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## **AS OF JULY 1, CALIFORNIANS HAVE ACCESS TO FIRST PAID FAMILY LEAVE PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY**

*Statewide Report Shows Most Californians Support Law, But Only 22 Percent Know They Are Eligible for Benefits*

**WHAT:** Press conference announcing the start of California's Paid Family Leave, and the findings of a new study surrounding the law.

**WHO:** Speakers include:  
**Rob Reiner**, Actor/Director, and Chair, First 5 California  
**Senator Sheila Kuehl**, author of Paid Family Leave Law  
**Art Pulaski**, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, California Labor Federation  
**Ruth Milkman**, Co-author of new study, Professor of Sociology, UCLA and Director, UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, June 29, 2004**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**WHERE:** Kaiser Permanente Sacramento Medical Center  
2025 Morse Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95825

**WHY:** Eligible employees can soon take up to 6 weeks to bond with a new child or care for a seriously ill spouse, parent, child, or domestic partner.

Coalition announces statewide study by the California Family Leave Research Project shows that there is extensive public support for paid family leave among all segments of the state's population. However, only 22 percent of Californians are aware of the available benefits.

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*Paid Family Leave Coalition includes:*

Labor Project for Working Families, Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center, First 5 California, National Partnership for Women & Families, California Labor Federation, Office of Senator Sheila Kuehl, Family Caregiver Alliance/National Center on Caregiving, Equal Rights Advocates, California National Organization for Women, CA Commission on the Status of Women, Asian Law Caucus, California Women's Law Center, and Southern California ACLU.