

**Impact of Cuts to the California School-Age Families Education (Cal-SAFE) program threatens California's eligibility for funds and meeting the letter of the law under Federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* mandates.**

The **California School Age Families Education program** was established in 2000, to provide the support and resources that students and their children need. The program has served over 72,000 students and 42,000 children from 2000-2007 (duplicated count). It has been a model of success. The Cal-SAFE program offers early care and education at school sites, case management and counseling to help students succeed in school, child development classes for the parent and child development activities and programs for the children of student parents. The program not only helps the students complete school, but also prepares their children for pre-school, which research has shown is instrumental in the future success of all children.

Cal-SAFE programs are at threat of total demise at the local level – ***leaving expectant and parenting students and their children behind.*** (See also **SBX3 4 CA Budget Enactment** of February 2009 **Guts the California School-Age Families Education program.**)

**Expectant and Parenting Students and their children** are uniquely identified in a variety of sections in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, such as:

Student Reading Skills Improvement

**Subpart 2. Early Reading First**

SEC. 1221.

(1) To support local efforts to enhance the early language, literacy, and prereading development of preschool age children, particularly those from low-income families, through strategies and professional development that are based on scientifically based reading research.

(2) To provide preschool age children with cognitive learning opportunities in high-quality language and literature-rich environments, so that the children can attain the fundamental knowledge and skills necessary for optimal reading development in kindergarten and beyond.

**Subpart 3. William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs**

SEC. 1235

(2) including screening and preparation of parents, including teenage parents, and children to enable those parents and children to participate fully in the activities and services provided under this subpart, including testing, referral to necessary counseling, other developmental and support services, and related services;

Fund for the Improvement of Education

**Section 5611. Women's Educational Equity Act**

SEC. 5611 (a) (3) (D) pregnant and parenting teenagers are at risk of dropping out of school and existing dropout prevention programs do not adequately address the needs of such teenagers;

SEC. 5613. (b)(2) (A)(vi) assisting pregnant students and students rearing children to remain in and or to graduate, and prepare their preschool children to start school;

School Dropout Prevention

SEC. 1825 (1) (b) effective programs serving at-risk students, including racial and ethnic minorities and pregnant and parenting teenagers, designed to prevent such students from dropping out of school;