

Universal Preschool in California

Supporting Effective Implementation



Wednesday, March 18, 2026
10:00–11:30 a.m. PT

Legislative Office Building, Room 100
1020 N. Street, Sacramento, CA

Hosted by the Learning Policy Institute
and Early Edge California

In fall 2025, California reached a historic milestone by expanding publicly funded preschool to every 4-year-old. The briefing reviews California's first year of universal prekindergarten, highlighting the successes and challenges with increasing access to high-quality early learning within the state's mixed delivery system.



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AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Victoria Wang**
Researcher and Policy Advisor, Learning Policy Institute
 - **Al Muratsuchi**
California Assemblymember, District 66
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10:10 a.m. Research Presentation

- **Hanna Melnick**
Senior Policy Advisor and Director of Early Learning Policy, Learning Policy Institute
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10:25 a.m. California's Mixed Delivery System: Local Perspectives

- **Alejandra Albarran Moses**
Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives Program Manager,
Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services
 - **Cheri Doria**
Director of Early Childhood Education, Lindsay Unified School District
 - **Ingrid X. Mezquita**
Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Early Childhood
 - **Mirel Herrera** (*moderator*)
Senior Policy Analyst, Early Edge California
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11:00 a.m. Colorado's Mixed Delivery System: Lessons for California

- **Lisa R. Roy**
Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood
 - **Patricia Lozano** (*moderator*)
Executive Director, Early Edge California
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11:25 a.m. Closing Remarks

- **Mia Bonta**
California Assemblymember, District 18



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