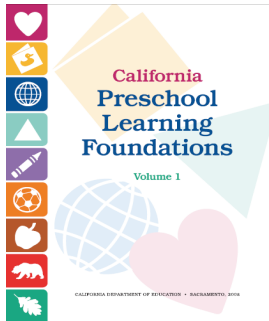




# ELCD Resources: Social Emotional Development

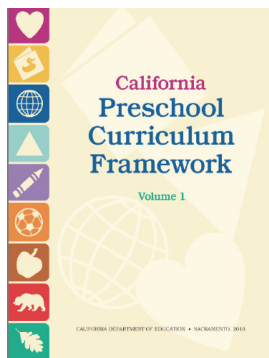
## Preschool Learning Foundations



At the center of the California Early Learning and Development System are learning foundations. The foundations describe competencies—knowledge and skills—that all young children typically learn with appropriate support. They identify key domains of learning, and the knowledge and skills that teachers seek to help children acquire through intentional teaching.

❖ *The chapter on social emotional development foundations can be found on pp. 1-45.*

## Preschool Curriculum Framework



Aligned with the foundations, the curriculum framework provides general guidance on planning learning environments and experiences for young children. This curriculum framework is an approach to support children's learning through environments and experiences that are:

- ❖ developmentally appropriate
- ❖ reflective of thoughtful observation and intentional planning
- ❖ individually and culturally meaningful
- ❖ inclusive of children with disabilities or other special needs

The framework provides direction for: setting up environments, encouraging and building upon children's self-initiated play, selecting appropriate materials, and planning and implementing teacher-guided learning activities.

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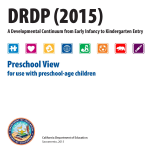
- ❖ Principles for supporting young children's learning
- ❖ An overview of key components of curriculum planning for young children, including observation, documentation, and reflection
- ❖ Descriptions of routines, environments, and materials that engage children in learning
- ❖ A sampling of strategies for building on children's knowledge, skills, and interests

Chapter 3 of this volume addresses social emotional development, including guiding principles, environments and materials, teachable moments, interactions and strategies, and additional resources.

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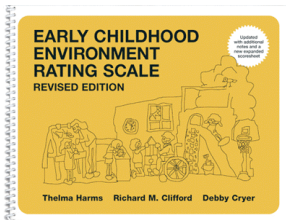
## DRDP® 2015 (Desired Results Developmental Profile)



The DRDP® (2015) is an observation-based assessment instrument used to assess children's developmental progress. It is designed to guide program staff in making and recording observations and tracking individual progress. The preschool age-level DRDP® (2015) is aligned with the Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 1. DRDP (2015): A Developmental Continuum from Early Infancy up to Kindergarten Entry web page

## Environment Rating Scale

(This is not a CDE publication, but has been adopted for use in California programs)



The Environment Rating Scale books, by Thelma Harms, Debby Cryer, and Richard M. Clifford, published by Teachers College Press, are “designed to assess process quality in an early childhood or school age care group. Process quality consists of the various interactions that go on in a classroom between staff and children, staff, parents, and other adults, among the children themselves, and the interactions children have with the many materials and activities in the environment, as well as those features, such as space, schedule and materials that support these interactions.” (<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ECERS/>).

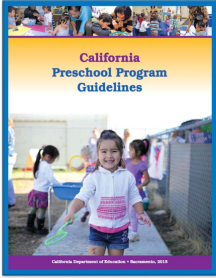
“The scales have items to evaluate Physical Environment; Basic Care; Curriculum; Interaction; Schedule and Program Structure; and Parent and Staff Education. The scales are suitable for use in evaluating inclusive and culturally diverse programs. The scales have proven reliability and validity.” (<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ECERS/>)

❖ See items 3, 5, 9, 18, 28, 31, 32, 33, and 36.

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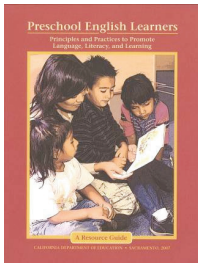
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## Preschool Program Guidelines



The California Preschool Program Guidelines provides the detailed guidance needed by administrators and teachers to offer high-quality preschool programs that prepare children to arrive in kindergarten with the foundational skills necessary for school success. California Preschool Program Guidelines (PDF; 5MB); Guía del Programa Preescolar de California (PDF; 3MB; Posted 20-Dec-2017)

## Preschool English Learners Resource Guide



The English-language development (ELD) foundations describe what children whose home language is not English typically demonstrate at three different levels of successive English-language development. The Preschool English Learners Principles and Practices to Promote Language, Literacy, and Learning reinforces the information in the introduction to the ELD foundations, and includes additional material about family and community language practices, simultaneous second language acquisition, and supporting the English-language learner with special needs. The four stages of successive or sequential second language acquisition found in the EL Resource Guide (home language,

observational/listening, telegraphic/formulaic, and fluid stages) are approximately “parallel” to the three levels in the ELD foundations: beginning level - home language and observational/listening stage; middle level - observational/listening and telegraphic/formulaic stages; and later level - fluid stage. The guide includes information on creating a supportive classroom environment, strategies to strengthen children’s language acquisition, as well as the crucial role of the family in the education of English learners.

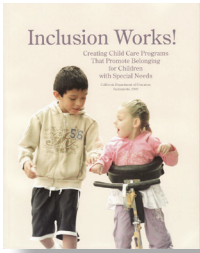
❖ *Refer to the following principles:*

- #1.** The education of English learners is enhanced when preschool programs and families form meaningful partnerships, p. 16.
- #2.** Children benefit when their teachers understand cultural differences in language use and incorporate them into the daily routine, p. 28-29.
- #3.** Successful practices promote shared experiences in which language is used as a meaningful tool to communicate interests, ideas, and emotions, p. 31.
- #4.** Language development and learning are promoted when preschool teachers and children creatively and interactively use language, p. 40.
- #5.** Continued use and development of the child’s home language will benefit the child as he or she acquires English, p. 43-44.

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## Inclusion Works!



Inclusion Works! is a new California Department of Education publication designed to provide guidance on proven strategies that promote belonging and inclusion for all children. This publication was written and developed by California Map to Inclusive Child Care director, Linda Brault. Building on research and the experience of years of effective implementation, this handbook contains stories and examples, as well as background information and resources that support strategies for successful inclusion. Suggestions for ways to adapt the environment are provided, along with examples of inclusive strategies. A glossary and appendixes make this handbook a practical tool for care providers.

❖ *Chapter 3, Creating Inclusive Child Care Settings, is a useful resource for ideas on how to support the child with special needs in an inclusive program.*

