



The HOPE Infant Family Support Program is a special education-funded, early intervention program for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age with disabilities, and their families. HOPE services are free to eligible families.

- HOPE is part of California Early Start and the California Department of Education.
- HOPE is a special education program administered through the San Diego County Office of Education.
- HOPE provides services to families residing within school districts in the North Coastal, North Inland, Poway, and South County regions of San Diego County.

HOPE Services

HOPE services support the optimal development of infants/toddlers with disabilities. Our goal is to create positive outcomes for infants/toddlers and their families by:

- Creating positive relationships with parents/guardians that promote family participation and decision-making
- Affirming and building on infant/toddler and family strengths
- Supporting infant/toddler learning through family daily activities and routines
- Honoring and respecting diversity

Our Staff

Each family receiving HOPE services is assigned early intervention specialists based on infant/toddler and family needs.

CONTACT

the San Diego County Office of Education to find out how we can support your student, child, and family through our Early Education Programs and Services.

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Early Education Programs and Services



Our mission is to provide high-level services and resources that support families and the work of early education professionals in reaching the diverse needs of children, students, and learning communities.

Early Education Programs and Services

The mission of the Early Education Programs and Services department is to positively impact children from birth to age 5 by providing the highest-quality early intervention, professional development, and leadership. We provide early intervention services to children with disabilities and their families; professional development to support quality early education programs for children from birth to age 5; and leadership in developing high-quality early education learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate and designed to promote school readiness for all children.

We offer support through:

- HOPE Infant Family Support Program
- San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative (SDQPI): San Diego's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), for those sites participating in CSPP. All sites will engage in quality improvement activities.
 - First 5 San Diego-Learn Well
 - California Department of Education: Early Learning and Care Division QRIS grants
- Quality Journey fee-for-services based on individualized need and content
- Child Care and Development Planning Council
- The Early Years Professional Development Conference
- Coaching to early education site leads and providers through a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS).

California Preschool Instructional Network

The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) provides high-quality professional development for preschool administrators and teachers that highlights current research-based information, resources, and effective instructional practices focused on preparing children to flourish in early childhood and succeed in elementary school and beyond.

Child Care and Development Planning Council

The San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council plans, advises, and collaborates to strengthen child care and early education availability and quality. The Council is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools to analyze data and assess child care needs, provide information about new legislation, promote quality and inclusive services, and promote business involvement.

Additional Programs

- **Inclusive Early Education Expansion (IEEEP)**
Supports the development of high-quality inclusive early learning and care (ELC) programs
- **CCTR**
SDCOE partners with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) operating Teen Parent programs to offer full-day, full-year child care and development services for infants and toddlers.
- **California State Preschool Program (CSPP)**
Provides a high-quality developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate school readiness program to designed to support three- and four-year-old children

Quality Preschool Initiative:

San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative (SDQPI), San Diego County's early learning system focusing on quality, improvement and equitable support. SDQPI provides resources and guidance to providers to enhance, sustain and communicate quality in early education and care settings. The Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) measures quality practices through ratings. SDQPI engagement promotes quality enhancement for children, commitment to growth and improvement and sustaining high quality practices. The SDQPI is dedicated to providing a tailored support to leaders for their programs based on their diverse needs.

What does Quality Early Care and Education Look Like?

There are many key elements of quality to look for in an early education and care setting. Among them:

- Site leaders that support their staff in development of appropriate training and quality practices
- Learning environments that are clean, safe, well organized and in support of development
- Quality leaders who support their staff to be responsive and inclusive of each child's individual needs

How We Build Quality?

The San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative provides funding and support to early education and care programs by connecting them with tools they need to improve, including:

- Targeted and customized coaching and professional development for site leads
- Independent external reviews of classrooms to evaluate program quality
- Differentiated supports through a Multi Tiered System of Support to engage all sites in equitable provision of resources
- A focus on adult behaviors and practices to develop quality early learning and child care settings
- Assistance to facilitate developmental screenings for children, and a resource referral system
- Resources for site leads to provide family strengthening activities

