



OECE CITYWIDE PLAN - EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

Using an equity lens to fund and promote school readiness for target populations demonstrating less preparedness for Kindergarten.

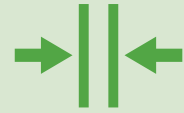


Target Populations

- Homeless
- Involved in the child welfare system
- Children w/ Special Needs
- Low-income African American
- Low-income Latino
- Low-income English Language Learners

Note: Either the state contractor or the ECE Integrated Services grantee will serve as the certifying agency for each of the above ELS funding types.

* Tier 3 rate with 5% differential for infants and toddlers in Centers serving 0-5 year olds

** A 3 year "grace period" will be established for family child care providers not rated or with a QRIS score below Tier 3 to provide time for T&TA supports to help the provider achieve a Tier 3 or higher rating.

ELS TYPE	PURPOSE	ELS RATE	ELIGIBILITY	ENROLLMENT PRIORITIES	NEED & ELIGIBILITY RECERTIFICATION
 ELS Gap	Fills the gap between state/federal funding and the cost of quality ECE services. Ensures all providers are paid a fair rate, which the state has failed to do.	Depends on the amount of the underlying subsidy. This rate will be calculated by the following: Tier 3 rate minus SRR/RMR and food program = ELS Gap rate.*	Low-income families who meet state "Need & Eligibility" requirements and select a Tier 3-5** rated provider.	Follows state/federal enrollment requirements of underlying subsidy.	State/federal enrollment recertification requirements.
 ELS City	ELS City (Voucher) and ELS City (Reserved) target resources to promote a birth-to-5 ECE system. Provides local vouchers and anchored slots with select ECE providers that cover the full cost of quality ECE services.	Tier 3 rate*	Low-income families with at least one child under 4 years of age who select a Tier 3-5** rated provider.	1) Homeless families 2) Target Populations 3) Low-income families	Annually
	ELS City (Moderate) is for low/moderate income families with children under the age of 4 who need ECE services but are not eligible for state/federal subsidies and cannot afford the whole cost of care.	To be determined	Low/moderate income families between 70% SMI and 110% AMI	Low/moderate-income families	Annually
 ELS Bridge	Provides continuity of care for local, state and/or federal subsidized families who lose their eligibility. Ensures local families can maintain their child's ECE services for a minimum of one program year.	Same as previous.	Subsidized families who lose their local, state and/or federal eligibility and continue receiving care with a Tier 3-5** rated provider.	Continuity Priorities: 1) Homeless families - Entry to Kindergarten 2) Other target populations - Entry to Kindergarten 3) Low-income/low-middle income families - Program Year.	Annually

In this model, quality is defined minimally as meeting the requirements of Tier 3 of the Bay Area Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).