



**First 5 Association of California
Preschool For All Learning Community**

Who: First 5 County Commission, First 5 California, County Office of Education, and local school district representatives

What: The PFA Learning Community is a group of preschool policy and implementation experts representing 15 counties. The group has been meeting for two years, under the auspices of the First 5 Association, to discuss current issues in preschool expansion. The goal of the Learning Community is to encourage information-sharing amongst participants and to collect best practices and creative solutions that can be shared with policy experts and other preschool partners to strengthen our statewide efforts towards enhanced preschool access for children.

How: The PFA Learning Community meets 3-4 times per year as a full group, with additional meetings as needed on specific topics. The Learning Community has included guests from California Department of Education, American Institutes of Research, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association to discuss topics of interest to all participants.

Current Topics:

The PFA Learning Community is currently focusing on ways of expanding preschool programs at the district and/or county level by leveraging additional resources and braiding existing funding streams. The participants have been collaborating with CDE on the development of guidelines for CDE-contracted agencies participating in First 5-funded Power of Preschool programs.

Participating Counties:

Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda, Kern, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Merced, Ventura, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, San Diego, Yolo, Sacramento

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Current Braided Funds and Programs

This chart outlines the various scenarios under which Power of Preschool-funded counties are expanding preschool access and enhancing preschool quality using state and local First 5 funds.

		Funding	Highest Standards
Scenario 1 ½ day only	AM	New PFA/POP	F5CA
	PM	⊗	⊗
Scenario 2	AM	Headstart enhanced with PFA/POP Funds	F5CA and Headstart
	PM	Headstart	Headstart
Scenario 3 ½ day only	AM	State PreK enhanced with PFA/POP Funds	F5CA
	PM	⊗	⊗
Scenario 4	AM	State PreK enhanced with PFA/POP funds	F5CA
	PM	Headstart wrap-around	Headstart
Scenario 5	AM	General Child Care enhanced with PFA/POP funds	F5CA
	PM	General Child Care	GCC
Scenario 6	AM	Title 22 enhanced with PFA/POP funds	F5CA
	PM	Title 22 (with tuition) or ⊗	Title 22

Notes: PFA/POP funds refer to the funds from local sources (primarily First 5 County Commission funding) and First 5 California directed towards expanding access and enhancing quality. The typical ratio of funding is \$4 local dollars for every \$1 state dollar (First 5 California).