

**Welcome to First 5 California
CARES Plus
Regional Conference Call**

March 7, 2014

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

March 7, 2014

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 13, 2014

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Today's Agenda

First Hour of Call

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Review Agenda
- Upcoming Dates and Deadlines
- Planning Next Year
- Program Management Resources
- County Discussion
- Next Steps
- *MTP*TM Updates and Discussion

Lead Agencies not participating in *My Teaching Partner*TM *MTP* (Component D) may leave the call after Next Steps agenda item. However, First 5 California strongly encourages everyone to stay on the call and consider adding *MTP* to your local design.

Upcoming Deadlines

Online Courses	
Last day to access <i>Looking at CLASSrooms</i>	May 31, 2014
Last day to access <i>Kids and Smoke Don't Mix</i>	June 30, 2014

Spring CLASS™ Observation Period	
Observations begin	April 15, 2014
Observations end	May 15, 2014

FY 2013-14

Fiscal and Data Deadlines

CARES Plus Fiscal Forms due	July 30, 2014
Data entry for CARES Plus participant completion due	July 31, 2014

**CARES Plus FY 2013-14 data completion deadline is July 31, 2014 , pending any data system updates.*

FY 2014-15

Key Program Dates and Deadlines

First day to access <i>Kids and Smoke Don't Mix</i> online	July 1, 2014
<i>MTP</i> participant enrollment deadline	August 20, 2014
First day to access Teachstone Online Course (<i>Introduction to CLASS</i>)	September 1, 2014
Last day to enroll 80% of CARES Plus participants in CORE and Components A and B	September 15, 2014
Last day to enroll participants for FY 2014-15	December 31, 2014
Last day to enroll in <i>Introduction to CLASS</i>	January 31, 2015
Last date to access <i>Introduction to CLASS</i>	February 28, 2015
Last day to access <i>Looking at CLASSrooms</i>	May 31, 2015

Program Management Resources

- First 5 California CARES Plus webpage
 - http://www.cafc.ca.gov/programs/programs_caresplus.html
- CARES Plus tab on CDTC's home page
 - <http://www.childdevelopment.org/cs/cdte/print/htdocs/caresplus/home.htm>
- Activity Reports - *Introduction to CLASS* and *Looking at CLASSrooms*
 - www.teachstone.org/f5ca

Program Management Resources (continued)

- Participant Completion - *Kids and Smoke Don't Mix* online course
 - <http://helpline.ucsd.edu:8080/jasperserver/login.html>
- CARES Plus Data System
 - <https://apps.cafc.ca.gov/CARESPlus/>
 - Help Desk
 - F5SystemSupport@cafc.ca.gov
- CARES Plus e-mail box
 - CARESPlus@cafc.ca.gov

Current CARES Plus Data System Reports

- CARES Plus Participants
 - List of Participants by Fiscal Year, County, and Components
- CARES Plus Observation Status
 - List of Participants selected for *CLASS* observations along with the Program Participation Status
- CARES Plus *MTP* Status
 - List of Participants selected for *MTP* along with the “Escalate for Review” indicator and “Program Participation Status”

Current CARES Plus Data System Reports (continued)

- CARES Plus Enrollment Details
 - List of Participants by Fiscal Year and County with Name, Program Participation Status, Component Status, and Employment information
- CARES Plus Participant Contact Information
 - List of Participants by Fiscal Year and County with Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and E-mail

County Discussion

- Program Successes
- Implementation Challenges
- Lessons Learned

Next Steps

- Regional Meetings
- Future Topics and Webinars

My Teaching Partner™ Agenda

Last 30 Minutes of Call

- *MTP* Recruitment and Retention Discussion
- Why *MTP* matters
- Managing *MTP*
- Closing and Next Steps

All Lead Agencies are welcome to participate.

Recruitment and Retention of *MTP* Participants

- Summary of the *MTP* Workgroup call February 24, 2014.
- What works?
- What are the challenges?
- Open discussion-sharing ideas.

Investing in *MTP*

- *MTP* Lead Agency investment
 - Cost of stipend
- First 5 California investment
 - Support for up to 500 *MTP* participants annually, including access to online programs, equipment, a trained coach
- *MTP* Lead Agencies
 - “*MTP* is the easiest Component to manage.”
- First 5 California
 - “*MTP* is highly personalized, based on individual needs, and works in a wide variety of child care settings.”

The Research Says...

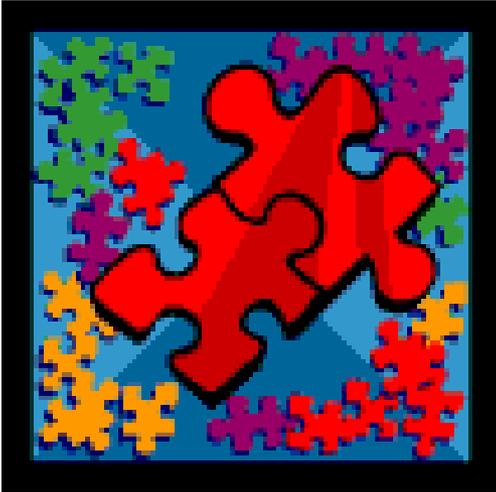
- Relationships matter, especially the relationship between child and teacher/caregiver
- Relationships are the central and most critical component of **quality** child care (US Department of Education [2010])
- All children, especially children in poverty, benefit from quality care
- Yet 60% of all children in child care receive “inadequate or minimal quality care” Karoly, L., Ghosh-Dastidar, B., Zellman, G., Perlman, M. & Fernyhough, L. (2008) Prepared to Learn: *The Nature and Quality of Early Care and Education for Preschool –Age Children in California* , TR-539-
- *MTP* supports improving teacher/child interactions

CARES Plus Data System and *MTP* Cycle Completion

- Coach and Participant complete (on the average) two cycles per month
- A completed cycle consists of five key data elements
 1. Cycle Begin Date
 2. Conference Call Date and Duration
 3. Level of Engagement
 4. Dimension(s) of Focus
 5. Cycle End Date
- Participants receive a minimum stipend of \$50.00 per cycle for completed cycles

Closing and Next Steps

Thank you for your active participation in today's webinar.



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