



Early Learning and Care Funding Opportunities and Policy Changes in 2018-19

Webinar Presentation for
The Association of California School Administrators
and
California County Superintendents Educational
Services Association

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Objectives and Agenda

- Share recent policy changes affecting early learning and care
- Share available funding opportunities for early learning and care



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2018-19 Budget Trailer Bill: Preschool Layering Option

- Clarifies that school districts can serve four-year olds in CSPP in same classroom as children enrolled in transitional kindergarten provided following requirements are met:
 - Classroom taught by a teacher with a teaching credential
 - The adult-child ratio shall be 1:8, and the teacher-child ratio shall be 1:24
 - *Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS)* completed for the classroom
 - All children evaluated using the *Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)*

2018-19 Budget Trailer Bill: License-Exempt State Preschool



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- Implements the LAO State Preschool Licensing Workgroup recommendations by:
 - Requiring CDE to make changes to Title 5 based on the recommendations
 - Making changes to the Universal Complaint Procedure to expedite complaints
- Changes take effect July 1, 2019



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Assembly Bill 2626

- Beginning July 1, 2019:
 - Increases initial income eligibility threshold to 85% of State Median Income
 - Expands age eligibility and removes restrictions for children that can be served in State Preschool (CSPP)
 - Increased voluntary transfer of funds
 - Two paid professional development days



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Assembly Bill 2698

- Defines early childhood mental health consultation services as those that offer providers support to respond effectively to all children, including children with disabilities, challenging behaviors, and other special needs
- Creates an adjustment factor for children where early childhood mental health consultation services are provided
 - Adjustment factor available for CSPP, infants and toddlers in General Child Care, or children birth to five in a Family Child Care Home Education



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Other Relevant Legislation

- AB 2960 – Online Portal
- AB 605 – Single License
- AB 2370 – Testing in licensed center for lead contamination





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Inclusive Early Education Expansion

- Two grants funded by 2018-19 Budget for activities to increase inclusion:
 - **\$167 Million for Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program:** Grant for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for one-time infrastructure costs, including facility renovations, equipment, and professional development
 - **\$10 Million Inclusive Early Learning and Care Coordination Program:** Grant to county offices of education for building local and regional capacity for inclusive early learning
- Currently working to develop both RFAs- \$10 million moving forward first



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Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs

- Partnering amongst programs benefits children, families, and communities
 - Access to inclusive environments is fundamental to optimize learning opportunities
 - Program coordination fosters developmental and educational continuum of support
 - Improves a child's developmental progress and educational outcomes



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Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs (2)

- Resource: Dear Colleague Letter: Joint Statement between USDOE and DHHS

www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/preschool-lre-dcl-1-10-17.pdf



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Funding Opportunities

- CSPP Overview
- CCTR Overview
- CCFRF Overview
- CRRL Overview



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Purpose and Goals

- Ensure that participants understand how to find program requirements and stay informed



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California State Preschool Program (CSPP): Overview

- Expand CSPP services for eligible families with children ages three and four years old in safe, healthy, age-appropriate, and quality educational environments
- \$112 million available this fiscal year
- Funding opportunity is available to existing CSPP contractors, to contractors that do not have a CSPP contract, or to new contractors without ELCD program contracts



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CSPP Important Dates

- Request for Applications will be released in late October 2018
- Webinar scheduled for early November 2018



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CSPP Additional Resources

- Mail or hand deliver the application to the following address:

California Department of Education
Early Learning and Care Division
1430 N Street, Suite 3410
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901
- For questions and technical support, contact the Early Learning and Care Division, CSPP team by email at CSPPRFA@cde.ca.gov



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General Child Care and Development Program Expansion Fund (CCTR): Overview

- Funds available for both Local Educational Agency (LEA) and Non-LEA applicants to provide full-day/full-year services on or after April 1, 2019
- CCTR program provides early learning and care services to California children and families who meet eligibility requirements
- Funding preference shall be provided to underserved areas as identified by the Local Planning Council (LPC)



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CCTR Overview (2)

- \$8.1 million available in FY 2018-2019
- Request For Application (RFA) release date is approximately at the end of October 2018
- RFA funding opportunity is available to existing CCTR contractors, to contractors that do not have a CCTR contract, or to new contractors without CDE contracts
- Application must demonstrate the contractor's working knowledge of state and federal child care and development requirements



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Child Care Facilities Revolving Fund (CCFRF): Overview

- The General Facilities loan provides funding for the purchase of new relocatable child care facilities for lease to school districts and contracting agencies that provide child care and development services
- Interest free loan, may repay over a period of up to 10 years
- \$26.8 million available this fiscal year



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CCFRF Application Information

- Loan is only available to current CDE contractors serving CDE-subsidized children
- Accepting applications beginning July 1, 2018
- Applications are accepted continuously until funding is exhausted



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CCFRF Additional Resources

- Application and instructions can be found on our website at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/ccfrfgf1819rfa.asp>
- For questions and technical support, contact the Early Learning and Care Division, CCFRF team by e-mail at CCFRF@cde.ca.gov



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California Renovation and Repair Loan (CRRL): Overview

- The CRRL program assist childcare providers to meet health and safety compliance and American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance
- Loans are for renovation and repair on existing facilities
- Interest free loan, may repay over a period of up to 10 years
- May reimburse with contract funds
- Available to current child care providers with CDE
- \$26.8 million available in FY 2018-2019



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CRRL Submission Requirement

- Submission Requirement includes: Cover Sheet, Scope of Work, Contractor Certification, CA Civil Rights Law Certification, Darfur contracting Act Certification, and Payee Data Record
- Accepting applications beginning July 1, 2018
- Applications accepted continuously until funding is exhausted
- Applications and instructions are located at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/crrl1819rfa.asp>



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Questions?

- Open for discussion or questions.