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California Preschool Learning Foundations: Visual and performing arts. Physical development. Health Taylor & Francis  
In November 1997, recognizing the critical importance of preschool as a foundation for success both in school and in life, California's State Superintendent of Public Instruction convened a task force of distinguished educators, parents, researchers, and civic and business leaders from throughout the state to consider how to make preschool programs universally available within the next 10 years to all 3- and 4-year-olds whose families want this option. This report presents the findings and recommendations of the Universal Preschool Task Force, offering details and proposals for a comprehensive program. The report details six major recommendations: (1) offering universal preschool; (2) developing a master plan; (3) taking immediate action to phase in universal preschool; (4) raising program standards of preschool providers; (5) making universal preschool available in a variety of settings and coordinating programs with other services; and (6) committing funds for the long-term. The report's two appendices include the accreditation criteria and procedures of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and the Child Development Permit Matrix. (JPB)

**It Works** Hippocrene Books

The purpose of this project was to recognize the need for professional development for preschool educators, while introducing the California Preschool Learning Foundations. This project describes what we know about Piagetian theory, recognizes the Reggio Emilia Approach as an application to that theory, and the importance of play in early childhood education. The result of the review of literature includes a workshop and training guide for preschool teachers introducing the California Preschool Foundations in Language and Literacy and incorporates an active learning approach.

**Eager to Learn** Delmar Pub

The purpose of the Infant/Toddler Curriculum Framework is to

provide early childhood professionals with a structure they can use to make informed decisions about curriculum practices. The framework is based on current research on how infants and toddlers learn and develop in four domains described in the Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations—social-emotional, language, intellectual, and perceptual and motor development. It presents principles, a planning process, and strategies to assist teachers in their efforts to support children's learning from birth to three years of age.

Preschool Program Guidelines Rand Corporation

Clearly babies come into the world remarkably receptive to its wonders. Their alertness to sights, sounds, and even abstract concepts makes them inquisitive explorers—and learners—every waking minute. Well before formal schooling begins, children's early experiences lay the foundations for their later social behavior, emotional regulation, and literacy. Yet, for a variety of reasons, far too little attention is given to the quality of these crucial years. Outmoded theories, outdated facts, and undersized budgets all play a part in the uneven quality of early childhood programs throughout our country. What will it take to provide better early education and care for our children between the ages of two and five? *Eager to Learn* explores this crucial question, synthesizing the newest research findings on how young children learn and the impact of early learning. Key discoveries in how young children learn are reviewed in language accessible to parents as well as educators: findings about the interplay of biology and environment, variations in learning among individuals and children from different social and economic groups, and the importance of health, safety, nutrition and interpersonal warmth to early learning. Perhaps most significant, the book documents how very early in life learning really begins. Valuable conclusions and recommendations are presented in the areas of the teacher-child relationship, the organization and content of curriculum, meeting the needs of those children most at risk of school failure, teacher preparation, assessment of teaching and learning, and more. The book discusses: Evidence for competing theories, models, and approaches in the field and a hard look at some day-to-day

practices and activities generally used in preschool. The role of the teacher, the importance of peer interactions, and other relationships in the child's life. Learning needs of minority children, children with disabilities, and other special groups. Approaches to assessing young children's learning for the purposes of policy decisions, diagnosis of educational difficulties, and instructional planning. Preparation and continuing development of teachers. *Eager to Learn* presents a comprehensive, coherent picture of early childhood learning, along with a clear path toward improving this important stage of life for all children.

Tools of the Mind North Winds Press

Abstract: A curriculum framework providing guidelines for health instruction in the California public school system focuses on the student's development of self-awareness, ability to make decisions, and health action. The framework represents a plan within which local districts can develop courses of study in health education, and from which health instructional materials may be selected. It also provides a basis for developing inservice training programs in health education. The role of health instruction in the curriculum and the relation of health to other academic subject areas are explored. Goals and a philosophy of health education are defined. These content areas of health instruction are presented: personal, family, mental, emotional, consumer, community, and environmental health; nutrition; use and abuse of substances; diseases and disorders; and accident prevention and emergency health services. Within each area, concepts and objectives for 5 developmental levels of students (preschool, early childhood, preadolescent, adolescent, and young adult) are outlined.

**Raising Teacher Education and Training Standards For Universal Preschool in California** National Academies Press

The Creative Curriculum comes alive! This videotape-winner of the 1989 Silver Apple Award at the National Educational Film and Video Festival-demonstrates how teachers set the stage for learning by creating a dynamic well-organized environment. It shows children involved in seven of the interest areas in the The Creative Curriculum and explains how they learn in each area.

Everyone conducts in-service training workshops for staff and parents or who teaches early childhood education courses will find the video an indispensable tool for explaining appropriate practice.

### **California Infant/toddler Learning & Development**

**Foundations** Eric Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education

Since universal preschool for California is still in its early planning phase, most of the details remain to be decided, including the scope and structure of the program, whether or not it will be coordinated by the public schools, where it will be housed, whether it will be full-day or part-day (with or without wrap-around care), the extent to which it will include family child care, and whether it will be free of charge or based, at least in part, on parent fees. The state Master Plan for Education, as well as many proponents of universal preschool, appear to agree thus far that "raising the bar" on the required level of education and training for preschool teachers will be an essential building block of the program, but there are also a number of concerns about raising standards, despite the advantages of doing so. It is not yet known how big a task this would be, and there is concern that a new set of standards could simply add another layer of confusion to a system already split between Title 5 and Title 22 regulations. There is currently no preschool teacher credential in place in California, 2 no clearly delineated set of skills and competencies for preschool teachers, and no guarantee that achieving higher standards of education would be linked to earning higher levels of compensation. The underlying concern here is that a universal preschool workforce must not only be well educated, but culturally and linguistically compatible with the children it serves. The findings reported here begin to identify the level of effort that

will be required to raise the educational levels of the current workforce to meet new universal preschool workforce requirements. Contains 9 tabulated illustrations of the information reported in the study.

### **Head Start Program Performance Standards**

Recognizing the importance of providing high-quality preschool education for helping to ensure children's future educational success, this document presents guidelines for what constitutes high-quality programming across a broad spectrum of curriculum and practice for California preschools, taking into account the state's move toward higher expectations for all students. The document is presented in three parts. Part 1 reviews the background and context of early childhood education, with a particular focus on recent developments in the field in California. Part 2 consists of guidelines for all the major areas of a high-quality preschool program, with the themes of special needs, cultural diversity, parent and family involvement, assessment, and professional development woven throughout the document. Part 3 presents a variety of resources for program implementation and improvement. Guidelines, examples, and vignettes in the document offer directions on the best practices for school professionals, drawing on research, the collective professional experience of an expert panel, and on visits to the sites of exemplary programs throughout California and other states. Nine appendices include guideline summaries, a continuum of teaching behaviors, and special needs legislation and services. (KB)

### **California Preschool Learning Foundations**

The California Preschool Study examined gaps in school readiness and achievement in the early grades among California children and the potential for high-quality preschool to close those gaps, the use of early care and education (ECE) services and their quality, and the system of publicly funded ECE programs for

three- and four-year-olds. This analysis integrates the results from the prior studies and makes recommendations for preschool policy.

### **State Preschool Guidelines**

Now in its third edition, this classic text remains the seminal resource for in-depth information about major concepts and principles of the cultural-historical theory developed by Lev Vygotsky, his students, and colleagues, as well as three generations of neo-Vygotskian scholars in Russia and the West. Featuring two new chapters on brain development and scaffolding in the zone of proximal development, as well as additional content on technology, dual language learners, and students with disabilities, this new edition provides the latest research evidence supporting the basics of the cultural-historical approach alongside Vygotskian-based practical implications. With concrete explanations and strategies on how to scaffold young children's learning and development, this book is essential reading for students of early childhood theory and development.

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