

Why Preschool For All?

"The U.S. is already falling behind other countries, and California is lagging behind other states. In a globally competitive workplace, we can no longer allow our children to enter school unprepared to learn and succeed."

The Business Case for Early Learning

"Quality preschool programs are currently the only intervention I know will pay dividends for all students who participate and the community as a whole for years to come. Why wouldn't we invest in preschool programs when we already know they work!"

*Jason Messer, Superintendent,
Manteca Unified School district*

National research shows that children who attend high quality preschool programs:

- Scored better on reading and math achievement tests through 9th grade.
- Are less likely to be placed in special education
- Are less likely to be held back a grade



More Benefits of Preschool

"It cuts crime by giving kids the skills they need to succeed in school so they stay out of trouble. I know my jails would be a lot less crowded if more adult offenders had access to effective preschool programs as kids."

Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff

For every dollar, high-quality preschool provides a \$7-\$16 return on investment by saving government spending on education, the criminal justice system and public assistance and increasing tax revenues.

"Although education and the acquisition of skills is a lifelong process, starting early in life is crucial. Recent research...has documented the high returns that early childhood programs can pay in terms of subsequent educational attainment and in lower rates of social problems, such as teenage pregnancy and welfare dependency."

Ben Bernanke, Federal Reserve Chairman

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**San Joaquin County
Preschool For All will
provide access to
high quality early
education experiences
for all children prior to
Kindergarten**



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LCCPC
Local Child Care Planning Council

Vision Statement

San Joaquin County PFA programs will meet the needs of children by...

- Offering individualized, child-centered, developmentally appropriate programs, utilizing a variety of delivery models
- Promoting full inclusion of children with special needs
- Demonstrating cultural competence and linguistic appropriateness
- Maintaining the expectation that every child can learn and will thrive

San Joaquin County PFA programs will build school-family partnerships by...

- Valuing all levels of family engagement
- Promoting comprehensive family support services based on individual needs
- Supporting parental choice in delivery models
- Encouraging family involvement to meet the needs of children

The San Joaquin County PFA programs will achieve program excellence by...

- Providing a healthy and safe environment for all children
- Utilizing nationally recognized, research-based best practices
- Following established quality criteria



The San Joaquin County PFA Plan will build community support by...

- Educating the community about the universal benefits of early childhood education
- Engaging stakeholders and collaborating with community, city, and county programs
- Providing opportunities for articulation between and within K-12, community colleges, and universities
- Facilitating the development of a county-wide referral system

The San Joaquin County PFA Plan will support the early childhood education workforce by...

- Promoting professionalism
- Establishing a professional development system that includes mentorship, coaching, and professional growth opportunities
- Expanding access to higher education opportunities utilizing alternative methods
- Achieving parity with K-12 by supporting attainment of and compensation for increased education and experience comparable to K-12 requirements

The San Joaquin County PFA Plan will address facilities and funding by...

- Maintaining a diverse delivery system inclusive of all licensed provider models which meet established quality criteria
- Building on existing facilities and funding streams
- Establishing sustainable revenue sources
- Facilitating collaboration between diverse stakeholder groups
- Including provisions for transportation and wrap around care

San Joaquin County Snapshot

Both the unemployment and poverty rates in SJC are higher than the state average.

Between 2000 and 2007, the number of households with children under 18 years of age grew by 16% to 95,354.

Nearly half (47.5%) of children ages 0-13 in SJC are Hispanic/Latino according to 2009 population estimates. This is followed by White (24%) and Asian (18%).

When child care availability in San Joaquin County is examined, there are 10,614 preschool spaces for 32,187 children in need.



"We support quality preschool for all children. It is clear that children who participate in a quality preschool program are more likely to succeed in school. If we truly care about our children, then we have to care about expanding, not reducing, quality preschool programs."

Mick Founts, Ed.D. San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools