Dual Language Learner Pilot Update

First 5 California Commission Meeting

July 25, 2019

DLL Input Group Process

- 2014 Strategic Plan identified DLL Pilot as key objective
- DLL Input Group: Expert educators, academics, government agencies, non-profits, First 5s, advocates
- Meetings held:
  - October 2015
  - November 2015
  - March 2016
  - July 2017
  - May 2018
  - June 2018
  - January 2019

Commission Authorization and Launch

- ▶ July 2016: Commission authorized up to $20 million
- ▶ April 2017: RFP released
- ▶ August 2017: American Institutes for Research (AIR) selected as evaluation contractor
- ▶ September 2017: Evaluation activities began
- ▶ DLL Pilot Study funding allocation:
  - ▶ $7.5 million for Evaluation including planning, design, and background study
  - ▶ $2.5 million for 16 counties of in-depth effectiveness study
  - ▶ $10 million for implementation of expansion phase

DLL Pilot Goals

- Identify effective, high-quality strategies, supports, and services benefitting young DLL children and their families, and the contexts within which they are effective, so DLLs thrive in early learning settings and beyond

- Increase early educators' use of culturally and linguistically responsive practices in the teaching of DLLs

Three Study Phases

Background Study:	In-Depth Study:	Expansion Study:
What's Happening for DLLs Across the State?	What Works to Support DLLs?	How Can Effective Strategies Be Expanded to Other Contexts?
• What policies and practices are in place to support DLLs across California? • What challenges exist? • What are the county-level contexts and supports provided to ECE sites serving DLLs?	• What instructional practices are effective? • What family engagement strategies are effective? • What professional development (PD) strategies are most helpful? • How do outcomes vary by group, setting, context?	• To what extent are sites able to implement targeted strategies? • What are the barriers and challenges to implementing new strategies? • What successes do sites experience and what additional supports are needed?

Timeline for Study Implementation

- Background Study: Winter—Spring 2019

- In-Depth Study: Summer 2019—Summer 2020
  - F5CA: $2.5 million for 16 counties to support and incentivize participation

- Expansion Study: Fall 2020—Winter 2021
  - F5CA: $10 million for participating entities

- Analysis and Reporting: Fall 2020—Spring 2021