Bay Area Early Childhood Funders 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.

57% live in low-income families.

50% of children in state preschools.

(Pompa, Delia, Park, & Fix, 2017; Park, Maki, Anna O'Toole, & Katsiaficas, 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
Emerging Bilingual Collaborative Project
The Multilingual Learning Toolkit
Multilingual Learning Toolkit: www.multilinguallearningtoolkit.org
Thank You!

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