registration Form

The registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, snack, and conference materials.

Morning Plenary

How Should the Budget Be Balanced?

How can the Legislature and the Governor balance the state budget while protecting low- and middle-income Californians?

Speakers:

Kim Belshé, *Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency*
Diane Cummins, *Chief Fiscal Policy Advisor, Office of Senate President Pro Tem John Burton*
Craig Cornett, *Budget Director, Office of Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson*

Lunch Plenary

Standing Up for California's Future

State Treasurer Phil Angelides will outline his proposals for balancing the budget and investing in California's future.

Speaker:

Phil Angelides, *California State Treasurer*

Afternoon Plenary

The Federal Budget:

What Does It Mean for California?

What do federal budget proposals and recent federal tax cuts mean for the future of public services? How will these policies affect programs at the state and local levels?

Speaker:

Robert Greenstein, *Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP)*

For updates, visit our website: www.cbp.org

Workshops Will Include:

- Making Sense of California's Workforce Development System
- California's Affordable Housing Crisis: What's the Latest?
- Bridging California's Budget Gap: The 2004-05 Budget
- What Do State and Federal Budget Proposals Mean for California's Health Care System?
- Dollars and Democracy: An Advocate's Guide to the California State Budget Process
- Welfare Reform: What Will TANF Reauthorization and Budget Deficits Mean for California's Safety Net for Poor Families?
- Things Your Mother Never Told You About California's Tax System
- The State of Working California: How Have California's Working Families Fared?
- Understanding School Finance

And More...

Schedule of Events

8:00 – 8:45	Registration Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00	Welcome Morning Plenary
11:15 – 12:30	Workshops
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch Plenary
2:15 – 3:30	Workshops
3:30 – 5:00	Afternoon Plenary Closing Remarks

- \$85.00 **Early Bird Registration**
Payment must be received by February 18
- \$100.00 **Standard Registration**
Payment must be received by March 10
- \$125.00 **Late Registration**

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Organization

Address

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Zip

Phone

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Email Address

Please indicate your lunch preference:

Vegetarian Chicken

Payment

- Check Enclosed (*payable to California Budget Project*)
 Visa MasterCard PO Number _____

Credit Card Information

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Registration forms with payment by credit card or PO number may be faxed to the CBP at (916) 444-0172. Payments by check should be mailed to:

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