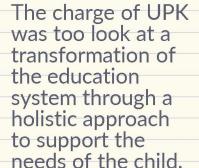




UPK Vision



A Holistic Approach for California's Schools

Together in California we are transforming our education system to meet the needs of all children and set them up for success in learning and life.



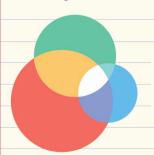


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UPK Vision



- California is a diverse state, and implementation will look different across California's many regions
- TK-12 districts and early childhood leaders know their communities best and are well-suited to make decisions based on their communities' needs
- Partnerships with <u>tribal communities and education</u> <u>centers</u> are essential to creating a comprehensive UPK system
- Localized systems are better able to respond to the needs of their community members and students



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The delivery of UPK has been encouraged to be community-

first, with support for

the diverse needs of

all our communities.





How You Deliver Full-Day, Mental Health and Culturally Appropriate Services, all in Support of Parental Choice is Up to You as a Community!

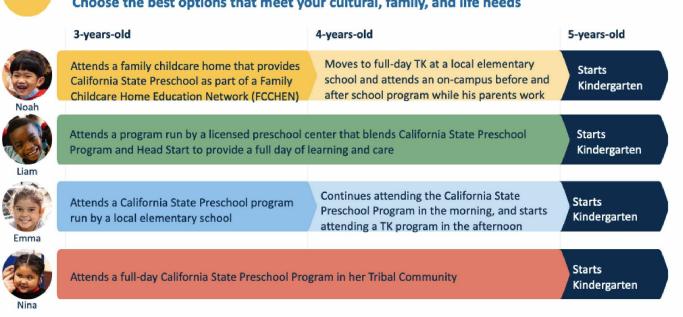






Your child's journey to Kindergarten is up to you

Choose the best options that meet your cultural, family, and life needs











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Community Partnership Examples

Ability to Provide Full-Day Services

IEP and IFSP Services

Staff Development

And More....



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Built by the partners listed below with funding from HS Foundation Grant. The mission of the Guidebook is to

- Create a common understanding of UPK and the regulations and laws that govern it
- Share resources, tools and templates that help facilitate the successful delivery of UPK for all communities
- Emphasis is on the importance of partnerships within UPK and provide tools to facilitate these relationships



















The Site is ORganized Into the Following Components



Follows Guides for Implementation of UPK (Volume 1 and 2) with tools that fall under each focus area.

Follows the Program
Monitoring
Instrument for
Compliance.

Provides tools for families and for contractors to use when engaging families to understand their care options.



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Policy Recommendations

Actively Promote Parental/Family Choice to Support the Mixed Delivery Vision of UPK

- A call to create a robust consumer education platform and offer families pathways to the types of services available to meet their preschool needs
- Include access to enroll through a portal that includes child care centers, family child care, head start, schoolbased care, and awareness of private care options
- Families should have full access to the broad array of center-based, school-based and home care programs
 that meet their needs without worrying about out of pocket costs, quality standards or health and safety
 standards. The UPK model should be viewed as having level entry points, that support parental/family
 choice.





Policy Recommendations

Intentionally Promote Partnerships Within UPK from a State Level

- Create statewide tools where agencies can identify one another as potential partners within UPK
- In addition to CSPP and ELOP opportunities, provide specific opportunities and funding for FCCHEN/FCC and CCTR contractor's to support the UPK model
- Further identify methods to support partnerships between CBOs and LEA's serving children with IEPs, that allows the child to remain in the program of the families choosing, while receiving the services needed
- Fund full-day, full-year, UPK models that meet the needs of parents who work full time and non-traditional hours
- Provide stability for licensed providers such that they will not be forced to close due to declining enrollments of preschool-aged children
- Include administrative funding to help facilitate these partnerships





Policy Recommendations

Promote play-based curriculum

- Continue work to adapt preschool learning foundations for the various UPK environments including TK
- Promote this approach to families and work with districts to ensure components are adopted

Adopt well founded, health, safety and high-quality ECE standards throughout UPK

- Ratios should not exceed 10 to one
- Community-based and school based programs should be held to the same early learning licensing standards
- Implement rest period opportunities for children participating in a TK, Wrap, ELOP full-day program.

