

2024-2025

LEARN WELL ANNUAL REPORT



— SAN DIEGO —
QUALITY
PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE



The Learn Well San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative (SDQPI), operated by the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) and funded by First 5 San Diego, First 5 California, the California Department of Education (CDE), and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), is dedicated to ensuring that children from birth through age 5 in San Diego County receive high-quality early learning and care.

Through personalized supports tailored for various early learning settings, including center-based programs, Family Child Care homes (FCC), Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers, and Home Visiting programs, SDCOE helps educators build high-quality environments and promotes systemwide excellence in early education.

Program year 2024–2025 marked the final year of a five-year contract cycle with First 5 San Diego.

HELPING
YOUNGSTERS
THRIVE
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Program Reach and Impact HIGHLIGHTS



607 Participating SDQPI sites*

779 Homes supported by seven Home Visiting agencies

20,602 Children served by SDQPI sites

783 Children reached by the Home Visiting program

3,850 Early Childhood Educators received supports

→ 21,385

TOTAL CHILDREN BENEFITED
from educator and family supports across both programs



*309 Family Child Care homes (FCC), five Family Friends and Neighbors (FFN's), and 293 center based sites.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING



A combination of **coaching** and **training** supported the professional learning of participants in both SDQPI and Home Visiting programs.

Coaching and Technical Assistance

Coaching continued to be a cornerstone of SDQPI's quality improvement efforts, equipping participants with tools, strategies, and skills that foster continuous growth. Coaching helps educators set clear goals, build confidence, strengthen instructional practices, and engage in self-reflection that leads to lasting success.

Professional Development (PD) Trainings

Refined professional development opportunities for the Early Learning and Care (ELC) workforce provided numerous benefits for both educators and children. Trainings were tailored, evidence-based, and accessible in English, Spanish, and Farsi to meet the diverse needs of the workforce.

By deepening understanding of child development and effective practices, PD enhances teaching quality, promotes responsive adult-child interactions, supports inclusive learning environments, and strengthens educators' confidence, leadership, and professional identity. These opportunities also improve workforce retention, reduce burnout, and encourage ongoing growth, ultimately benefiting children, families, and communities.

2024-2025 ACTIVITY

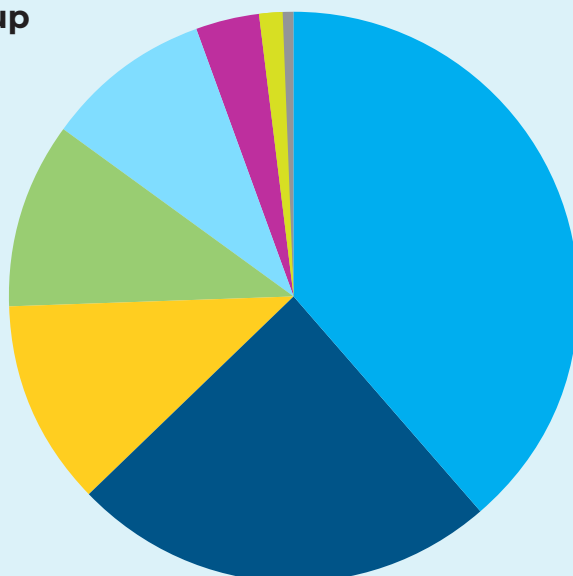
5,501
COACHING HOURS
in total were provided to SDQPI participants and Home Visitors.

567
TRAINING HOURS
of multi-level professional learning workshops (Introductory, Intermediate, Advanced) were offered at no cost.

4,903
PARTICIPANTS
attended workshops across seven topic areas. ▼

Training Group Details

Attendance frequency and workshop topics.



- Interactions and Environments (38.64%)
- Strengthening Families and Social-Emotional Support (24.35%)
- Screening and Assessment (11.69%)
- CDE Publications and PTKLF (10.39%)
- Diversity and Culturally Sensitive Practices (9.42%)
- Infant/Toddler Development and Leadership (3.57%)
- Inclusive Practices (1.3%)
- Miscellaneous (less than 1%)



TESTIMONIALS

"Workshops and self-paced online courses have been highly effective for staff's professional development. The combination of expert-led instruction and flexibility to learn at a comfortable pace ensures my teachers are supported in mastering the tools and strategies available to them."

"The San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative significantly benefits our children and families by providing high-quality early childhood education. SDQPI program fosters improved cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development in children, laying a strong foundation for future academic and life success. Additionally, it empowers families with the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions about accessing quality early learning opportunities, supporting their child's growth and long-term well-being."

"The coaching I receive has helped me to effectively support staff with increasing their knowledge and improving their skills. This has allowed both personal and professional growth for me and staff."



VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS

SDCOE partnered with The Regents of the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Eye Mobile for Children to provide free vision and hearing screenings to children enrolled in SDQPI sites. Priority was given to programs not receiving state or federal subsidies, ensuring that families with the greatest need had access to these essential health services.

- **1,216 children** were screened

STIPENDS

The Learn Well Stipend supports continuous quality improvement and professional growth in ELC settings, including center-based programs, FCC, and FFN caregivers.

Recognizing that professional growth often requires time beyond the typical workday, the stipend acknowledges and rewards ELC professionals for their dedication to improving program quality and pursuing ongoing learning.

- A total of **3,354 participants** received stipends
- A total of **\$4,711,461** was awarded

Through the **Learn Well San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative**, SDCOE and its partners have strengthened the foundation of early learning countywide. By supporting thousands of educators, providing equitable access to high-quality professional learning, and promoting inclusive, evidence-based practices, SDQPI continues to elevate the quality of early education in our communities.

These collective efforts ensure that children across San Diego County enter school healthy, confident, and ready to succeed, creating lasting benefits for families, neighborhoods, and the region's future workforce.

