

# California Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 2

## Review Focus Group

### Invitation to Participate

#### **Project**

The California Department of Education (CDE) has developed a draft preschool curriculum framework in the areas of visual and performing arts, physical development, and health. The curriculum framework will support the field's use of the CDE's California Preschool Learning Foundations, Volume 2.

In June 2009, the CDE conducted five day-long, formative focus groups throughout the state to obtain information from the early childhood field on the needs and expectations for a Preschool Curriculum Framework, Volume 2. Input gathered from the focus groups was used by the CDE to guide the development of the first draft of the preschool curriculum framework.

The CDE will now conduct a second set of five day-long focus groups that will take place in December 2009 to provide an opportunity to review a draft of the preschool curriculum framework and gather feedback.

Early childhood professionals who are interested in attending one of the review focus groups are invited to apply. To allow for meaningful input from participants, attendance at each focus group will be limited to 15 people. Professionals who participated in the previous round of formative focus group meetings are encouraged not to apply again for these focus groups to allow for a broad range of participation.

#### **Diversity of Perspectives**

To ensure that diverse perspectives are represented at each of the focus groups, the CDE will select participants from the applicant pool who represent early childhood teachers, directors, community college faculty, and education/curriculum specialists and trainers. Preschool programs of various sizes will be represented at each focus group, as will early childhood professionals working with preschool English learners and children who have disabilities or other special needs. Individual applicants participation will be confirmed via e-mail before the scheduled focus group.

#### **Costs**

There is no cost to attend the focus groups, but individuals or programs are expected to cover the costs (if any) for a participant to travel to a focus group. Focus groups will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**; a working breakfast and lunch will be provided.

#### **Additional Information**

These focus groups are designed to gather information from individuals working in preschool programs. Statewide organizations and other institutional stakeholders will be invited to provide similar input during a stakeholder meeting on December 1, 2009.

#### **Application Process**

Please complete and send your Application of Interest to [preschoolfocusgroup@wested.org](mailto:preschoolfocusgroup@wested.org) by **Friday, November 13, 2009**.