



California's Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five

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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

Parent Committee



Preschool Development Grant Parent Committee and CDE staff



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



| Activity | Goal | Initial Grant | Renewal Grant |
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| Needs Assessment | Data to facilitate statewide planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete statewide Needs Assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs Assessment update (starting 2021) Data Dashboard and training |
| Strategic Plan | Plan to improve and expand early learning system | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Strategic Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Master Plan and align Strategic Plan |
| Parent Engagement | Multidimensional approach to enhancing parent knowledge and choice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Portal planning Parent Cafes Parent Committee Strengthening Families Training Local Planning Council Capacity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Portal/Verification Hub Parent and Provider Cafes Virtual Parent Consortium Cross-Agency Training |
| Workforce Development | Unified system for Early Childhood Professional Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online professional development program pilot Improve trainings for infant and toddler, trauma-informed care Improve online Higher Education resources Quality Counts California (QCC) systems review and improvement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development Platform Develop Performance Assessment Accreditation pilot Alignment of standards |
| Quality Improvement | Quality supports for targeted populations and all providers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tribal peer learning and leadership network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand QCC for family child care, family, friend and neighbor care, home visitors and tribal child care |
| Evaluation and Data Use | Launch statewide early childhood data systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Performance Evaluation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation of PDG activities Department of Technology Project Approval Lifecycle (PAL) process for data systems Data system integration |

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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| Build | Build cross-system capacity and streamline governance at the state and local level. |
| Maximize | Maximize parent and family knowledge, elevate parent voices, and strengthen parent connections to ELC and other supportive services. |
| Develop | Develop a unified system for workforce professional development that employs consistent standards and offers aligned, stackable, competency-based, credit bearing professional development |
| Increase | Increase the supply and quality of ELC opportunities by redesigning and aligning quality standards, professional development systems and monitoring processes |

Long-term, actionable investments

Master Plan for Early Learning and Care

Families

PDG-I PDG-R

Family Access and Support

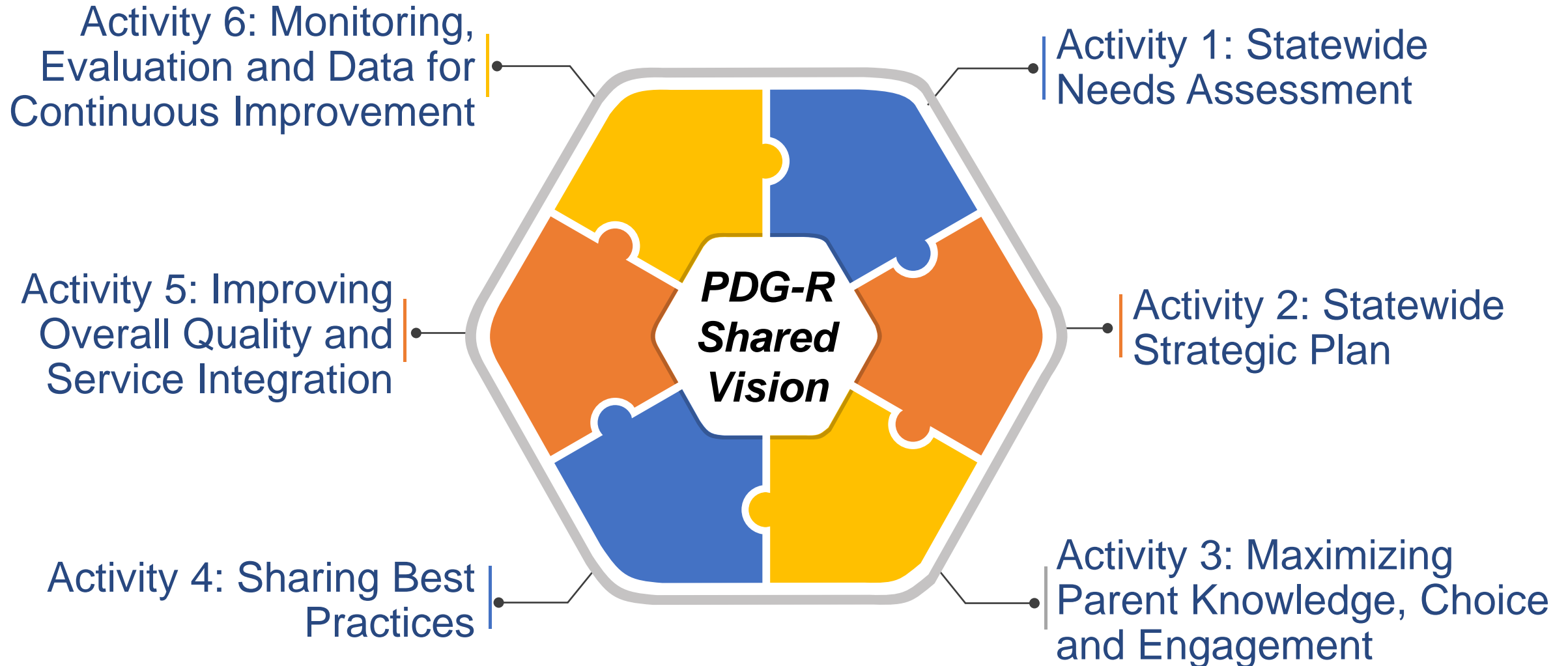
Infrastructure

Coordination & Infrastructure

Providers

Workforce Development

PDG-R Scope



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.