



Preschool for All Pilot Project CRITERIA & ASSURANCES Center-Based

The following summarizes Preschool for All Pilot Project requirements.

ENROLLMENT & ATTENDANCE

- The PfA funded portion of the program day will be free and voluntary for all families enrolled
- Provide a minimum of 525 program hours per year (3 hours of service per day for at least 175 days per year or alternative program model)
- Maintain full enrollment of PfA classroom with eligible 4-year old children
- Keep attendance records, monitor and track attendance and excused/unexcused absences for each child enrolled in the PfA classroom(s)

CURRICULUM & LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Utilizes Creative Curriculum or another developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate curriculum that meets state and PfA criteria (see PfA Work Plan)
- Assess children's developmental progress (at least twice per year) utilizing the Desired Results Developmental Profile-Revised (DRDP-R)
- Receive an overall average score of 4 or more and a minimum score of 3 on each of the subscales on the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R)
- PfA provider will achieve an average score of 5 and a minimum score of 3 on each of the subscales on the ECERS-R within 12 months of acceptance as a PfA site
- PfA provider will achieve national accreditation through NAEYC within 5 years of acceptance as a PfA site
- PfA provider will use the current California Pre-Kindergarten Guidelines and the Preschool Learning Foundations. Provider will continue to use them for the duration of the First 5 Demonstration Grant 5-year cycle

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS & COMPENSATION

- Within 5 years of program implementation, teachers will have a BA degree in early childhood and assistant teachers will have an AA degree
- As a minimum, compensate staff using State Preschool Program Title 5 standards and rates, PfA teacher compensation will be equivalent to that of Hueneme kindergarten teachers, assuming similar qualifications
- Participate in workforce development, quality enhancement training and technical assistance activities

FAMILY SERVICES & INVOLVEMENT

- PfA provider will provide comprehensive nutrition programs for children and nutrition education materials for parents
- PfA provider parent advisory groups will include parents/families with preschool-aged children who represent the languages/cultures of the children, and children with disabilities and other special needs
- PfA provider will conduct at least one home visit per child per year



FAMILY SERVICES & INVOLVEMENT (CONTINUED)

- PfA provider will conduct at least three parent-teacher conferences per child per year
- PfA provider will offer at least four parent education programs per year and encourage parent participation in the classroom
- PfA provider will provide or coordinate the provision of dental, vision, and health screenings for all PfA children who have not received such services
- PfA provider will provide access to developmental screenings for children suspected of having special needs or developmental delays

GENERAL

- PfA provider will use the USDA Child Care Food Program resources whenever possible
- PfA provider agrees to participate in local and state evaluation processes including the use of GEMS (First 5 Evaluation Data System), in order to collect and report child, family and services data
- Nonsupplantation: PfA funds are used only to supplement existing levels of service and not to fund existing levels of services. No moneys will be used to supplant state or local General Fund money for any purpose, pursuant to Revenue & Taxation Code section 30131.4

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- Provider's facilities must be licensed and meet regulatory standards for State Preschool, Head Start, or Migrant Head Start
- Facilities and playgrounds must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the California Building Standards Code.
- Provider understands and complies with the requirements of the State and Federal Civil Rights laws, including the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)