



**EARLY EDGE**  
CALIFORNIA

# Bay Area Early Childhood Fundors Meeting



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# ABOUT US



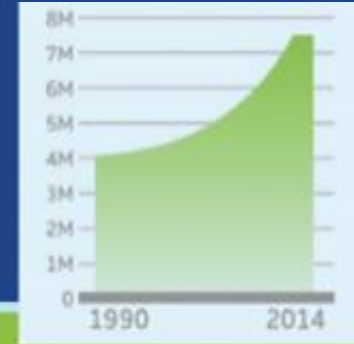
**Early Edge California** advocates for policy changes and investments in high-quality Early Learning programs for children from birth to age 8.



# WHY SHOULD WE FOCUS ON DLLs?

BETWEEN 1990 AND 2014 THE NUMBER OF DLL CHILDREN IN U.S. GREW

**+79%**



**60%** OF CALIFORNIA CHILDREN ARE DLLs

**50%** OF CHILDREN IN STATE PRESCHOOLS



**57%** LIVE IN LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

(Pompa, Delia, Park, & Fix, 2017; Park, Maki, Anna O'Toole, & Katsiaticas, 2017)



# CA POLICY LANDSCAPE

- Proposition 58 – (*Education for a Global Economy initiative*) passed by voters in November 2016 (73.5%)
- The California English Learner Roadmap Policy – adopted by the State Board of Education in July 2017
- Global California 2030
- CA Master Plan for Early Learning and Care
  - Strong Focus on DLLs
  - DLL Identification - critical first step in moving other key DLL recommendations forward



# AB 1363 (L. Rivas)

- Co-Sponsors: Early Edge CA, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond, Advancement Project CA, Californians Together, and California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE)
- This bill is a CA Legislative Women's Caucus priority.
- Requires SSPI to establish DLL definition and process for identification in California State Preschool Programs.
- Status: The bill is awaiting Governor Newsom's signature
- [AB 1363 bill webpage](#)



# ADDITIONAL EFFORTS/OPPORTUNITIES IN CA FOCUSED ON DLLs

- **First 5 California DLL Pilot Study & Expansion Phase**
- **Preschool Development Grant**
- **Early Educator Investment Collaborative Grant**



# 2018 DLL Professional Development Funding

- One-time \$5 million allocation
- Partnership with CDE
- Supported 6 grantee programs
- 1,400 early educators participated in a DLL-PD

- Now available—key findings from the initiative: <https://bit.ly/DLL-PD>



# Communities of Practice

- Convened a small group of district and community-based programs
- Created a space for shared learning during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Now available—lessons learned from the meeting series:  
<https://bit.ly/EBCLearningCommunity>



A photograph of a wooden table with several colorful paper puppets. A hand is visible on the left holding one puppet, and another hand is on the right holding another. The puppets have different hair colors and clothing. In the background, there are several colorful markers. A dark blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text and a small yellow horizontal line below it.

# Emerging Bilingual Collaborative Project



# The Multilingual Learning Toolkit



# Multilingual Learning Toolkit: [www.multilingualllearningtoolkit.org](http://www.multilingualllearningtoolkit.org)





# Thank You!



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