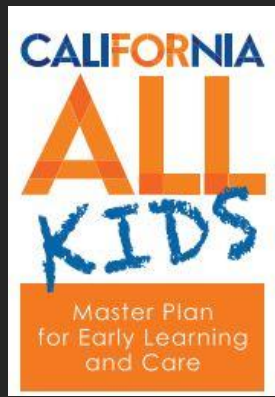


Master Plan Progress to Date

Early Childhood Policy
Council Meeting

March 30, 2023



The Master Plan and the ECPC (WIC 10320)

- The Early Childhood Policy Council advises the Governor, the Legislature, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction on statewide early learning and care policy, including the planning for, and the implementation and evaluation of, the state's Master Plan for Early Learning and Care



Review of Goals and Strategies

<https://californiaforallkids.chhs.ca.gov/goals>

Goal 1: Programs

Unify and strengthen programs and services to support children's learning and development

Strategies

- Infant & Toddler Care
- Universal Preschool
- Paid Family Leave (PFL)
- Equitable Treatment of Children

Goal 2: Workforce

Support children's learning and development by enhancing educator competence, incentivizing and funding career pathways, and implementing supportive program standards.

Strategies

- Workforce Competency
- Career Pathways
- Program Standards

Goal 3: Funding

Unify funding to advance equity and opportunity.

Strategies

- Sliding Scale Fee
- Reimbursement Rate

Goal 4: Administration

Streamline early childhood governance and administration to improve equity

Strategies

- Streamlined Eligibility
- Integrated Data System
- Data Use
- Facilities
- Shared Services Networks

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark blue t-shirt, is smiling and looking towards a young child with curly hair who is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. They are in a bright, modern living room with a white sofa and a bookshelf in the background.

Progress to Date

State Achievements



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Goal 1: Programs (FY 20-21, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

- Paid Family Leave extended to Californians who work for an employer with five or more employees
- More than doubled slots for subsidized child care and development programs
- Universal Preschool
 - FY 21-22 Budget: establish Universal Transitional Kindergarten (UTK) in 2022-23, with full implementation by 2025-26

Goal 1: Programs (FY 20-21, FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

Equitable Treatment of Children

- AB 321 added Dual Language Learners into the second priority for child care and development programs
- AB 210: Aligns the term and definition of Dual Language Learning across Child Care and Development Programs.
- AB 2806: Requires contractors to reduce the suspension and expulsion of children
- FY 22-23: \$250 million one-time investment in the Early Education Expansion Program which funds infrastructure for inclusive preschool settings

Goal 2: Workforce Competency (FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

- \$40 million Joint Child Care Providers United/State of California Training Partnership Fund
- \$25 million for the Child Care Initiative Project to help providers acquire a license and start a family child care home
- \$10.6 million for the California Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation to expand services to underserved home-based providers
- \$100 million for local education agencies to train and increase the supply of Transitional Kindergarten educators

Goal 2: Workforce Competency (FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

- Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorized to issue a one-year emergency specialist teaching permit for Transitional Kindergarten
- QCC Equity Project (PDG-funded)
- Office of Surgeon General published a module on trauma-informed care (PDG-funded)
- Workforce Development Pathways for tribal child care providers (PDG-funded)
- Online modules for center-based and home-based providers (PDG-funded)

Goal 3: Funding (FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

- Rate and Quality Reform
- Rate Increases
 - 75th percentile of the 2018 Regional Market Rate (RMR) survey for licensed child care providers
 - 70% of family child care home rate for license-exempt, family, friend, and neighbor child care providers
 - Direct service contractors reimbursed at the RMR in counties where it exceeds the Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR).
- Supplemental Rate Payments and Stipends
 - \$291 million in reimbursement rate supplements for family child care providers
 - \$65 million in reimbursement rate supplements for direct-service, center-based programs
 - \$43.4 million in reimbursement rate supplements for licensed centers accepting subsidy vouchers
 - \$600 per-child stipends and \$1442 per-child stipends for providers serving children receiving subsidies.

Goal 4: Administration (FY 21-22 and FY 22-23)

- **Governance and Administration**
 - Child Care and Development and Nutrition Transition from CDE to CDSS
 - Direct deposit payment option
 - \$4.8 million to develop Brilliant Beginnings
- **Streamlined Eligibility:**
 - SB 1047 expanded eligibility for child care and development programs to families who have a family member who is eligible for means-tested benefit programs
- **Facilities:**
 - \$350.5 million towards the Child Care and Development Infrastructure Grant Program
 - \$300 million in one-time funding for Local Education Preschool Planning and Implementation Grants.
 - \$250 million one-time investment in the Early Education Expansion Program, which funds infrastructure for inclusive preschool settings

Discussion - Questions for the Council

Are there other areas or examples of progress you want to add to this update?

Discussion - Questions for the Council

What do you see as priority areas of focus for the plan moving forward?