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Guiding Principles for Universal Preschool in Contra Costa County

- ❖ All children regardless of ethnicity and socio-economic background should have access to high quality preschool programs that provide developmentally appropriate nurturing of the child's social, emotional, cognitive and motor development.
- ❖ Programs must be inclusive of all children, including children with special needs, and must ensure continuity of integrated services.
- ❖ Early Childhood Education must meet established standards for quality and should integrate a diverse array of preschool providers and programs into a coherent system, with parents choosing the setting that is most appropriate for their child's and family's needs.
- ❖ Professional staff with early childhood expertise and appropriate credentials must be employed and compensated at a rate comparable to other professions with equivalent training and responsibilities.
- ❖ Parents are their child's primary teacher and play an integral role in their child's early learning experiences. Ongoing parent education and support should be provided.



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