

2022-2023 SDQPI ANNUAL REPORT

Implementation Year 3 of 5

The San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative's (SDQPI)

primary purpose is to partner with a diverse group of early learning and care programs in San Diego County to improve adult-child interactions of children birth through five years of age. SDQPI aims to ensure that children in our community have access to a comprehensive and enriching preschool experience.

Research shows that children who have a positive relationship with their caregivers and teachers are more likely to succeed in school and life, along with thriving in inclusive environments, culturally and linguistically responsive and focused on creating a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.

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The 2022-23 Annual Report for the San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative showcases a year of dedicated efforts toward providing high-quality early childhood education to the children of our community. This report highlights our key achievements, program enhancements, community engagement, and our impact on young learners' lives.

Testimonials:

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“Thank you for inviting me into an amazing program! This program truly has been a great experience for me to learn and sit beside a coach who provides you with excellent training and leadership skills. I appreciate you all establishing this program for quality care for children. This is the beginning of a new world for children to grow and learn. Providing children with tools and opportunities to thrive in their world at young ages. Building a solid foundation for children to excel and do well. Thank you again!”

“Moving to success, SDQPI continues to create environments where people can un-learn, learn, and re-learn. I personally love what SDQPI stands for and every opportunity we are provided to grow, professionally and as an agency.”

“Having attended SDQPI trainings, I feel like that's increased our knowledge and our capacity to be able to be effective in our communication with the children we are interacting with.”



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to highlight several key achievements from the past year:



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Highly qualified staff are essential to quality preschool education. This year, we conducted 268 professional learning (PL) sessions, equipping educators with the latest research-based strategies and tools. A total of 6,925 attendees participated in the PL sessions, and nearly 100% reported feeling more confident in their role as a result.

INCENTIVES

\$900,000 was spent to provide incentives to eligible sites. The incentives included learning materials, books, furniture, and outdoor equipment that improved learning environments.

STIPENDS

Nearly 2,241 individuals received a stipend for their quality improvement efforts, and nearly \$4 million were disbursed.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Community involvement remains integral to our initiative. We partnered with four community colleges that provided individualized support to adult students committed to continuing their education trajectory in the field of Early Learning and Care; close to \$120,000 was invested in this partnership.

HOME VISITOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Home Visitor Support program was a new addition to our quality projects in 2022-23. This program aimed to engage home visitors working with families in their homes by providing them with professional learning opportunities and technical assistance on topics such as trauma-informed practices and child development. Participants received learning resources and stipends. The 55 home visitors directly impacted 504 families and 498 children from birth to five.

OUTLOOK

While we celebrate our achievements, we acknowledge that the need for accessible, high-quality preschool education remains substantial. Looking forward, we aim to:

- Expand our reach to underserved neighborhoods
- Strengthen partnerships with institutes of higher education
- Continuously refine our professional learning offerings in multiple languages
- Support family engagement strategies to maximize student success

As we move forward, we remain committed to providing a strong foundation for the future of San Diego's children through quality early childhood education.

None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering support of our Quality Counts California Consortia community partners, the dedicated staff of the San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative, and funding from First 5 San Diego, First 5 California, and the California Department of Education.



PARTICIPATING SITES

During program year 2022-2023, we increased participation by 8% compared to the previous year for a total of 566 sites. The settings varied from school districts, large private preschools, small private programs, non-profit programs, and family child care homes to family friend and neighbor homes.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN

With the increased participation of new sites, we directly impacted more children, for a total of 15,586 children benefiting from positive adult-child interactions and quality environments.

NUMBER OF STAFF

The impact of SDQPI spread through 2,671 staff members working in the 566 sites.

COACHING

3,078 hours were spent providing individual coaching to support quality improvement efforts.

2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS



251 Center-Based Programs

294 Family Child Care Providers

9 Family Friends and Neighbors Providers

7 Home Visitor Agencies

