

Partnerships for Education, Articulation and Coordination Through Higher Education (PEACH)

PEACH (Partnerships for Education, Articulation, and Coordination through Higher Education) is a cross-sector, cross-segmental higher education systems' initiative. The PEACH collaborative includes cross-sector 2-year, 4-year and graduate level EC/CD program faculty partners as well as representatives from allied professional development programs, professional organizations, and advocacy organizations interested in collaborating to accomplish PEACH goals. The mission of PEACH is to strengthen and support academic professional development pathways and related educational programs for the early childhood (EC) workforce throughout California in order to support children's learning, growth, and family engagement.

PEACH began in 2011 as one of First 5 LA's funded components of the Los Angeles Early Care and Education Workforce Consortium. The PEACH LA collaborative includes early childhood/child development (EC/CD) faculty representatives from 25 Los Angeles County institutions of higher education (IHEs) including 15 community colleges, 6 California State Universities, 3 private universities, and UCLA Extension Early Childhood Education Program. Through PEACH's collaborative, inclusive approach over the last eight years, PEACH has reached out to various stakeholders and widened its circle to include over 80 organizations, and 500 PEACH convening participants. **PEACH efforts and convenings have focused on informing and supporting the:**

- 1) **hands-on workshops engaging cross-segmental LA County faculty mapping of CA ECE competencies in EC/CD preparation programs in both coursework and practice-based field experience related to working with children in EC settings;**
- 2) **development and modification of coursework and certification focused on cross-disciplinary EC professional preparation, including the professional preparation for EC coaches, mentors and trainers, utilizing competencies the ZTT P-5 cross-sector competencies and others;**
- 3) **documentation of best practices for the preparation of EC professionals from research and participating faculty knowledge and experience;**
- 4) **revision of the California Child Development Permit;**
- 5) **identification and deep exploration of essential characteristics of quality teacher/caregiver-child interactions in early childhood programs;**
- 6) **development of an ECE-related Credential in California; and**
- 7) **development of an EC-specific doctoral program in California, to strengthen faculty capacity for EC-specific preparation of students at the baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels.**

These opportunities for open, inclusive dialogue and action have increased the number of faculty members and other EC colleagues engaged in strengthening EC systems as well as deepening participants' understanding and motivation to tackle common challenges in EC systems.



PEACH Expansion from Los Angeles County to Sacramento and San Francisco Bay Areas

While PEACH's original sole geographic area has been LA County, PEACH's work often involves promoting retention or modification of statewide policies that impact EC workforce preparation and professional development. Thanks to funding from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, PEACH has expanded to the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas. PEACH proposes to continue to invite expanded collaboration across California. PEACH North collaborative includes early childhood/child development (EC/CD) faculty members from 24 Northern California institutions of higher education (IHEs) to date, including 18 community colleges, 5 California State University campuses, and UC Berkeley.

PEACH currently includes faculty members from the following institutions of higher education:

American River College
Antelope Valley College
Cal Poly Pomona
Canada College
Cerritos College
Chabot College
City College San Francisco
College of Marin
College of the Canyons
Consumnes River College
CSU Chancellor's Office
CSU East Bay
CSU Monterey Bay
CSU Sacramento
CSU, Dominguez Hills
CSU, Fullerton
CSU, Long Beach
CSU, Los Angeles
CSU, Northridge
Diablo Valley College
East Los Angeles College
El Camino College
Folsom Lake College
Glendale Community College
Hartnell College
Las Positas College
Long Beach Community College

Los Angeles Mission College
Los Angeles Pierce College
Los Angeles Southwest College
Los Angeles Trade Tech College
Los Angeles Valley College
Los Medanos College
Merritt College
Mt. San Antonio College
Ohlone College
Pacific Oaks College
Pasadena City College
Pepperdine University
Rio Hondo College
Sacramento City College
San Francisco State University
San Joaquin Delta
San Jose State University
Santa Monica College
Sierra College
Skyline College
Solano College
Sonoma State University
UC Berkeley
UCLA Extension
Union Institute & University
University of La Verne





PEACH also collaborates with the following organizations:

- Ball/Frost Group
- Bright Horizons
- CA Campaign to Counter Childhood Adversity - EC Workgroup
- CA CAP Council
- CA ECE Workforce Registry
- CA QRIS
- CA Association of Education of Young Children (CAEYC)
- CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC)
- California Community College Early Childhood Educators (CCCECE)
- California Early Childhood Mentor Program
- California CDE/EESD Early Childhood Professional Learning Team
- Californians Together
- California ECE Coalition
- California R & R Network
- California Teacher Corps
- California Legislative Women's Caucus
- California State Advisory Council on Early Learning and Care
- CCC Chancellor's Office
- CDE Child Development Permit Advisory Panel
- Child Development Workforce Initiative (CDWFI)
- Center for Study of Child Care Employment
- Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles (CCALA)
- Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC)
- Child360
- Children Now
- CSU Chancellor's Office
- CSU, Channel Islands
- Early Edge California
- Early Learning Lab
- Edvance
- First 5 California
- First 5 LA
- Heising-Simons Foundation
- LA Chamber of Commerce
- LA County QRIS Architects Group (IMPACT)
- LACOE Early Childhood Education Professional Learning Communities (ECE/PLC)
- LAUSD District Intern Program
- LAUSD Early Childhood Education Division (ECED)
- Learning Policy Institute
- Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services
- Long Beach Unified School District
- Long Beach Early Childhood Education Committee
- Los Angeles Child Care Planning Committee
- Los Angeles County Center for the Advancement of ECE
- Los Angeles County Office of Education
- Moorpark College
- NAEYC Public Policy Forum
- One LA-IAF
- Oxnard College
- Packard Foundation
- Project Vistas
- Resources for Infant Educators (RIE)
- San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education
- San Mateo Office of Education
- Santiago Canyon College
- SEIU
- Simms Mann Institute
- So. Cal QRIS Collaborative
- The Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC)
- Transforming the ECE Workforce Birth through Eight--California Core Team Co-Leads of Priority Area #3 Higher Education and Ongoing Professional Learning
- UCLA Dept. of Education
- Ventura College
- Ventura County Office of Education
- West Los Angeles College
- WestEd (E3, Advisory Group on Development of Adult Learning and Coaching Competencies)
- Zero to Three Western Office (Los Angeles)



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