



## ***Child Care Planning Committee of Los Angeles County***

### **Recommended Priority Areas For Future Funding: State Preschool**

The Child Care Planning Committee compiled the following data at the census tract and/or zip code level:

- 1) Number of children ages three through five in families whose incomes are less than 75% of the State Median Income (SMI) extrapolated from the 2000 Census data and updated with data from the American Community Survey (2006). This number was further refined by eliminating all the children in families where all parents were in the workforce.
- 2) Number of preschool-age children enrolled in a California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) State Preschool Program (excluding full-day Preschool).
- 3) Number of children enrolled, or spaces available in Head Start, Pre-K Family Literacy Program, First Five funded literacy programs, and spaces in Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP). These numbers were provided by the respective programs.

In creating a formula that would help identify the areas most in need of more State Preschool resources, the size of the resident population of eligible children and the percentage of those children currently served were considered. These priority levels were used to help communicate the complexity of the need situation in Los Angeles County.

An area was considered to be Priority 1 if:

- 1) there were at least 300 un-served eligible children and,
- 2) 75% or more of the total eligible population was un-served.

An area was considered to be Priority 2 if:

- 1) there were at least 300 un-served children and,
- 2) 50% to 74% of the total eligible population was un-served

An area was considered to be Priority 3 if:

- 1) there were at least 100 un-served children and,
- 2) at least 30% were un-served.

In reviewing the data, it was clear there are a number of communities in the County that have high numbers of children and have also benefited from past development of half-day preschool programs over a period of time. While the number of un-served children (based on population estimates) remains high, these areas have been saturated with programs to a point at which it is not easy to fill new classrooms, thus creating the potential for contractors to under-earn

their CDE contracts. Anecdotal information from contractors indicates that these areas are highly competitive in terms of enrollment since there are so many options. Therefore, setting a higher bar for the percent of un-served children will hopefully help target areas that have not reached a saturation point.

Using the data and the formula described above resulted in the identification of 24 zip codes as Priority 1 areas, 35 Priority 2 zip code areas, and 67 Priority 3 zip codes for any new funding for State Preschool. The Antelope Valley (SPA 1) does not have any Priority areas for future funding. There are approximately 2,453 children, ages three through five, in income eligible families; and there are 2,758 spaces in half-day preschool programs available in SPA 1. These numbers include both the population centers of Lancaster and Palmdale as well as smaller outlying communities. While distance between the population centers, where most of the preschool spaces are, and outlying communities can be great, the numbers of eligible children in these communities is in the single digits and thus it is not feasible to create new programs in these areas.

**Priority zip codes for State Preschool, by Service Planning Areas (SPA) are:**

***Service Planning Area 1***

<b>There are no Priority areas *</b>
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*\* Please see last paragraph above for explanation*

***Service Planning Area 2***

<b>Priority 1</b>	91306	91331	91335	91343	91401	91402
	91406	91205	91601	91303	91304	91342
<b>Priority 2</b>	91352	91605	91405	91340		
<b>Priority 3</b>	91040	91042	91204	91206	91301	91302
	91316	91324	91326	91344	91345	91354
	91356	91367	91411	91423	91607	

***Service Planning Area 3***

<b>Priority 1</b>	None					
<b>Priority 2</b>	91732	91733				
<b>Priority 3</b>	91006	91007	91016	91103	91104	91106
	91740	91746	91754	91755	91765	91768
	91775	91776	91780	91789	91801	

***Service Planning Area 4***

<b>Priority 1</b>	90004	90005	90015	90020		
<b>Priority 2</b>	90023	90027	90042	90006	90065	90019
	90029	90031	90017	90033		
<b>Priority 3</b>	90012	90028	90032	90036	90038	90039
	90041	90046	90057	90068		

**Service Planning Area 5\***

<b>Priority 1</b>	90034	90066	
<b>Priority 3</b>	90025	90045	90230

\*There are no Priority 2 zip codes

**Service Planning Area 6**

<b>Priority 1</b>	90221	90222	90061			
<b>Priority 2</b>	90001	90002	90003	90007	90011	90037
	90220	90262	90723			
<b>Priority 3</b>	90008	90016	90043	90044	90047	90059
	90062					

**Service Planning Area 7**

<b>Priority 1</b>	None					
<b>Priority 2</b>	90063	90201	90255	90270	90280	
<b>Priority 3</b>	90241	90640	90703	90706	90716	

**Service Planning Area 8**

<b>Priority 1</b>	90731	90745	90804			
<b>Priority 2</b>	90501	90247	90744	90813		
<b>Priority 3</b>	90503	90710	90802	90806	90807	