

UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN

*Mixed Delivery
Grant*



June 21, 2023

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UPK AND TK?

- UPK IS AN UMBRELLA TERM THAT INCLUDES THE CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (CSPP), TK AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AS WELL AS HEAD START, DISTRICT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS, EARLY LEARNING SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES, PRIVATE PAY PRESCHOOL, AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT ACCESS TO A FULL DAY OF SERVICES.
- WHILE PARTICIPATION IN UPK AND CHOICE OF WHICH PROGRAM IS OPTIONAL, TK IS THE ONLY OPTION WITHIN THE BROADER UPK FRAME THAT WILL BE UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE, AND FREE OF COST, FOR ALL FOUR-YEAR OLD CHILDREN AS PART OF CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM.
- CALIFORNIA'S GOAL IS TO SERVE MORE CHILDREN AGES 3-TO 4-YEARS-OLD, STATEWIDE, IN HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS. CALIFORNIA INTENDS TO MEET THIS GOAL THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE TK, AS WELL AS INVESTMENTS IN OTHER STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS, SUCH AS FUNDING TO EXPAND THE CSPP AND OTHER STATE-SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS THAT OFFER A PRESCHOOL LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
- IN 2021, LEGISLATION WAS PASSED THAT REQUIRES ANY LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA) OPERATING A KINDERGARTEN TO ALSO PROVIDE A TK PROGRAM FOR ALL 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN BY 2025-26. UTK MEANS THAT BY 2025-26, REGARDLESS OF BACKGROUND, RACE, ZIP CODE, IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR INCOME LEVEL, EVERY CHILD WILL HAVE ACCESS TO TK AS A QUALITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE THE YEAR BEFORE KINDERGARTEN.
- **NOTE:** PARTICIPATION IN TK IS NOT REQUIRED, AND PARENTAL CHOICE IS STILL AN IMPORTANT POINT TO KEEP IN MIND.

GRANT DEFINITION OF MIXED DELIVERY

Mixed Delivery: a system of early childhood education services that are delivered through a variety of providers, programs, and settings, including Head Start agencies or delegate agencies funded under Head Start, public, private, or proprietary agencies, including community-based organizations, public schools, and LEAs, that offer center-based childcare and preschool programs, tribal childcare and preschool, and family childcare through a family childcare home education network.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES OF THE GRANT

COORDINATION
WITH THE
COUNTY OFFICE
OF EDUCATION

FORM A
WORKGROUP

PLAN FOR, BUT NOT
DIRECTLY FUND, UPK
OPTIONS IN A MIXED
DELIVERY SYSTEM
ALIGNED WITH TITLE 5
STANDARDS,
COORDINATED
SERVICES, AND
REFERRALS FOR
FAMILIES TO HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SUPPORT
SERVICES

PLAN FOR
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES OF THE GRANT

PROVIDE
OUTREACH
SERVICES AND
ENROLLMENT
SUPPORT TO
MEET NEEDS OF
FAMILIES.

COMMIT TO
PROVIDING
DATA

PARTNER TO PLAN FOR,
ALIGN AND COORDINATE
THE PLANS, AND
CONDUCT THE
ACTIVITIES WITH ALL
LEAS IN THE COUNTY OR
REGION THAT RECEIVED
FUNDING UNDER THE
CALIFORNIA
PREKINDERGARTEN
PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT
PROGRAM.

PLAN FOR
INCREASING
INCLUSION OF
CHILDREN WITH
EXCEPTIONAL
NEEDS IN UPK

GRANT ACTIVITIES 2023-2026

STRATEGY ONE

Facilitation and coordination of the discussions of the local workgroup

STRATEGY TWO

Assessing the parental preferences and the need for access to available high-quality UPK meeting Title 5 standards through a mixed-delivery system for three- and four-year-old children in the county.

STRATEGY THREE

Coordinating with special education local and regional partners

GRANT ACTIVITIES 2023-2026

STRATEGY FOUR

Establishing partnerships with providers and Family Child Care Home Education Networks (FCCHENs), inclusive preschool programs and multilingual programs.

STRATEGY FIVE

Partnering with the local Quality Counts California to support the workforce

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO THE WORKGROUP

- LOCAL PLANNING COUNCILS
- COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION
- SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- CHARTER SCHOOLS OFFERING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN
- R&R AGENCIES
- ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS OPERATING PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
- FIRST 5 COUNTY COMMISSIONS
- CONTRACTED STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (INCLUDES BOTH LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS)
- GENERAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS SERVING PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN
- TRIBAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
- PRIVATE, CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS
- LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
- EDUCATORS
- EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES
- HEAD START
- FACULTY AT LOCAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOCUSING ON CHILD DEVELOPMENT OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

WORKGROUP DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 30
3:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 11
12:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 3
5:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 6
9:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1
5:30 PM**

Location: 8085 Highway 26, Suite G. Mokolumne Hill
Food will be provided at all workgroup meetings

THOUGHTS, IDEAS,
COMMENTS, AND
QUESTIONS?

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