

# UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant June 1, 2023



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Universal PreKindergarten (UPK) is the expansion of the state's mixed delivery system to meet the early education needs of three- and four-year-old children and their families, including Transitional Kindergarten which will be available for free to all four-year-olds by 2025-2026.

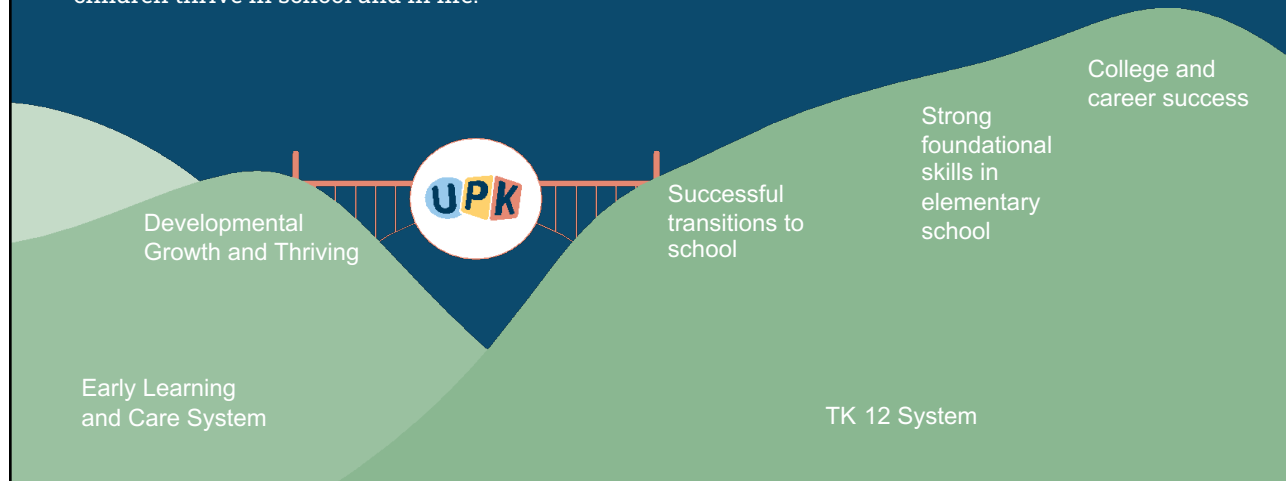
UPK is an essential part of transforming California's schools and giving every student in California a great start.



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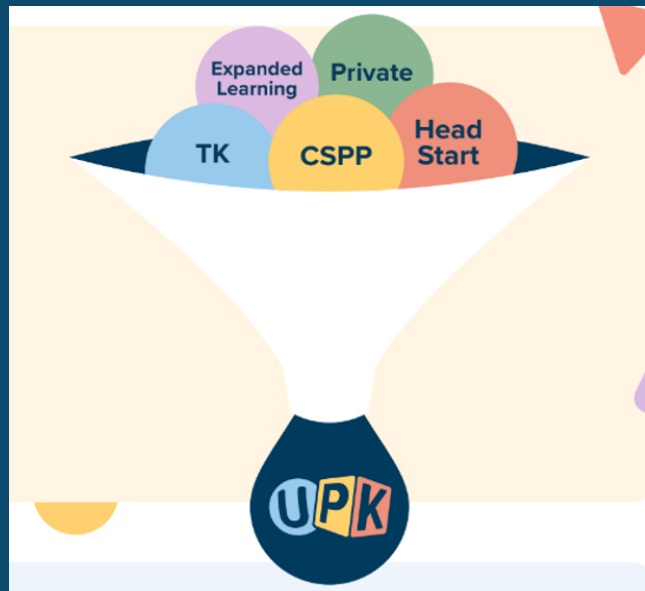
## UPK Planning and Implementation Supports

UPK can serve as a bridge between early childhood and TK 12 systems to increase students' readiness for school and schools' readiness for students so that all children thrive in school and in life.



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## Parent Choice



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## Grant Information

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## Funding Information

- Funding formula is based on three aspects:
  - The total number of three- and four-year-old children in the county
  - The number of three- and four-year-olds not in subsidized care
  - The number of three- and four-year-olds with exceptional needs
- \$18.3 million annually for three fiscal years starting in 2022–2023
- Santa Barbara County was allocated \$353,788

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## Required Activities

- Form a workgroup
- Plan for UPK options in a mixed delivery system aligned with Title 5 standards
- Plan for increasing inclusion of children with exceptional needs in UPK
- Plan for workforce development
- Provide outreach and enrollment services to families
- Partner to plan for, align, and coordinate activities with LEAs
- Partner with tribes as sovereign nations
- Create a county-wide UPK Plan by June 2026

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## Allowable Uses of Funds

- Assessing the parental preferences and the need for access to available high-quality UPK
- Establishing partnerships with providers, inclusive preschool programs and multilingual programs
- Coordinating with special education local and regional partners
- Partnering with the local Quality Counts California to support the workforce
- Facilitation and coordination of the discussions of the local workgroup



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## UPK Local Level Workgroup

- Grantees will be expected to engage in community-level coordination and planning with entities who make up the county's mixed-delivery system
- The workgroup will support the grantee in:
  - Coordination planning for UPK expansion in the mixed delivery system
  - Coordinating the preparation of the Plan



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## Membership of UPK Local Level Workgroup

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| • Local Planning Councils      | • Private, center-based child care preschool providers                            |
| • County offices of education  | • Family child care providers   |
| • School districts             | • Educators   |
| • Charter schools offering TK  | • Union representatives   |
| • R&R Agencies                 | • Head Start  |
| • Alternative payment programs | • Faculty at local institutions of higher education focusing on child development |
| • First 5                      |   |
| • State preschool programs     |   |
| • Tribal preschool programs    |   |

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## Guidance for UPK Local Level Workgroup

- Utilize meeting spaces that are already taking place
- Utilize the varied perspectives required to collaborate and build out your county's vision for UPK
- More than only a page with collaboration signatures – true ongoing collaborative meetings

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SBCEO along with community partners will support families, facilities through the following:

- Community Resources on Family Options and Quality
- Family and Educator Workgroups
- Study of UPK impacts on CSPP and Private facilities
- Study of UPK impacts on LEAs

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## An In-Depth Look

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## For Families:

- Bilingual resources regarding UPK options and quality
  - Distributed directly to community partners
  - Distributed through partnerships with local libraries
  - Distributed through radio ads
- Facilitated family discussions
  - Family perspectives on UPK:
    - Choice of care
    - What does high quality mean to you?
    - Hopes, dreams, aspirations



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## For Facilities

- Study on impact of UPK
  - Unique needs of Private vs CSPP programs
  - Impacts on LEAs
  - Will incorporate questions about facilities, inclusion, family choice
- UPK resources distributed to community partners
- CCPC ad-hoc committee and UPK Community of Practice



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## UPK Community of Practice

- A countrywide network of district leaders, administrators, & community-based leaders
  - Build Relationships
  - Share implementation successes & progress.



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## UPK Teachers Collaborative



- An open forum for  
Preschool, TK, &  
Kindergarten teachers
- Discuss and share  
relevant best practices,  
research, resources, and  
new learning.

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This is an exciting new direction for California, but implementation will require time and grace, as multiple systems shift to meet the challenge.



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