

SB 50: ECE for All Toolkit

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SB 50 Background:

SB 50 aims to make California's Early Learning and Care system more efficient by removing burdensome barriers for child care providers across the mix-delivery system, ultimately allowing more children to be served in high-quality centers and family child care homes, giving our youngest learners a strong start. This legislation will:

- Open up the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) to serve children 0-5 and to serve children in family child care homes. This will allow more low-income 3-year-olds, infants, and toddlers to access high-quality Early Learning and care.
- Remove existing barriers between child care and preschool contracts, allowing providers to transfer funds between contracts and adjust their services to better meet the needs of families and improve continuity of care for children in their communities.
- Increase stability for providers by shifting to reimbursements based on program enrollment rather than attendance— a model already used by the federal Head Start program.
- Make it easier for families to enroll in subsidized child care and preschool.

This legislation is part of a [2021 early childhood education \(ECE\) Legislative package](#), which aligns with recommendations in the Governor's [Master Plan for Early Learning and Care](#) and the Governor's [January Budget Proposal](#).

This bill will enable family child care providers to serve young children in the CSPP program. Additionally, this change provides more Early Learning and care options for families and improves the livelihood of family child care providers. SB 50 will facilitate enrollment for families and providers by expanding categorical eligibility to families who need child care services and who are already enrolled in CalFresh, MediCal, WIC or Head Start, thus reducing the paperwork and administrative burden on families and providers. The bill provides 24-month continuous eligibility for children in child care without the need to recertify.

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How can our partners and allies help?

1. **Tell your legislator to help working parents by supporting SB 50 to expand access to quality Early Learning and care.** Find your legislator here:
http://www.legislature.ca.gov/your_legislator.html
2. **Thank Senator Monique Limón for authoring this critically important legislation on Facebook and Twitter (@MoniqueLimonCA):**
 - a. Thank you, Senator @MoniqueLimonCA for authoring #SB50 to expand access to high-quality #EarlyLearning and care to more low-income 3-year-olds, infants, and toddlers. #ECE4All
 - b. @MoniqueLimonCA is a working mom who understands the need for access to high-quality child care and education. That's why she's joined early child care advocates @EarlyEdgeCA @Kidango and @EveryChildCA to create #SB50. #ECE4All



3. **Encourage others to support on Facebook and Twitter with the hashtag #ECE4All:**

Please join me in supporting #ECE4All legislation #SB50 by Senator @MoniqueLimonCA. This legislation will help meet the needs of more working parents and their children!

#SB50 will expand access to high-quality #EarlyLearning and care to more low-income 3-year-olds, infants, and toddlers. #ECE4All

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#SB50 will make it easier for families to enroll in subsidized child care and preschool. That's why it is supported by child care advocates like @EarlyEdgeCA @Kidango and @EveryChildCA. #ECE4All



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4. Highlight Key Talking Points:

- SB 50 (Limón) would strengthen and promote a mixed-delivery Early Learning and care system in California to better meet the needs of working parents and their children, particularly infants and toddlers, as envisioned in the state's new Master Plan for Early Learning and Care.
- A child's experiences and relationships in the first 5 years of life shape the architecture of the brain and build a foundation for future learning and success.
- Quality Early Learning experiences during the earliest years help set children on a path to thrive in school and life while supporting working parents.
- Currently, less than one in 5 children who are eligible for a state subsidized program are able to participate in one. SB 50 aims to increase efficiencies in direct contracting by removing barriers to ultimately serve more children in quality programs and strengthen the family child care system to give our youngest learners a strong start.
- Specifically, SB 50 would open up the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) to serve children 0-5 and to serve children in family child care homes. This will allow more low-income 3 year-olds, infants, and toddlers to access quality Early Learning and care.
- This bill will remove existing barriers between child care and preschool contracts, allowing providers to transfer funds between contracts and adjust their services to better meet the needs of families and improve continuity of care for children in their communities.
- SB 50 also increases stability for providers by shifting to reimbursements based on program enrollment rather than attendance — a model already used by the federal Head Start program. Moving to an enrollment reimbursement model will help providers across the state retain more of their contract funds each year to improve access to, and the quality of, programs for low-income children and families.
- Finally, SB 50 will make it easier for families to enroll in subsidized child care and preschool. This bill expands categorical eligibility for child care for families who are already enrolled in CalFresh or Medi-Cal, as well as extends eligibility for child development services from 12 to 24 months to improve continuity of care for families and children.