

# 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 current 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 families with high needs
  - Improve the quality of care
  - Streamline administrative infrastructure
  - Improve state-level early learning and care funding efficiencies

# California's PDG B-5 Award, Vision, and Goal



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- California awarded a \$10.6 million federal PDG B-5 to support early ELC system building efforts.
- Vision: California's children B-5, their families, and community thrive through an efficient and impactful ELC mixed delivery system connected to additional child, family, and program supports.
- Goal: Increase the alignment and efficiencies across CA's B-5 ELC mixed delivery system and strengthen connections to other family support systems by reducing duplication of efforts, sharing best practices, creating clear roles and responsibilities at the state and local level, developing evidence-informed resources and training and technical assistance, and expanding parental choice and knowledge.



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# PDG B-5 Activities

## **Activity 1: Needs Assessment: Develop Statewide Needs Assessment Capacity**

- Conduct analysis of gaps in CA's existing services and improve our ability to target services to vulnerable populations
- Integrate new capacity into existing systems and contracts to sustain improved capacity beyond PDG

## **Activity 2: Strategic Plan: Create a Detailed and Innovative Strategic Plan**

- Draw on the best thinking of wide range of stakeholders to provide guidance to policymakers for system improvement

# PDG B-5 Activities (2)



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## **Activity 3: Maximize Parental Choice and Knowledge - Dramatically expand family access to needed information**

- Build parent information portal
- Increase parental knowledge of child development and milestones
- Revamp parent engagement strategies to integrate best practices
- Expand Strengthening Families training
- Launch parent committee to elevate and incorporate voices of parents

# PDG B-5 Activities (3)



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## Activity 4: Share Best Practices

- Improve professional learning and quality rating platforms and better integrate system
- Create a higher functioning quality improvement system by addressing key functions and roles at the state, regional, and local levels (Build and Child Trends)
- Further expand trauma informed care training for the Foster Care Bridge

# PDG B-5 Activities (4)



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## Activity 5: Improve Quality

- Launch a peer learning network to support further leadership development in Tribal Child Care
- NOTE: The intended capacity building around Quality Counts California and rural counties will be incorporated in the next PDG application following the activities around ensuring a higher functioning system



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# PDG B-5 Stakeholder Engagement

- PDG State Core Team
- PDG State Stewardship Team (SST)
- State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care (SAC)
- PDG Parent Committee
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction (SSPI) Stakeholder Group on Early Learning and Care