Quality Preschool for all Kids in California: What Will It Take?

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Building an Early Learning System That Works

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1. Build a coherent system of ECE administration

- Designate a **single coordinating body** to unify and streamline ECE decision making at the state and local level.
- Develop a **one-stop-shop** for parents to find high quality care.
- Build a **comprehensive data system** that offers policymakers and administrators actionable information.

Source: 2012 National Survey of Early Care and Education, reported in *Worthy Work, Still Unlivable Wages*
2 Make ECE affordable for all children birth to age 5

- Establish **universally-available** preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds, utilizing a **mixed delivery system** and a **sliding fee scale**.

- Expand access to subsidized child care on a **sliding fee scale for infants and toddlers**.
• Reform the reimbursement rate system and supplement reimbursement rates to enhance educator wages.

• **Raise expectations** for teacher qualifications and support existing educators in meeting new requirements.

• **Invest in higher education programs** that adequately prepare early educators for the demands of the classroom.
• **Raise quality requirements** for programs with the lowest standards.

• Fully fund Quality Rating Improvement Systems to **support required participation** of all state subsidized providers.

• Ensure all programs have access to **quality improvement activities**.
Develop leaders who understand **effective teaching practices for young children**, including dual language learners.

Ensure educators **understand child development** and early language development.

Provide **joint professional development** for educators and leaders across ECE and elementary school.