



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

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- I. California Transitional Kindergarten and Preschool Reimbursement Program (CTKS) and Early Education Career**
 - Coordinator completed implementation of the CA Transitional Kindergarten & Preschool Reimbursement Program on March 30th. Final fiscal and narrative reports were submitted to the state in June 2019.

- II. CAC Central Coast Early Care and Education Conference**
 - Coordinator is working with early education stakeholders to coordinate the Central Coast Early Care Conference that will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 – 1:30 pm at Cabrillo College.

- III. AB 300 Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan**
 - Coordinator submitted the second round of modifications in April. They were approved by the CDE/ELCD Pilot Team on May 17, 2019. The Santa Cruz County Pilot Plan had five child care contract modifications approved that will allow:
 1. Families to be considered to meet all eligibility and need requirements for subsidized child development services, for not less than 24 months, except for families in training and seeking employment.
 2. Children enrolled in part-day state preschool programs may be eligible for two 180 day periods within a 24 month period without being recertified as a new enrollment each year.
 3. “Three year old children” means children who will have their third birthday on or before December 2nd may enroll in state preschool programs.
 4. Children who turn three after December 2nd are allowed to enroll immediately on their third birthday.
 5. Eliminate the requirement that at least one-half of the children enrolled at a preschool shall be four-year olds.

The approved contract modifications are intended to increase enrollment, minimize the administrative overhead and costs, extend eligibility for child care services and lower the age of participation in state preschool programs. Thereby allowing state funded child care programs to fully utilize their contracts.

The Santa Cruz County Pilot Plan was developed in collaboration with the state funded child care program administrators, First 5 Santa Cruz County and Mission Analytics Group and CAC.