

**CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL FOR ALL EFFORTS**  
CURRENT PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT PFA IN CALIFORNIA

Effort	Description	Status/Timeline	Governance/ Delivery System	Teacher/Program Quality Standards	Funding mechanism
Assembly Bill 56  Sponsor: Steinberg & Chan  <a href="http://leginfo.ca.us">http://leginfo.ca.us</a>	Legislation to establish voluntary access to preschool for all 3- and 4- years olds by 2015.	Legislation approved by the Assembly in January 2004 and now pending before the Senate. Legislation expected to be sent to joint conference committee with other bills relating to the Master Plan For Education.	Under discussion. Proposal to have LEAs (school districts and County Offices of Education) administer local programs including contracting with all sectors of the current delivery system that meet criteria.	Under discussion. Likely requirement for BA and 24 ECE units for Master Teachers within 5 years and credential at the end of 10 years. May allow for a waiver or exception process.	Under discussion. No financing mechanism identified for full-scale implementation. Possibility of combining existing program revenue streams for first phase.
First 5 LA  <a href="http://www.prop10.org">http://www.prop10.org</a>	Plan to make voluntary part-day preschool available to all 4-year-olds in LA County, with optional full-day child care.	Master Plan approved by the Los Angeles First 5 Commission in February 2004. Goal to open sites by fall of 2004 with full scale implementation by 2013.	Under discussion. Proposal being developed for new entity to administer program. Eligible programs include all sectors of current delivery system that meet identified quality and program criteria.	Initial requirements include compliance with basic licensing standards, teacher education and ECERS rating. BA requirement for lead teachers to be in phased in over 10 years. A 5-star rating system will be used to determine reimbursement rate.	A total of \$600 million dollars committed by the Commission over the next 5 years.
State First 5 Preschool for All Demonstration Projects	Grant making program to support efforts of selected local commissions and other partners over 5 – 7 years to expand access to preschool for 3- and 4- year olds.	Project approved at July 2003 Commission meeting. Program selection and guidelines under development.	Grant making through local First Five Commissions to local programs.	Teacher and program quality standards required for participation under development.	\$100 million allocation over 5 – 7 years. Required local match under discussion.
Other Local Efforts	Some local First 5 commissions, led by Los Angeles (see above), San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alpine counties, are planning universal access to preschool programs.	A number of school districts among them Elk Grove, Merced, New Haven/Kidango, San Diego and San Jose, are also implementing some form of universal or increased access to preschool.	Funding sources for these initiatives vary but most rely on coordinating existing funding streams.		

**MAJOR STATEWIDE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS**

Preschool California and The David and Lucile Packard Foundation: Preschool California ([www.preschoolcalifornia.org](http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org)), with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation ([www.packard.org](http://www.packard.org)), was formed to build a broad-based, multi-year advocacy campaign to achieve voluntary preschool for all 3- and 4-year –olds in California. The Foundation made an initial \$7 million dollar commitment to support efforts to achieve voluntary preschool for all 3- and 4- year olds in California within 10 years.

First 5 Children and Families Commission: In addition to its School Readiness grant making (\$206 million in matching funds to County First 5 Commissions), and the Preschool for all Demonstration Projects, the Commission ([www.cffc.ca.gov](http://www.cffc.ca.gov)) allocated \$30 million for its ongoing media campaign to promote the benefits of preschool to the broader public with extensive use of TV and print media. The Commission has also discussed allocating additional dollars to a broader education campaign.