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Welcome to the Child Care Planning & Support Department Quarterly Newsletter!

Dear Educators, Providers, and Families,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Office of Education / Child Care Planning & Support Department, I am delighted to introduce you to our Department newsletter!

The mission of our Department is to offer high-quality programs and resources to early childhood educators, teachers, child care providers, and families. Our dedicated team is committed to supporting the growth and development of young children through a variety of initiatives and services.

In this newsletter, you will find updates and insights on our Department Programs including:

- Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC): The mission of the LPC is to assess, represent & promote the early care and education needs of children and families in Santa Clara County.
- Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R) Program: Providing valuable resources and support to child care providers and families.
- California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN): Offering professional development and instructional resources to preschool educators.
- QUALITY MATTERS: Promoting quality improvement in early childhood education settings.
- Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) Supports: Promoting access universally to preschool programs for three- and four-year-old children through a mixed-delivery system.

We hope this newsletter serves as a valuable resource for you, keeping you informed about our latest efforts and opportunities to engage with our programs. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of young children and their

families.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Warm regards,
Michael Garcia
Director, Child Care Planning & Support Department

Child Care and Community Resources

Exciting News from the Childcare Resource and Referral Program!

We are thrilled to announce the release of our Health and Safety Training Reimbursement applications for the 2024-25 program year. Last year, we processed over 125 applications, benefiting around 450 childcare providers and staff.

For 2024-25, the Childcare Resource and Referral (R&R) Program will continue to support childcare providers by reimbursing up to \$150 for approved health and safety training courses. Eligible training includes Preventative Health and Safety and Pediatric CPR/First Aid courses from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or an EMSA-approved agency. Training must be completed and certificates issued between July 1, 2024, and April 11, 2025.

The application period is now open, click [here](#) to access the application.

Join our email list to receive updates from the R&R Program! Click [here](#) to subscribe

High Quality Professional Learning

Now available! Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations (PTKLF)

The California Department of Education (CDE) has released the Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations (PTKLF), detailing typical learning milestones for children aged three to five and a half. These foundations guide educators and parents on the skills children can achieve with quality education. The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN), funded by the California Department of Social Services, has supported preschool educators since 2004 with professional learning and technical assistance. CPIN offers training on workforce investment, professional development, and technical assistance for early childhood education and can be accessed on the [CPIN website](#).

As Region 5 lead, the SCCOE offers various training offerings in the Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz counties. If you are interested in partnering with CPIN Region 5, please contact the CPIN Region 5 team via email at CPIN@sccoe.org.

Join our email list to receive updates from the CPIN Program! Click [here](#) to subscribe

High Quality Early Education Investments

In support of [Quality Counts California \(QCC\)](#), QUALITY MATTERS ... A STRONG START for Kids (QUALITY MATTERS) provides a framework for measuring quality care and continuous improvement in Santa Clara County.

The SCCOE Quality Matters Stipend Program (QMSP) offers stipends to State Preschool (CSPP) and center-based Childcare (CCTR) Early Educators and Administrators. Supported by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Quality Count California (QCC) Workforce Pathways Grant, QMSP focuses on financial incentives for college degree attainment, permit attainment or renewal, and professional development.

The SCCOE Quality Matters team launched the 2024-25 QMSP on August 1. With over 470 applications, they provide technical assistance to help participants meet program requirements, offering six live/in-person orientations and a self-paced online option.

Next Steps for QMSP Participants

With the QMSP supplemental forms deadline on October 20, the QM team is reaching out to participants via email for case management requirements. Please visit the [SCCOE QMSP Padlet](#) for program forms, reminders, and more!

For Family Child Care Home Providers and Family Support Educators that work at First 5 Family Resource Centers (FRC), apply to the First 5 Santa Clara County's QMSP by emailing QualityMatters@EnlightenGroup.net or calling (408) 337-2022.

Rating & Quality Improvement Supports

The Quality Counts California (QCC) initiative, funded by the CDE, supports the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant. This grant helps CSPP sites maintain high-quality standards. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) implements QRIS locally, monitoring child outcomes and sharing program quality information with parents and the public.

The CSPP QRIS Block Grant has three main components:

1. QRIS Rating: Evaluates programs using the Quality Continuum Framework.
2. Quality Improvement Plan: An annual action plan for continuous quality improvement.
3. Common Data File: An annual report for accountability and performance monitoring.

The QMSP will continue quarterly CSPP Meetings for updates. CSPP contractors should visit the [SCCOE QM Padlet](#) for updates and ensure their data in Hubbe is current.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant, funded by the California Department of Education and administered by SCCOE, LPC, and the R&R Program, aims to expand preschool access for three- and four-year-olds through a mixed-delivery

system. The Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC) of Santa Clara County will hold UPK Advisory Workgroup sessions throughout the 2024-25 school year, starting in September. The next meeting is tentatively set for late January.

For future UPK participation opportunities, contact LPCinfo@sccoe.org.

Visit the [Local Early Education Planning Council](#) website for UPK resources and meeting dates. Additional UPK resources are available on the SCCOE ECE Initiatives Department [website](#).

Subscribe to The Early Years Parent Newsletter!

The Early Years is a bi-monthly parent newsletter for families with young children (ages birth through 5). The newsletter provides information and helpful tips about healthy development, social emotional learning, and school readiness. Every two months, we'll feature a community spotlight to help you stay connected to local programs, events, and resources. Subscribe to receive up-to-date information about a child's early years.

Subscribe here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/si/FnCp72s/TheEarlyYears>

State Guidelines & Regulation and Local Advocacy

Stay informed with the latest guidance from the state by periodically visiting the CDSS Child Care Bulletins and CDE's Management Bulletins.

California Department of Social Services:

- [Child Care Bulletin \(CCB\) No. 24-15](#). Implementation of Redistribution of Unspent Stipend Funds from Assembly Bill (AB) 110 (Chapter 4, Statutes of 2023) and Assembly Bill (AB) 179 (Chapter 249, Statutes of 2022) for Child Care Providers Caring for Children Receiving a State Child Care Subsidy
- [Child Care Bulletin \(CCB\) No. 24-12](#). Revised State Median Income (SMI) Ceilings And Income Ranking Table For Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25

California Department of Education:

- [Management Bulletin 24-09](#). Continued Funding Application, Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26.
- [Management Bulletin 24-08](#). Data Collection for California State Preschool Programs Operated by a Local Educational Agency.

Celebrations

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We debuted our first **Child Care Planning & Support Department Open House** on August 10, 2024! Presentations were given by CPIN, Childcare R&R, QUALITY MATTERS, and LPC, followed by a Q&A panel. Attendees, including child care providers and families, received technical assistance for setting up and updating their California Workforce Registry accounts, applying for the QUALITY MATTERS Stipend Program, and navigating the childcare portal. We appreciate the support from FIRST 5 Santa Clara and the Enlighten team.

We look forward to hosting another Open House on August 9, 2025!



Want to celebrate with us?

If you're in Santa Clara County and would like to submit a story or testimonial to be featured in a future edition of the Child Care Planning & Support Department Newsletter, let us know by clicking the link below.

[Email Us!](#)

Upcoming Events

October

9 & 10

CPHSP Health & Safety (English)

8:30 am - 1:00 pm | Zoom | [REGISTER](#)

Audience: Prospective licensed child care providers

October

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Sense of Time/Sense of Place

9:00 am - 12: 00 pm | Zoom | [REGISTER](#)

Audience: ECE Workforce (general child care, state preschool, licensed child care providers)

October

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Family Child Care Home Licensing Overview

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm | Zoom | [REGISTER](#)

Audience: Prospective licensed family child care home providers

[View R&R Training Calendar](#)

[View CPIN Training Calendar](#)

[Find Child Care](#)

[Provider Resources](#)

[UPK Resources](#)

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