

California Comprehensive Early Learning Plan

Local Input Meeting Results Summary: 10/30/12, Solvang, CA

42. Santa Barbara ECE Leadership – 10/30/12

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Number of attendees not including	CCELP Element(s) that you focused on:		
facilitator(s):30	1. Access to Quality Early Learning and Care		
	2. Dual Language Learners		
	3. Workforce Development		

42.I. Getting Started

Visioning activity

Please list statements and themes from your meeting here. Please use bullet points:

- Accessible quality care for all children and families including appropriate practices and intentional support in a developmentally appropriate environment.
- Well compensated, highly skilled, well educated workforce.
- Community support and recognition of Early Childhood Education as a foundation for life success.
- Our children must have access to comprehensive services that include safe, healthy, loving, enriching environments.
- Well-educated ECE professionals who are fairly and equitably compensated based on education level and experience.
- Every child has access to affordable, high quality early care and education settings.
- Every child and family has access to early care and education services regardless of income.
- All adults caring for young children have the knowledge and skills for best practice through ongoing education.
- All early care and education programs are high quality where children are well-fed, safe, and engaged in developmentally appropriate activities in engaging environments, indoors and out.
- Every child has access to affordable, high quality ECE programs through a diverse delivery system embedded in the Dept. of Education.
- Staff have access to free comprehensive training, including incentives for higher education attainment, and comprehensive wage and benefits equal to or better than K-12.
- The general public, business, and elected officials demand high quality early learning experiences for every child and a comprehensive health system for children and parent education.

42.II. Clarifying and Building on Plan Elements

CCELP Element #1: A: Access to Quality early Learning and Care

Prioritizing question. Please list responses to prioritizing CCELP Element #1 here. Please use bullet points: Priority 1 thru 5

- A.4. Create a new state revenue source that supports early learning birth to five...A.19. Provide higher reimbursement rates in a tiered system for programs...
- A.22. Raise the quality of early learning and care programs through a...
- A.17. Recognize that quality, particularly the recruitment and retention...
- A.1. Include early learning and care in a comprehensive Preschool to Grade 12...



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• A.15. Determine eligibility for childcare education programs at the time of application...

Additional comments:

- Add "highly skilled" to A.22.
- Combine A.22 and A. 17
- Add "free to all" to A.1.
- How do we define quality and who will do it?
- Focus on child need; services should be seamless; changes in family circumstance should not diminish child's access to services\
- Reword A.4.: Create a new state revenue source for a universal, diverse ECE delivery system embedded within CDE that expands services for children birth to 5 years with links to K-12 and set aside at least 30% for infants and toddlers.
- Reword A.17.: Recognize that quality, particularly the recruitment and retention of qualified teachers, costs more and must be funding accordingly through a universal, diverse, ECE system.
- Reword A.22.: Raise the quality of early learning and care programs through a multi-pronged approach that includes quality measurements and monitoring, financial incentives, supports, and facilities development funding with results based accountability through a universal ECE system.

CCELP Element #2: F. Dual Language Learners

Prioritizing question. Please list responses to prioritizing CCELP Element #2 here. Please use bullet points: Priority 1 thru 5

- F.5. Provide training on dual language learner strategies to all teachers.
- F.3. Focus on incorporating research-based strategies to teach dual language learners...
- F.7. Instructional and assessment approaches should consider the various...
- F.8. In the classroom, give DLL students the opportunity to use oral language...
- F.1. Target the subgroup of children with non-English-speaking parents for enrollment...

Additional comments:

- Support all students in becoming functionally bi-lingual or multi-lingual.
- Reword F.3.: Focus on incorporating research-based strategies to teach dual language learners (DLL).
- Add to F.7: "...working with families for authentic assessment."
- Reword F.5.: Provide training on dual language learner (DLL) strategies to all teachers, incorporating research-based strategies.
- Reword F.7.: Instructional and assessment approaches should consider the various language development pathways and diversity within the English learner population.
- Reword F.4.: More toward thinking of educating English learners as a systemic issue, relevant to all teachers.

CCELP Element #3: M: Workforce Development

Prioritizing question. Please list responses to prioritizing CCELP Element #3 here. Please use bullet points: Priority 1 thru 5

- M.2. Set higher compensation levels for ECE teachers if ECE teacher education standards...
- M.3. Focus degree programs and ongoing training on particular areas where research...
- M.11. Develop a well-defined ECE career pathway and associated credentials that...



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- M.7. Develop the Early Childhood Educator Competencies, which include the Foundations...
- M.16. Reintroduce a preschool-grade 3 teaching credential.

Additional comments:

- Combine M.3. with M.5. with continuing review so if areas of focus change, there is support for teachers.
- We recommend M.1. through M. 23.
- M.16. is the pathway to pay equity.
- Introduce a teaching credential for birth to Grade 3.
- To M.3. add an infant/toddler core a degree program leading to a credential with specializations.
- Ensure Competencies adequately prepare infant/toddler teachers.
- To M.12. add "...and other degree-bearing institutions of higher education.
- To M.11. add "...as part of a universal diverse delivery ECE system embedded in CDE.
- Reword M.16.: Provide a birth to Grade 3 early education credential based on developmentally appropriate practice.

42.III. Prioritizing Final Plan Elements

Voting

Please list the results of the element voting activity in order from most to least votes. Please use a numbered list.

- 1. Access to Quality early Learning and Care
- 2. Workforce Development
- 3. Finance, Governance, and Other System Issues
- 4. Program Quality Assessment
- 5. Early Childhood Mental Health/Behavioral Health Sciences
- 6. Facilities

42.IV. Evaluation Comments

What was useful about our work today?

Please list the comments you received. Please use a numbered list.

1. Working with a diverse group of dedicated professionals. Note: We did not ask participants to complete written evaluations, but took comments on a flip chart.

What suggestions do you have for the other local input meetings?

None

42.V. Facilitator's Evaluation

Please rate how easy it was to use this toolkit

1 – Very easy to use	2	3	4 – Very hard to use
	X		