Federal Purpose

The Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) seeks to support states in their efforts to analyze the landscape of their early learning and care (ELC) mixed delivery system and implement changes to the system that

• maximize availability of high-quality ELC options for high-impact families;
• streamline administrative infrastructure;
• improve state-level early learning and care funding efficiencies; and
• improve the quality of care.
Overview of California’s Preschool Development Grants

Preschool Development Grant Initial (PDG-I)
- Dec 2018–Dec 2020
- $10.6 million

Preschool Development Grant Renewal (PDG-R)
- Dec 2019–Dec 2022
- $40.2 million
Initial Preschool Development Grant
Scope of Activities

Activity 1: Needs Assessment—Develop statewide needs assessment capacity

Activity 2: Strategic Plan—Create a detailed and actionable strategic plan

Activity 3: Maximize Parental Choice and Knowledge—Dramatically expand family access to needed information

Activity 4: Share Best Practices—Strengthen supports for ELC professionals

Activity 5: Improve Quality—Launch peer learning and leadership network for tribal child care
Initial Preschool Development Grant Activity Highlights

• Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan
• Parent Cafés and Parent Committee
• Parent portal and Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDs) planning
• Local Planning Council (LPC) support and capacity building
• Tribal Peer Learning Network
• State Stewardship Team
Needs Assessment Findings

• A significant number of children under 5 are living in poverty.
• Preschool supply has expanded, yet a large group of children remain underserved.
• Access has decreased for infants and toddlers.
• There are disparities in access.
• There are issues related to quality improvement.
• Rural areas have strengthened collaboration but there are challenges around deep poverty and transportation.
Needs Assessment Recommendations

• More investments in infant/toddler care
• More flexibility where possible
• A focus on tribes
• More rural investment
• Increase teacher and caregiver compensation
• Focus on affordability
• Standardized and funded local needs assessments
Preschool Development Grant Renewal

- Three-year grant period (Dec 2019–Dec 2022)
- $13.4 million per year, $40.2 million total
- 26 awards across the country
- Six required areas and three bonus point areas

Timeline:
- Project Start Date is December 31, 2019
- Project End Date is December 31, 2022
# Progression of Preschool Development Grant Activities

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Vision

California’s early childhood system delivers on the promise of a California for All Kids

California’s children age birth through five, their families, and their communities thrive through an effective and impactful ELC mixed delivery system that is efficiently connected to a range of child, family, and program supports.
## PDG-R Goals

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<td>Develop a unified system for workforce professional development that employs consistent standards and offers aligned, stackable, competency-based, credit bearing professional development</td>
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Long-term, actionable investments

Master Plan for Early Learning and Care

- Families
- Family Access and Support
- Infrastructure
- Coordination & Infrastructure
- Providers
- Workforce Development
PDG-R Scope

Activity 1: Statewide Needs Assessment
Activity 2: Statewide Strategic Plan
Activity 3: Maximizing Parent Knowledge, Choice and Engagement
Activity 4: Sharing Best Practices
Activity 5: Improving Overall Quality and Service Integration
Activity 6: Monitoring, Evaluation and Data for Continuous Improvement
Governance and Stakeholder Engagement

• Early Childhood Policy Council
  - Parent Advisory Committee
  - Workforce Advisory Committee
• State Stewardship Team
• Core Team
• Stakeholder Engagement
Preschool Development Grant Renewal

• A new fact sheet is available on the PDG-R page of the CHHS website.

• Please email PDG@chhs.ca.gov with any questions.