



## California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program Los Angeles County

Senate Bill 876 was signed by Governor Brown on September 27, 2014, making \$15 million available for professional development stipends for teachers in Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) classrooms. Per this bill, credentialed teachers first assigned to TK classrooms after July 1, 2015, will be required to meet one of the following criteria by August 1, 2020:

1. Have completed at least 24 units in early childhood education, child development, or both.
2. Have been determined by the local education agency employing the teacher to possess the professional experience in a classroom setting with preschool age children that is comparable to the 24 units of education described above.
3. Have been awarded a Child Development Teacher Permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The first priority for participation in the California Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Program (CTKSP) is TK teachers seeking academic units in child development. CSPP teachers pursuing academic coursework are the second priority.

### Allocation of Funds

Funding for CTKSP has been allocated to counties based on demographic data and a projection of the actual numbers of eligible TK children in each county. Contracts are to be administered in conjunction with Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils. The Office of Child Care will be administering this contract for Los Angeles County. The contract for Los Angeles County totals \$3,643,172 and is for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

### Earning a Stipend

CTKSP will make cash stipends available to TK and CSPP teachers who complete academic units in early childhood development. TK teachers are the first priority for participation in CTKSP, including those teaching in Charter schools. CSPP teachers with Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science (BA/BS) degrees are the second priority for participation in CTKSP and will be enrolled based on the availability of funds.



## Unit Completion and Stipend Amounts

Completion Period	Units Completed	Stipend Amounts
<b>June 1, 2015 – December 4, 2015</b>	6 Units	\$3,000
	9 Units or more	\$5,000
<b>January 1, 2016 – May 30, 2016</b>	6 Units	\$3,000
	9 Units or more	\$5,000
<b>June 1, 2016 – December 5, 2016</b>	6 Units	\$3,000
	9 Units or more	\$5,000
<b>January 5, 2017 – June 1, 2017</b>	6 Units	\$3,000
	9 Units or more	\$5,000

Participants are encouraged to consider enrolling in the following courses that have been designed to be the foundation core for all early education professionals:

1. Child Growth and Development
2. Child, Family and Community
3. Introduction to Curriculum
4. Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children
5. Observation and Assessment
6. Health, Safety and Nutrition
7. Teaching in a Diverse Society

## Launching the CTKSP in Los Angeles County

Applications to participate in the CTKSP will become available in July 2015 from the Office of Child Care website at [www.childcare.lacounty.gov](http://www.childcare.lacounty.gov). First priority is applicants who are under contract as TK Teachers for the 2015-16 academic year. **Applicants are encouraged to begin taking classes immediately.** All courses to be submitted for a stipend payment must be pre-approved by Renatta Cooper – contact her by e-mail at [rcooper@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:rcooper@ceo.lacounty.gov) or by telephone at (213) 974-9884 to verify eligibility of classes prior to enrolling.