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Dear First 5 County Commissions and CARES Plus Partners,

The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) welcomes the opportunity to partner with you in your development and implementation of First 5 Comprehensive Approaches to Raising Educational Standards (CARES) Plus Program. CPIN is funded by the California Department of Education (CDE) to offer a series of research-based professional development sessions that meet the requirements of Component A for CARES Plus. Professional development is based on the components of California's Early Learning and Development System and includes sessions based on the following CDE publications:

Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 1

The *California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 1*, which covers the knowledge and skills that young children typically learn in the areas of social-emotional development, language and literacy, English-language development, and mathematics.

- Overview session
- Sessions on social-emotional development, language and literacy, English language development and mathematics

Preschool English Learners - Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning

The *Preschool English Learners: Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy* addresses the individual needs of children who enter preschool speaking a language other than English. These sessions focus on helping teachers understand the stages of language acquisition, incorporate specific approaches to support language and literacy development, and individualize instruction for English learners with disabilities or other special needs. This comprehensive approach supports teachers to help build children's competence in English, while continuing to build competence in their home language.

- Full-day overview session (Academic or continuing education units available)
- Recommended Literacy Practices for Preschool English Learners: Preschool English Learners Resource Guide, Chapter 8 Extended Module
- Recommended Literacy Practices for Preschool English Learners: Preschool English Learners Resource Guide, Chapter 7 Extended Module

California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 1

The new companion document, the *California Preschool Curriculum Framework*, presents information on approaches to set up the environment, encourage and build upon children's play, select appropriate materials and implement teacher-guided learning-activities.

To accommodate anticipated increased demand, one option for CARES Plus partners will be to access CPIN professional development sessions that may be offered through a fee-for-service

model. In 2011-12, CPIN will continue to play an important and critical role in introducing new CDE/CDD resources, such as Volume 2 of the *Preschool Learning Foundations* and *Preschool Curriculum Framework* focusing on visual and performing arts, physical development and health. It is anticipated that these new resources will be released in spring/summer 2011. As future volumes of the foundations and frameworks are released, CPIN will work with statewide partners to conduct professional development throughout the state.

CPIN is organized and implemented through the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) regions. For more information about professional development opportunities through CPIN in your county, please contact the CPIN Regional Lead in your region.

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Please visit the CPIN Web site for more information at <http://www.cpin.us>. We look forward to working with the local CARES Plus partners to support improving the quality of the early learning programs and outcomes for young children's learning and development.

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