



CCCECE ShoutOut!
**BE SURE TO GIVE INPUT ON THE CALIFORNIA
COMPREHENSIVE EARLY LEARNING PLAN (CCELP)**

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Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

Colleagues,

I hope your semester has started well and all your students are beyond eager to learn what we have to teach. You may have already received the email I've copied below from CDD or from Lucy Berger. I want to ask you to please take the time to participate in these meetings or give the requested feedback using the other options listed below.

The report that will be generated ultimately will play a key role in determining the future development of our field, including ECE workforce development. About a month ago I was interviewed by The Glen Price Group that is organizing the input sessions and they were asking good questions about the needs of our field, where we should go, what barriers we face, and the strengths of our current system. I used it as an opportunity to talk about how terrific the Community College ECE departments were and our central and vital role in workforce development AND how we need more funds and support. A few years ago I had the chance to hear Marcy Whitebook describe community college ECE departments as "doing the heavy lifting" in California for the training and education of the ECE workforce. I think it would be good if we reiterated that message and describe the many ways we help to ensure quality child care throughout our communities and our state. Our programs are affordable, accessible and address the needs and diversity of California's families. If we had more support we could do an even better job.

Please share this information and encourage your colleagues to participate and give feedback.

Thanks.

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Dear Early Learning and Care Colleague,

Earlier this summer I wrote to you to announce that California is embarking on the creation of the California Comprehensive Early Learning Plan (CCELP) (<http://glenpricegroup.com/ccelp>). I am writing now to ask for your help to share this **Invitation to Participate** with your networks of colleagues around the state. We would like to involve as many of California's early learning stakeholders as possible in this effort.

The California Department of Education and the San Mateo County Office of Education invite you and your organization or network to participate in the development of the plan in three ways:

1. **Come to a regional meeting.** You can participate in one of four regional, interactive meetings that will provide input for and further the development of the emerging plan. Their dates and locations are:

- October 2, 2012, at the Fresno County Office of Education
- October 8, 2012, at the California Department of Education Boardroom in Sacramento
- October 18, 2012, at Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
- October 29, 2012, at the California Endowment in Oakland

All in-person regional workshops are from 10 AM to 4 PM.

- *The agendas for all regional workshops will be very similar. For background information and materials and to register for one or more regional meetings, click here:* <http://glenpricegroup.com/ccelp/workshops/>

2. **Complete an online survey.** The survey will allow us to hear from stakeholders throughout the state on the current state and future hopes for California's early learning and care system. The survey will gather input on a number of early learning and care policy recommendations and help inform content for the regional workshops and the plan. **We are hopeful that as many stakeholders as possible will participate in the survey.** Please complete the survey by 12:00PM on Monday, September 24, 2012.

- *To take the survey, click on this link:* <http://glenpricegroup.com/ccelp/2012survey/>

3. **Host your own input meeting.** We are also providing the opportunity for organizations or networks to host their own input meeting, either in person or virtually, during the months of October or November.

- Our team has created a toolkit of materials to help you to do this easily and effectively. We will be hosting a webinar on how to use the toolkit on September 19 at 9:30 AM.
- *If you are interested in hosting a meeting, click here to sign up for the webinar:* <http://glenpricegroup.com/ccelp/host-a-meeting/>

We hope the CCELP will articulate a vision for early learning in California and a set of practical recommendations for achieving that vision. For this, we need your best thinking. What are the most critical priorities for California's young children? What should be accomplished in the next 5 to 10 years? We need perspectives from different parts of the state, different aspects of our existing system, and different subject-matter experts. We need the voices of under-represented populations of young

children and their families. I urge you to engage with this planning effort in the ways above. **Please share this invitation widely with other interested stakeholders.**

Sincerely,

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