

Family Childcare Home Education Networks (FCCHENs) in Universal PreKindergarten (UPK)

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UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Recommendations

- Assess existing workforce development funding sources and recommend changes to ensure funding can be used for preschool educators to earn college credits
- Supporting optional opportunities for family childcare home (FCCH) providers to earn units toward Child Development Permits
- Provide pathways for FCCHs to join CSPP Family Childcare Home Education Networks (FCCHENs)

UPK Mixed Delivery Recommendations: Provide pathways for FCCH providers to join FCCHENs

- Providing recommendations and technical assistance to CSPP contractors on how to offer services through a FCCHEN
- Ensuring CSPP contractors and applicants are aware of expansion funding opportunities and to provide services through a CSPP FCCHEN
- Working with early learning and care infrastructure partners to communicate opportunities to join a FCCHEN to FCCH providers
- Modifying the CSPP Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant Request for Applications to include a stronger focus on FCCHENs

Expansion of California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Family Childcare Home Education Networks (FCCHENs)

- Assembly Bill (AB) 51 (Statutes of 2024), if funded by the Legislature, would allow the California Department of Education (CDE) to, among other supports:
 - Provide technical assistance to prospective CSPP contractors, including private and FCCHENs, on how to meet *California Code of Regulations, Title 5 (5 CCR)* requirements
 - Develop early learning resources including best practices, information on statutes and regulations, instructions for applications, and more
 - Implement a three-year outreach, capacity building, training and technical assistance plan, including specific assistance for first-time CSPP contractors
 - Create a web page to centralize resources for more effective outreach and communication

UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant Round Three

- Allows for grantees to provide educational reimbursements for college tuition costs associated with meeting the minimum requirements for the CSPP
- Specific focus on FCCH providers and community-based organizations (CBOs) through prioritizing, in this order:
 1. FCCH providers who do not currently operate within a CSPP contract and need the minimum Early Childhood Education (ECE) units to obtain the appropriate child development permit
 2. CBO CSPP teachers or FCCH CSPP providers who need to reach the Associate's degree level
 3. CBOs who do not have CSPP contracts and have staff who need to reach the minimum qualifications for CSPP

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