

Child Signature Program (CSP) Recommended Curricula

Through Request for Applications (RFA) #1, the CSP provides opportunities for current PoP Bridge FY 2011-12 counties to improve early childhood teaching through the use of the early childhood curricula that are developmentally appropriate, have been proven effective in research studies, and align with the requirements articulated in the California Department of Education (CDE) *Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations*, the *California Preschool Learning Foundations*, and the *Preschool Curriculum Framework*. Examples of such curricula are listed below.

For purposes of this RFA, we define early care and education curriculum as the content and organization of experiences in early care and education classrooms, grounded in developmental and educational goals. Such a curriculum includes planned and spontaneous, developmentally appropriate activities, materials, and routines that are meaningful and challenging.

Counties may request permission to fund curricula and/or training for curricula that are not on this recommended list by demonstrating to First 5 California that the proposed curricula has an evidence base grounded in rigorous scientific research and meets the California requirements as outlined in the CDE documents above.

Infant-Toddler Curricula

- High/Scope Infant-Toddler Curriculum (2000)
- The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos (2006)
- The Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC)

Preschool Curricula

- Big Math for Little Kids
- Curiosity Corner
- Explorations with Young Children: A Curriculum Guide from the Bank Street College of Education (1992)
- High Reach
- High/Scope Preschool Curriculum (2002)
- Montessori
- Opening the World of Learning™ (OWL) (2005)
- Project Approach
- Reggio Emilia
- The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 4th ed. (2000)
- Tools of the Mind

Social-Emotional Development

- Al's Pals (1998)
- Incredible Years, Dina Dinosaur Classroom Curriculum (2008)
- Preschool I Can Problem Solve (1972)
- Preschool PATHS (2007)
- Second Step (2000)