Early Learning 101: Enrollment and Attendance Resources

Webinar for School Leaders and Community Partners

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About the
Steps to Success
Campaign

Key Steps to Success

Every family has access to information about early learning options

Every family has knowledge about the networks available in our community that support health, well-being, and children with disabilities

Every family is aware of community supports and services to make consistent attendance a possibility

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Key Steps to Success

Every family feels they have education **partners** supporting their child's success

Every child has access to **high-quality, equitable** educational opportunities in a caring environment

Every child **enrolls** in quality licensed childcare, preschool, and/or transitional kindergarten so that they are fully ready for kindergarten

Resources for Families

www.enrollsantaclara.org

Childcare & Preschool Programs

Find childcare and preschool programs through the county's Childcare Resource & Referral Program

Head Start and State Preschool

Find information about Head Start and the California State Preschool Program

School Enrollment

Enroll in preschool, transitional kindergarten (TK), and kindergarten within schools

www.childcarescc.org   **https://sccoe.to/ELS**   **www.sccoe.org/StepsToSuccess**

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Family Flyer

- Early learning options by age
- Benefits of enrolling and attending early learning programs
- Explanation of the difference between licensed childcare/preschool, license exempt programs, and school programs
- Contact information for the Resource & Referral Program, Inclusion Collaborative, Head Start & State Preschool, public school enrollment
- Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Hindi, Pashto, Dari

Download the flyers:
www.enrollsantaclara.org

Child Care Resource and Referral Program

Find quality, inclusive, safe, licensed child care and preschool options in Santa Clara County. A free service in Santa Clara County.

Phone: 669-212-KIDS (5437)
Email: childcarescc@sccoe.org
Child Care Portal:
www.childcarescc.org

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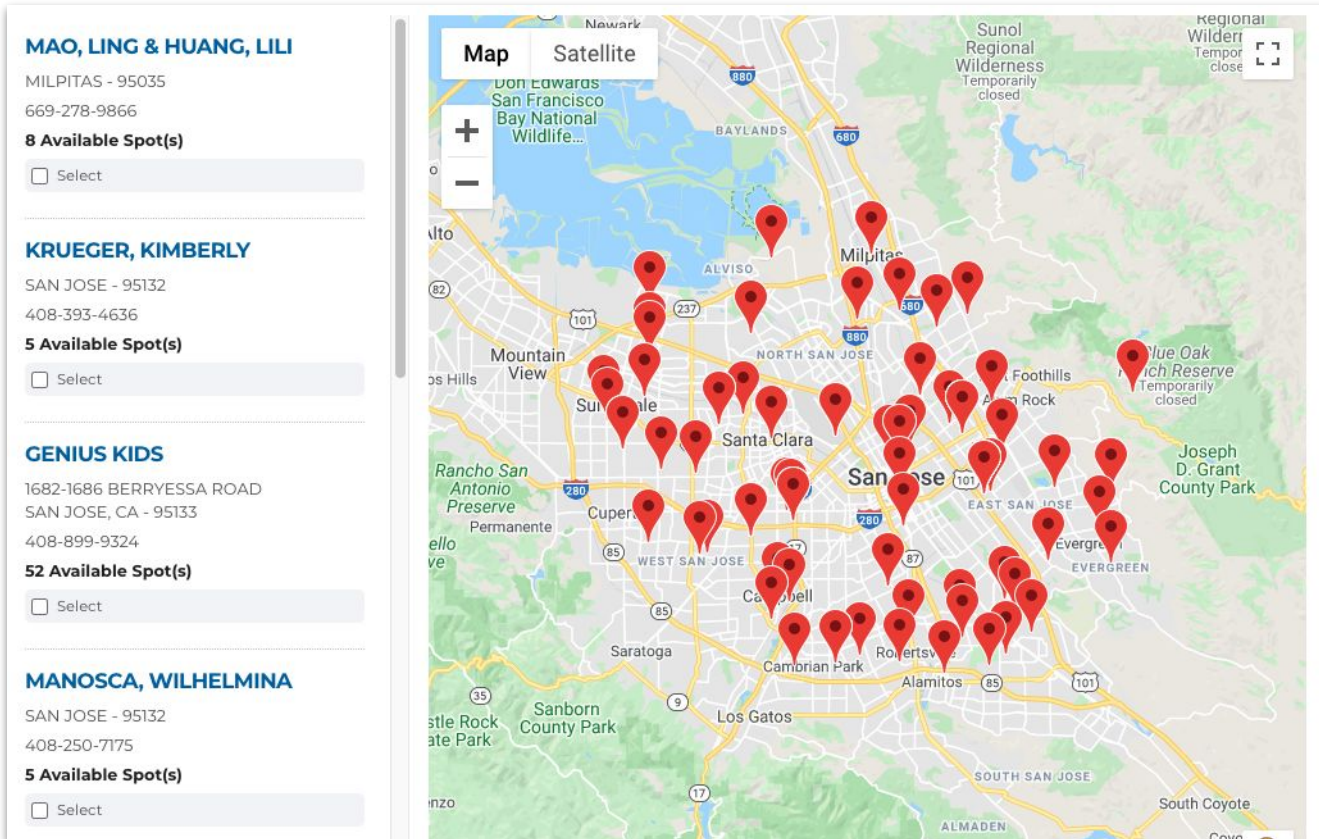
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What Does the R&R Program Offer?

- Maintains a childcare referral database (Santa Clara County Childcare Portal) with the licensed childcare facilities in the county.

- Helps families find licensed childcare programs that best meets their needs through childcare referrals either online, by phone, email, or in-person (before COVID).

- Provides service referrals to families when other services/support are requested.

- Help prospective childcare providers navigate the childcare licensing process.

- Provides training and support resources for licensed providers as well as family, friend, and neighbor caregivers.

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4 ways to get referrals

Call the R&R to get a list of providers that fit your needs.	Email the R&R to get a list of providers that fit your needs.	Search the county childcare portal to get contact information about providers near you. Only those providers who want their information publicly available are shown.	Create an account on the county childcare portal and have the system send automated emails to providers for you. Providers will contact you with more information about their programs.
669-212-5437	childcarescc@sccoe.org	www.childcarescc.org	www.childcarescc.org

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Childcare Portal

Families can search the Childcare Portal to find childcare providers that meet their needs. Provider contact information is available on the map.

Families who would like to create an account to have the system contact providers for them can do so for free.

Find a provider:
www.childcarescc.org

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Help Paying for Childcare

Subsidized Childcare - Voucher Program

- Agencies operating these programs in Santa Clara County are:
  - ***Choices for Children*** at 408-297-3295 ext. 310
    https://www.cfcscc.org/contact-us/
  - ***Go Kids, Inc***. at 831-637-9205
    https://www.gokids.org/

Subsidized Childcare - Subsidized Early Learning

- Subsidized early learning programs include:
  - Federally funded Head Start and Early Start Program
  - State-funded preschool, infant, and afterschool programs
- Over 25 agencies operate multiple Head Start and/or state-funded early learning program/sites across the county.

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SCCOE Early Learning Services

The ELS Department operates the **Head Start**, **Early Head Start**, California **CSPP** and **CCTR** classroom programs for eligible families.

EARLY LEARNING SERVICES

Welcome to the Early Learning Services (ELS) Department website. The ELS Department operates the Head Start, Early Head Start & California CSPP & CCTR Classroom Programs. We share a common interest in the growth and development of children and know that we will all benefit from working and learning together.

Our Purpose
We committ to child development education, health and social services.

Application Process
We provide free programs and low-cost alternatives options to eligible families.

Learning Centers
We provide quality educational programs with part-day and full-day classroom sessions.

Health Services
Early identification of health or mental health needs is important.

Education Readiness
Learn more about our guiding principle and educational child outcomes.

Family Engagement
We value parents in our program and encourage involvement in all areas.

Phone: (408) 453-6900

Email: HSReceptionist@sccoe.org

Website:

https://sccoe.to/ELS

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Finding Inclusive Programs

Providers who include children with disabilities in Santa Clara County

Please Note: This list is not complete and we do not recommend any one program. If you find a school to add to the list, please contact us. We hope you will find the following resources helpful.
Inclusion Collaborative Warm Line: 408-453-6651 www.inclusioncollaborative.org

Program Name	Experience with children who have disabilities	Website	Languages	Address	City	State	Zip	Contact Email	Telephone
Head Start and Early Head Start	yes	Website	Spanish, Vietnamese	Various locations across the county	Santa Clara County	CA			
CA State Preschool	Yes	Website	English	Various locations across the county	Santa Clara County	CA			
YMCA Preschools	Yes	Website	English	Various locations across the county	Santa Clara County	CA			408-351-6400
Campbell Recreation Preschool	Yes		English	1 West Campbell Avenue, C-31	Campbell	CA	95008	natashab@campbellca.gov	408-866-2771
Bright Days	Yes		English	1675 Winchester Boulevard	Campbell	CA	95008	brightdays@campbellunited.org	408-378-8422
Creative Habitat Preschool	Yes	Website	English	1190 West Latimer Avenue	Campbell	CA	95008	director@creativehabitatpreschool.com	408-374-4442
Rosemary CDC Preschool	Yes	Website	English	401 W. Hamilton Ave	Campbell	CA	95008	kderego@campbellusd.org	408-341-7283
Bright Horizons at Cupertino	Yes		English	10253 N. Portal Ave.	Cupertino	CA	95014	Leslie.Yamaki@brighthorizons.com	408-366-1963
Kiddie Academy of Cupertino	NO		English	19875 Stevens Creek Blvd.	Cupertino	CA	95014	axiong.kacupertino@gmail.com	
KinderCare Learning Center			English	1515 South De Anza Boulevard	Cupertino	CA	95014	ctrabanino@klcorp.com	
EM Education.com dba Children's House of Los Altos			English	1595 Kensington Circle	Los Altos	CA	94024	ella@emeducation.com	
Los Altos - Mountain View Children's Corner, Inc.			English	97 Hillview Avenue RM #3	Los Altos	CA	94022	childrens_corner@sbcglobal.net	

Find a program: https://sccoe.to/inclusiveprograms

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R&R Flyer

- How the R&R can support families
- Link to the Childcare Portal
- Contact Information

Access the flyers:
Vietnamese: https://sccoe.to/rrfamflyVI
Spanish: https://sccoe.to/rrfamflySP
English: https://sccoe.to/rrfamflyEN

What is the Childcare Resource & Referral Program?

Find Childcare Support

The **Santa Clara County Childcare Resource & Referral (R&R) Program** helps families find resources and information as they search for childcare.

Get help with:
- Childcare referrals
- Choosing quality care
- Who to contact to get help paying for care
- Community supports and resources
- Transitions to TK-12

Childcare Portal

Search the Santa Clara County's Childcare Portal to find childcare near you.

www.childcarescc.org

- Find center-based and family home providers
- Submit a request to be contacted by multiple providers
- Save information for future childcare searches

Contact Us

Website: www.childcarescc.org
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Quality Care Checklist

- Questions to ask a provider when searching for care
- Available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese

Access the flyers:

https://sccoe.to/qualitycarechecklist

Early Learning Resource Website

- Learn about the importance of enrollment and regular attendance in early learning programs
- Understand the difference between childcare, preschool, TK, and K
- Understand program options
- Access school enrollment links
- Access health resources in the community

www.sccoe.org/StepsToSuccess

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TK Expanded Eligibility

Learning Infographics

Access infographics:
https://sccoe.to/ELinfographics

Early Learning Video Series

1		**1. What is the Santa Clara County Childcare Portal?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:11
2		**¿De qué se trata el portal de cuidado infantil del condado de Santa Clara?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:23
3		**Cổng thông tin Dịch vụ Giữ trẻ của Hạt Santa Clara là gì?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:21
4		**Why is early learning an important foundation for success?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:21
5		**¿Por qué la educación temprana es fundamental para el éxito?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:30
6		**Tại sao giáo dục mầm non là nền tảng quan trọng của sự thành công?** Santa Clara County Office of Education — 1:27

- Videos in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese
- Find videos that answer frequently asked questions about early learning:
  - Where can I find an early learning program?
  - Why is early learning and important foundation for success?
  - How do I know if my child is ready for preschool, TK, or K?
  - What are the low cost childcare and preschool options in Santa Clara County?
  - and much more!

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Watch videos: https://sccoe.to/earlylearningvideos

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Inclusion Support Warmline

- The Inclusion Support WarmLine offers free individualized support for parents, teachers, and community members working with children who have disabilities and other needs.

- They offer resources for positive behavior supports, social stories, visual supports, communication strategies, and more. You can also call to learn about the Triple P Parenting Series and the SCCOE Makerspace.

- Support is offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Cantonese.

INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

Contact the WarmLine
Phone: (408) 453-6651
Email: inclusionwarmline@sccoe.org

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WarmLine Flyers

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(Click on each image to access flyers)

Website Recap

Central website: www.enrollsantaclara.org

Access the R&R Site: www.childcarescc.org to find childcare and preschool programs on the county's Childcare Portal. You can also find a lot of frequently asked questions about childcare.

Access the Steps to Success Site: www.sccoe.org/StepsToSuccess to find school enrollment information and general early learning resources and information

Learn about eligibility for Head Start, California State Preschool Program and CCTR Programs: https://sccoe.to/ELS

Find information about inclusive services for children with disabilities through the Inclusion WarmLine www.inclusioncollaborative.org

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Resources for School Leaders

Outreach Resources

Download the toolkit:
www.sccoe.org/StepsToSuccess

- Outreach best practices and checklist
- Early learning talking points
- Templates for outreach letters
- Parent Ambassador Recruitment Letter
- First Day of School County Welcome Letter
- And more!
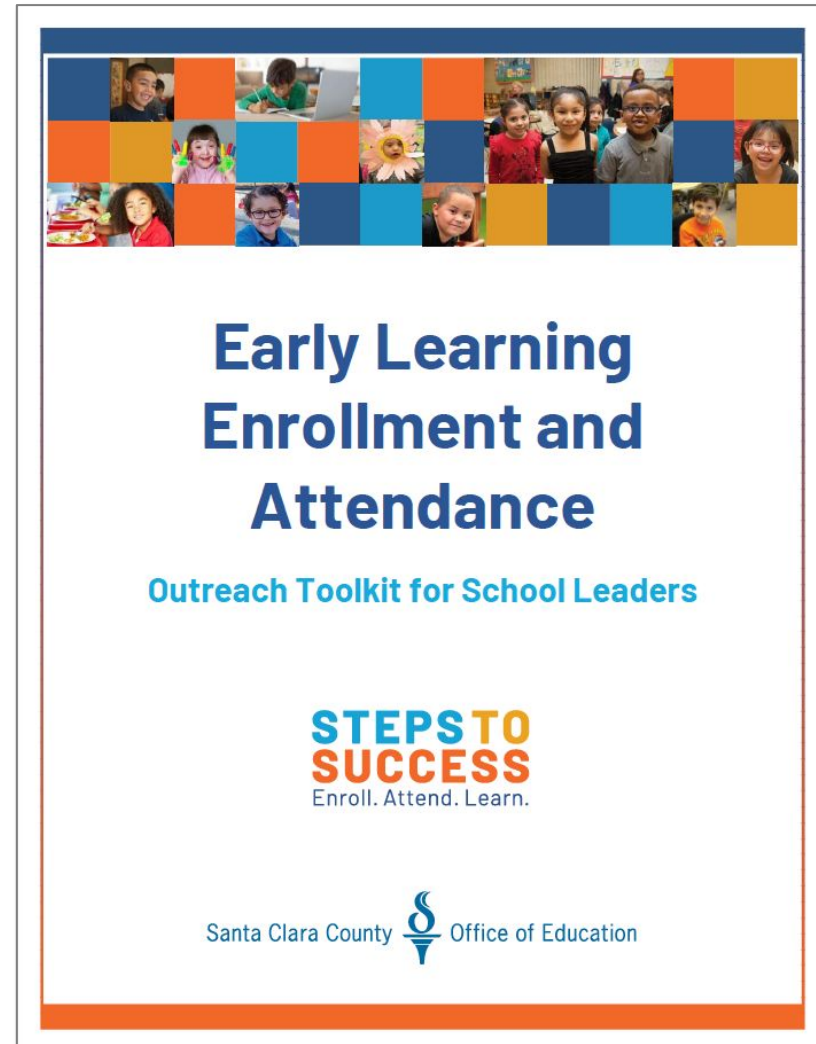
Early Learning Enrollment and Attendance

Outreach Toolkit for School Leaders

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Outreach Resources

Social media examples and images

Open enrollment flyers

Outreach Resources

Your School Name Here

Early Learning School Tour

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School Tour Toolkit   +   Early Learning Family Night Toolkit

Today's Attendance is Tomorrow's Success

- Long term positive outcomes are linked to children with consistent attendance patterns.

- As education leaders, our **partnership with families creates opportunities to inform and connect them with essential services** that will positively impact their ability to get their children to school.

- These partnerships will support children through their educational career since habits of attendance are built in the early years.

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Suspension and Expulsion for Early Learners

- A Yale University study conducted in 2016 revealed that preschool expulsion rates were more than three times that of expulsions for school-aged children (Gilliam, et. al).

- In a 2016 study conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the responses from a nationwide parent survey revealed that nearly 50,000 early learners were suspended in a year with 17,000 expulsions occurring during the same year (Meek, et. al., 2020).

Equity and Attendance

- Early learners who are students of color or who have a disability, tend to have much higher rates of school suspension and expulsion for similar behaviors to those of their White peers.

- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights found that "Black boys represent 19% of public preschool enrollment, but 45% of male preschool suspensions; and Black girls represent 20% of preschool enrollment, but 54% of female preschool suspensions nationally" (Malik, 2020, p. 29).

Key attendance factors

Multiple factors can positively impact classroom attendance….

Building family awareness about the importance of attendance, including an understanding of end-of-year learning goals at the beginning of the year

Relationship-building opportunities between schools and families

Helping teachers create predictable classroom routines and procedures that help reduce the likelihood of suspension and expulsion

Supporting teachers and staff with building knowledge of social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development

Ensuring student engagement

Using Culturally Responsive Teaching practices

Opportunities to engage in conversations about implicit bias

Use of social emotional and positive discipline strategies

Staff awareness of community services if parents confide needs

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SCCOE Services and Resources

Check out the key factor checklist in the toolkit to identify services and tools you'd like to explore.

Classroom-Level Attendance Key Factors

Classroom culture is the sum of many key contributing factors and makes an impact on student attendance. Children who are engaged, see their culture in the classroom, are supported emotionally, have tools to communicate their needs, and trust adults, are more likely to both attend school and externalize frustrations in more constructive ways. The following key factors contain guiding questions that can be used by education leaders to identify possible next steps for professional development and resource implementation. When combined, these factors help create consistent attendance by developing positive classroom environments and decreasing student removal due to challenging behaviors.

Key factors that build classroom culture	Guiding Questions
Building relationships with students and families	☐ Do teachers regularly communicate with families to provide classroom-related information? ☐ Do teachers communicate with families to share positives in addition to areas of development for each child? ☐ Are teachers regularly giving positive feedback to students during lessons?
Creating consistent and predictable classroom routines and procedures	☐ Do classroom walk-throughs show evidence of consistent classroom routines and procedures? ☐ Do students have sufficient opportunities to practice learning routines and procedures? Are there opportunities for whole-class reflection about behavior (both compliments and areas of development)? ☐ Do classroom walk-throughs show visual schedules that create daily structures for children? ☐ Do teachers explain behavior expectations and how to get needs met before children engage in each activity?

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Inclusion Collaborative: Menu of Services

- **Professional learning opportunities** for administrators, teachers, para educators, parents, and community members
  - **Belonging**
    - Student Engagement
    - Social and Emotional Supports
    - Relationship Building
    - And More!
  - **Inclusion**
    - Inclusive Best Practices
    - Behavior Supports
    - Sensory Supports
    - And More!
  - **Equity**
    - Universal Design for Learning
    - Ways 2 Equity Playbook

Website: www.inclusioncollaborative.org

Email: Inclusion@sccoe.org

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DataZone

DataZone provides affordable data warehousing and analytic tools. It streamlines collaborative efforts through the use of shared governance, a shared data model, standard data definitions, and centralized data storage. With such a powerful tool, agencies and school districts are able to coordinate support services, maximize the use of key organizational performance data, create policy alignments, and guide decisions around funding priorities.

Contact Nabil Shahin if you would like to learn more about using Datazone: nshahin@sccoe.org
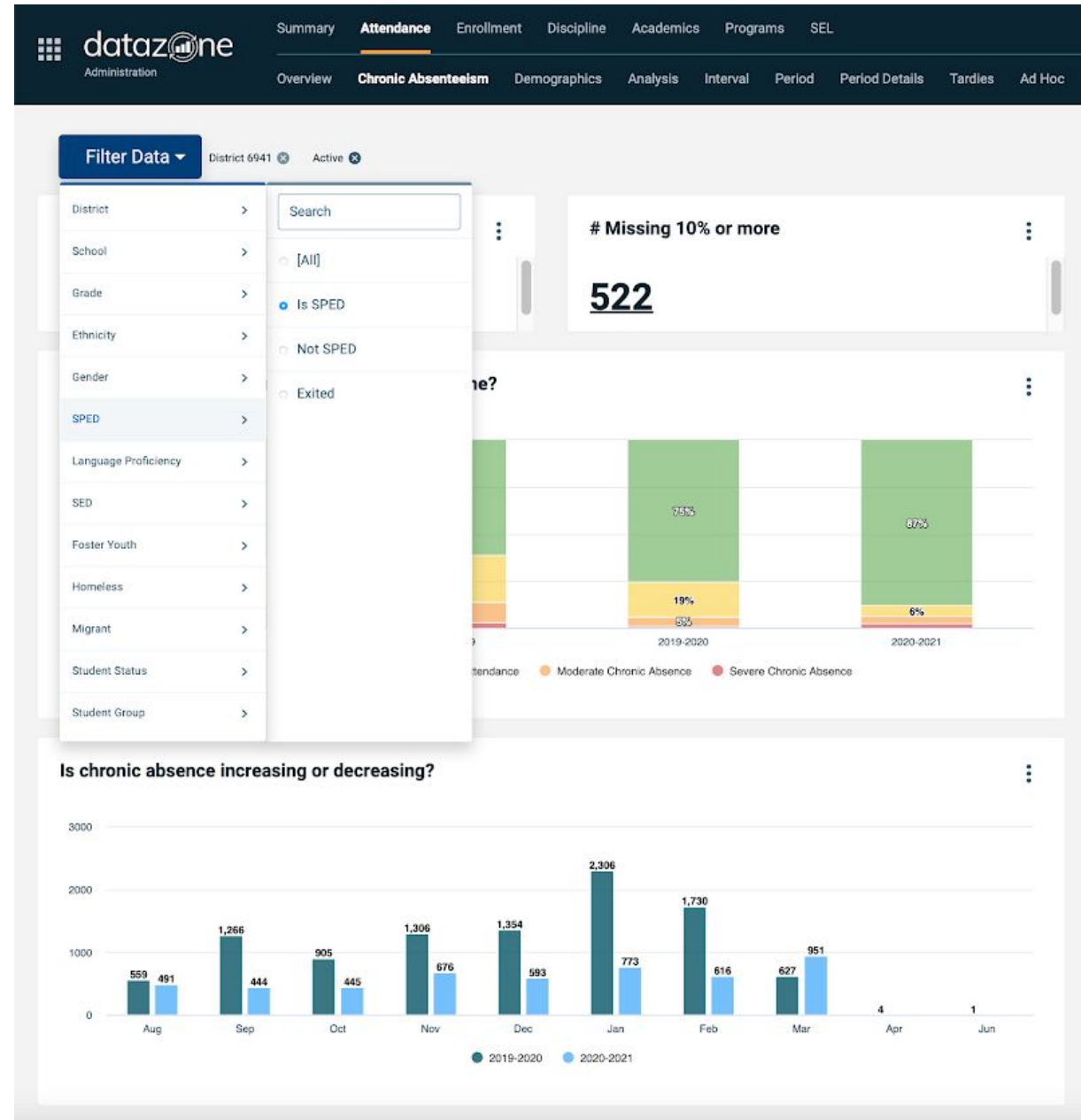
California Preschool Instructional Network

- Professional learning opportunities for preschool, transitional kindergarten teachers and administrators
    - Social-Emotional Development
    - Language and Literacy
    - English Language Development
    - Mathematics
    - Visual and Performing Arts
    - Health
    - History and Social Science
    - Science
    - And much more
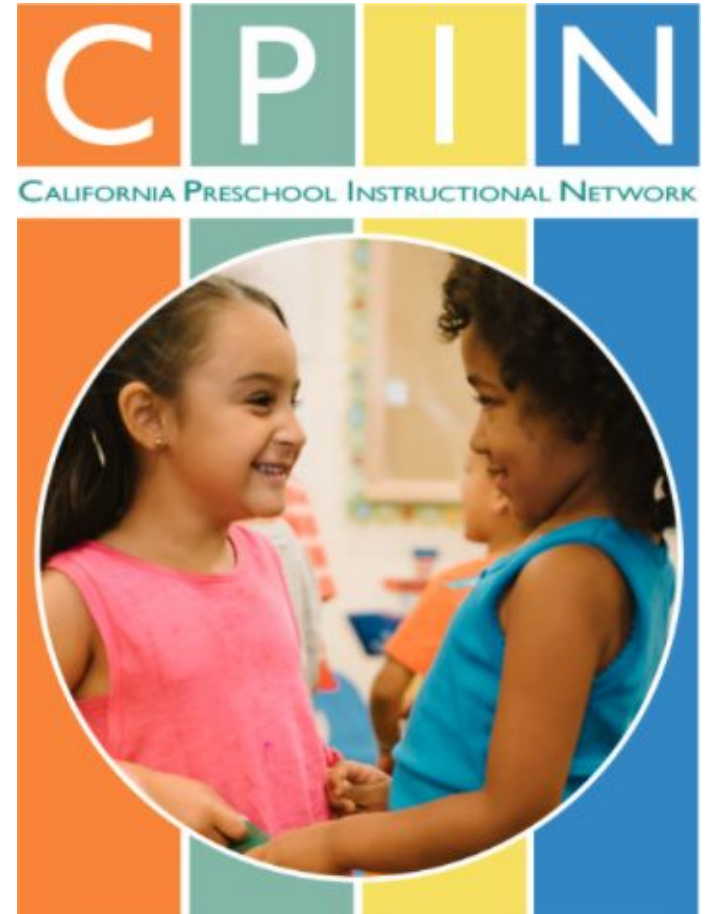
Contact CPIN Region 5 Manager, Cynthia Fong-Wan at cfong-wan@sccoe.org

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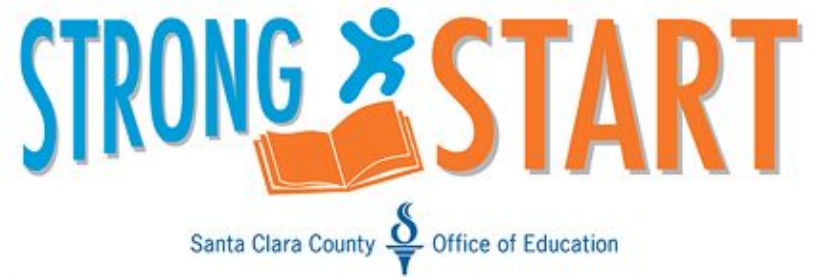
Strong Start

STRONG START INITIATIVE

www.sccoe.org/strongstart

Sign up for the Strong Start newsletter!

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Professional Learning Portal

The Santa Clara County Office of Education Professional Learning Portal provides a comprehensive list from various departments of all professional learning offerings and events including trainings, networks, technical assistance, special events, and conferences for teachers, administrators, coaches, support staff, parents/guardians, students and partners.

Find learning opportunities:

www.sccoe.org/pl

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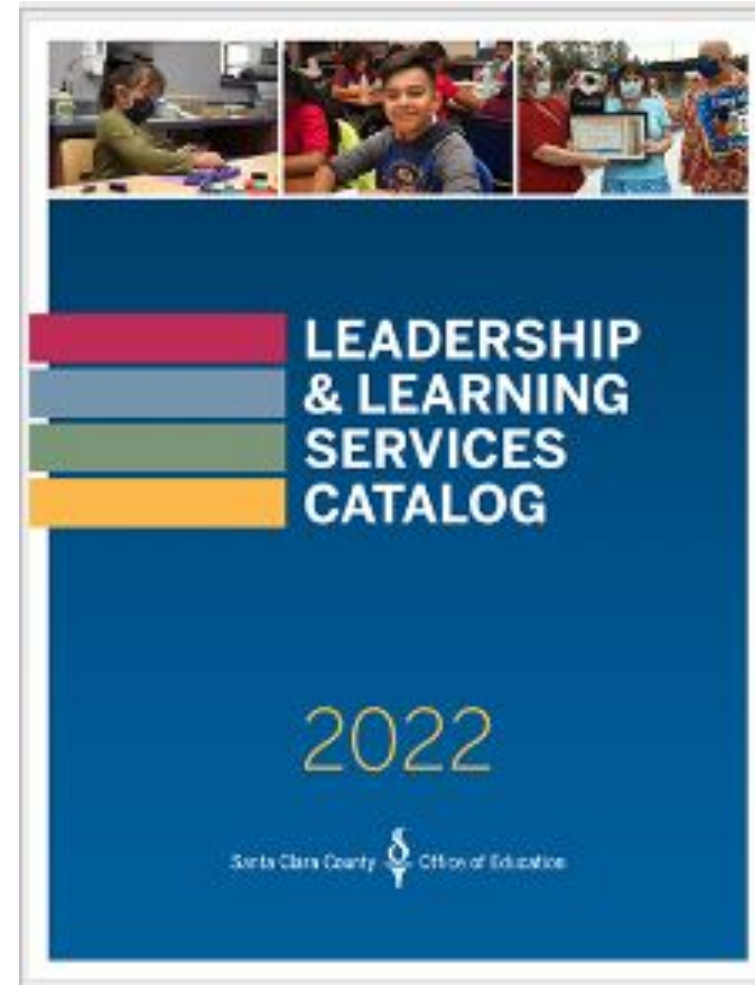
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