

SB 50: ECE for All Toolkit

#ECE4All

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 mixed-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 by allowing them to show their eligibility for services through other government programs they use.

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 his [May Revision 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. **Ask Assemblymember Lisa Calderon (Human Services Committee Chair) to support SB 50 on Facebook and Twitter (@AsmLisaCalderon):**
 - a. Parents need help now! #SB50 will expand access to high-quality #EarlyLearning and care to more low-income California families. @AsmLisaCalderon, please support #ECE4All.
 - b. @AsmLisaCalderon, please join me in supporting #ECE4All legislation #SB50 by @MoniqueLimonCA @EarlyEdgeCA @Kidango and @EveryChildCA to help meet the urgent needs of more low-income and working families!



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 relieves low-income families of the burden & stress of finding the care their children need to thrive by letting them show their eligibility for services through other government programs they use. Parents need help now, YES on #ECE4All!

Families are in urgent need of help! #SB50 will expand access to high-quality #EarlyLearning and care to more low-income 3-year-olds, infants, and toddlers. Support #ECE4All!

#SB50 will help to stabilize #EarlyLearning and #childcare providers by allowing them to maximize their program resources and serve more families and children in their communities. YES on #ECE4All!

#SB50 will remove existing barriers between #childcare and #preschool contracts so providers can better meet the urgent needs of families in their communities. Yes on #ECE4All!

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



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4. Highlight Key Talking Points:

- SB 50 (Limón) will help to stabilize Early Learning and care providers by allowing them to maximize their program resources and serve more families and children in their communities.
- SB 50 will relieve low-income families of the burden and stress of getting the care their children need to thrive and be successful in school and life by allowing them to show their eligibility for services through other government programs they use.
- Every year, Early Learning and care providers return hundreds of millions of dollars to the state that are intended to serve families and children because of complex rules. SB 50 simplifies the system and will allow providers to serve more families and children rather than giving it back to the state.
- SB 50 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.