



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County
From: Petra Puls, Director of Program and Evaluation
Date: December 18, 2014
Re: Recommendation to modify existing Preschool Expansion program

Background

In FY 2012-13, after a competitive application and review process, the Commission awarded funding for preschool expansion to three agencies, for a total of 95 spaces.

The Preschool Expansion contracts were modeled after State Preschool guidelines, providing a maximum reimbursement of \$21.22 per space per day, for 175 days per year. Changes to State Preschool guidelines increased the reimbursement rate to \$22.28 per space per day, for up to 180 days.

Due to start-up implementation delays and relocation of a classroom, unspent funds of \$77,949 were realized in FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14.

Recommendation

The recommended action is to approve an increase of the daily reimbursement rate and maximum number of operating days for existing Preschool Expansion programs, to align with revised State Preschool model, effective July 1, 2014. The recommended action would grant authority to the Executive Director to amend contracts for FY 2014-15 with designated Preschool Expansion contract agencies. Prior year unspent preschool expansion funding of up to \$26,044 would be needed for FY 2014-15.

New Contract amounts for FY 2014-15 would be as follows:

Organization	New FY 2014-15 Contract Amount	Site/Session	Number of Spaces
Continuing Development Inc.	Up to 196,338	South Oxnard CDC	24
		Juanamaria Elementary School	25
El Centrito Family Learning Centers	Up to \$96,250	Ocean View Early Education Center	24
Ventura Unified School District	Up to \$96,194	Portola Elementary School	24