

California School Boards Association

CSBA has developed a number of resources for school board members and superintendents to navigate their way through pre-kindergarten issues. The first is CSBA's Guide to Expanding Access to High-Quality Preschool Programs. This guide is an Internet-based, interactive book that describes the research related to preschool, maps out the preschool landscape in California, provides governance and policy models and lays out implementation steps. CSBA has also developed a series of podcasts and Webinar trainings that can be accessed at the Web site listed below. These presentations provide research summaries, discussions of local practices that lead to high-quality preschool and examples of how school districts and COEs are organizing and funding preschool.

Education Issues — Preschool
www.csba.org/Preschool.aspx

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Improving quality and expanding access to preschool for all children

A guide to preschool resources



Does your district need help with preschool? Start here.

This brochure is a guide for school board members, district officials and leaders of organizations that can help expand access to preschool in their community and improve the quality of existing programs.

The brain development of a preschool-age child is rapid and dynamic. Research shows that providing high-quality preschool program opportunities for young children can have a profound, positive impact on their readiness for school and success. Recent research has also found that high-quality preschool programs have a positive return on the public's investment. In spite of this research, almost half of all children in California are not enrolled in preschool programs.

K-12 school districts that want to take a leadership role in expanding access to high-quality preschool for their future students do not have to act alone. There are a number of organizations throughout the state that can assist districts and COEs.

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	Research, data	Advocacy, policy	Legal, regulations, guidelines	Financial resources	Technical assistance
<p>California School Boards Association www.csba.org/Preschool.aspx (916) 371-4691</p> <p>California County Superintendents Educational Services Association www.ccsesa.org/index/sp_prek.cfm (916) 446-3095</p> <p>California Department of Education/Child Development Division www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/or/division.asp?id=CDD (916) 322-6233</p> <p>Children Now www.childrennow.org (510) 763-2444</p> <p>First 5 California www.cfc.ca.gov/ (916) 263-1050</p> <p>Low Income Investment Fund www.liifund.org (415) 489-6119</p> <p>Preschool California www.preschoolcalifornia.org (510) 271-0075</p>	✍	✍	✍	✍	✍



California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

CCSESA provides leadership, policy development and technical assistance to extend efforts towards the goal of statewide universal pre-kindergarten for California's young children. In particular, CCSESA works to strengthen the pre-kindergarten organizational capacity of county superintendents, staff, and partners, as well as coordinate the development and dissemination of pre-kindergarten professional development, advocacy, and planning resources on a county, regional and statewide basis. CCSESA also disseminates pre-kindergarten research, data and funding information. CCSESA has developed a matrix of child development and pre-kindergarten resources by county office of education. Professional development is provided through the California Preschool Instructional Network.

www.ccsesa.org/index/sp_prek.cfm
www.cpin.us

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
1121 L Street, Suite 510, Sacramento, CA 95814 | (916) 446-3095

California Department of Education Child Development Division

CDD provides financial, informational and professional development resources. These resources are available to child development programs and preschools funded by the state. CDD is also developing and publishing The California Preschool Learning Foundations — knowledge and skills — that most children exhibit in a high quality pre-kindergarten program as they complete preschool. CDD coordinates Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils who plan for child care and development services based on the needs of families in the local community.

www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/or/division.asp?id=CDD

California Department of Education
Child Development Division
1430 N Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 | (916) 322-6233

Children Now

Children Now is a nonpartisan research and advocacy organization working to raise children's well-being to the top of the national policy agenda. The organization focuses on ensuring quality health care, a solid education and a positive media environment for all children. Children Now's strategic approach creates awareness of children's needs, develops effective policy solutions and engages those who can affect change.

www.childrennow.org

Children Now
1212 Broadway, 5th floor, Oakland, CA 94612 | (510) 763-2444

First 5 California

First 5 California's services improve the lives of the state's youngest children and their families through a collaborative network of health and early education programs.

The revenue to fund these activities is a result of a tax on tobacco products established pursuant to Proposition 10. First 5 California is annually allotted 20 percent of the funds, while the 58 county commissions receive 80 percent.

First 5 California, along with the 58 county commissions, continues to develop high-quality programs and services to help ensure children enter school ready to achieve their greatest potential. For a more in-depth look at the organization, you can access the First 5 California Annual Report at:

www.cfc.ca.gov/

First 5 California
California Children and Families Commission
2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95833
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Low Income Investment Fund

LIIF pursues eliminating poverty by providing financial capital and technical assistance to help low income communities, including school districts, finance and build facilities for education, child care and other community revitalization programs.

Through its ABCD program, LIIF employs a combination of grants, loans, technical assistance, training and advocacy to facilitate and accelerate the development of quality, affordable facilities for high-quality child care and preschool.

www.liifund.org

Low Income Investment Fund
ABCD Initiative
100 Pine Street, Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111 | (415) 489-6119

Preschool California

Preschool California is a nonprofit advocacy organization that works to increase access to high-quality preschool for all of California's children, starting with those who need it most. Preschool California works statewide and in local communities to bring together K-12 educators, business leaders, parents, labor, law enforcement, early care and education providers, faith-based institutions, community leaders and others to achieve its goals. Preschool California provides information and research to educators and others working to increase access to high-quality preschool.

www.preschoolcalifornia.org

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