



Preschool Services Department

Education Vision Element Group: 0-5 Subcommittee Report

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Purpose:

To develop a more coherent early learning system, that is inclusive of all countywide childcare and childhood education programs, to align and leverage resources, supports, and services in support of school readiness success indicators on the San Bernardino County Cradle2Career Roadmap.

Need:

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing gaps that need to be addressed in the San Bernardino County early learning community. Notable gaps:

- Centralized leadership in the early learning community
- Centralized guidance in the early learning community
- County leadership liaison for the broader early learning community

Projected Outcomes:

- Optimal availability of child care resources (i.e. opening guidance, etc.)
- Increased child care support for community workforce (economic impact)
- Increased viability of necessary child care providers
- Increased awareness of early learning/child care needs
- Equitable access to resources to support students' academic and social-emotional development
 - Increased access to data driven supports and services to support whole child development and outcomes in an inclusive early learning environment

Equity Connection:

The 0 – 5 Workgroup’s relevance in impacting the Cradle to Career roadmap is ongoing, but especially apparent given the focus on equity. Equity topics that the 0 – 5 Subcommittee have the opportunity to address include:

- Child care deserts and access to quality care for all children
- Lower socio-economic are impacted more significantly by the lack of quality child care
- Evaluate and address any equity issues in the State Quality Rating and Improvement System (known locally as Quality Start San Bernardino or QSSB).

Questions?