





Schedules

Fall Technical Assistance 2025

DAY- 1

28 October, 2025

Time	Topic
10:50 AM – 5:00 PM	Pacific Room Registration and Check-in - Workshops Head over to the MarcoPolo Learning Registration Room to check in and get your badge for the 2025 Fall Technical Assistance. Visit one of the tablet check-in stations to confirm your badge information and press print. Grab your badge label, badge, and lanyard, and you are ready to go! There's a lot to explore, so look through the app to decide where you would like to go next.
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Ocean Room Coffee, Cookies, and Live Storytelling with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props - Sponsor Workshops By Sundrina Cottrell Get your day started with Coffee, Cookies and Fun Educational Storytelling. Experience the power of a puppet, the magic of felts and the excitement of a well told story. Browse the Artfelt Booth and bring a friend or staff member!
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM	Palm Room The Learning Genie Showroom Experience: Transform Teaching through Innovation and AI - Sponsor Workshops Step into an interactive space where technology and creativity redefine early learning. Experience how Learning Genie empowers educators with AI-powered curriculum planning, data-driven assessment dashboards, and family engagement tools that connect home and school. Explore live demos and real success stories showing how programs align with California PTKLF, DRDP, and Head Start ELOF standards. ☐ See innovation in action, streamline planning, strengthen family partnerships, and spark every child’s potential.
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Plaza Rooms Statewide Member Meeting - Workshops By Jacqueline Flores, Nina Buthee Join us for EveryChild California's October Statewide Member Meeting. We will review organizational updates and share our 2025–2026 Public Policy Platform.
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Patio Simplifying Data: A Guided Tour of myTeachstone - Sponsor Workshops By Aaron Kishbaugh, Christine Meyer Managing CLASS Observations and Environment data doesn't have to be complicated. In this session, we'll demo how myTeachstone provides a centralized home for your CLASS data, making it easier to collect, manage, and report. Participants will learn navigation tips, explore how to set up hierarchies, and

see how accessible reporting empowers program leaders. With breakout opportunities for different implementation phases and one-on-one guidance, you'll leave with the confidence to put myTeachstone into action.

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Lagoon Room
WRiTE iT, READ iT, SPEAK iT with WRiTE BRAiN
– Sponsor Workshops

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Ocean Room
Building Bilingual Brilliance with Felts, Puppets, and Stories in English and Spanish with Artfelt
– Sponsor Workshops
By [Sundrina Cottrell](#)

Need some Developmentally Appropriate material for English learners or for Spanish learners? In this session we will do a variety of fun stories in both English & Spanish! Discover how the use of puppets and felts can raise comprehension and engage all learners no matter what language they speak!

1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Plaza Rooms
Welcome and Agency Panel
– Workshops
By [Shanna Birkholz-Vasquez](#), [Karen Chang](#), [Nina Buthee](#)

Join EveryChild California in kicking off the 2025 Fall Technical Assistance with a State Agency Panel facilitated by Nina Buthee, Executive Director of EveryChild California. Nina will be joined by Karen Chang of CDSS and Shanna Birkholz-Vasquez of CDE for an engaging dialogue featuring timely updates, responses to the field's most pressing questions, and conversation about the future of early childhood education in California.

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Patio Zone
Cupcake break!
– Sponsored Networking Events

You can head over to the Patio zone and grab some cupcakes, provided by Teachstone, to prepare you for the sessions ahead.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Ocean Room
Hands-On Felt Board & Finger Puppet Experience with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props
– Sponsor Workshops

Have a turn at storytelling, get your hands on some puppets and pieces, or watch others play! Rhymes and instructions for a variety of stories will be available for you to explore on your own or with personal help from the Artfelt team.

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Lagoon Room
Small People, Big Stories: Accelerate Early Learner Literacy with WRiTE BRAiN!
– Sponsor Workshops

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Patio Room
Navigating Family Enrollment in BOTH Departments
– Workshops
By [Kristie Tate](#), [Jannie Zazueta Perez](#)

Navigating the enrollment of a family in both California Department of Education AND California Department of Social Services programs can be a bit tricky. This workshop was designed to highlight enrollment policies that differ between the State departments. We will focus on applying the rules or

regulations, concepts and skills as it relates to eligibility, need, certification timelines, recertification, and transferring children or enrolling siblings between State departments.

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Palm Room

Discover & Grow: Reimagining Curriculum for California’s TK/UPK Classrooms with Learning Genie

– Sponsor Workshops

Get an inside look at Discover & Grow, a comprehensive, play-based curriculum designed for California’s TK/UPK classrooms. In this interactive session, explore how the curriculum integrates social-emotional learning, inclusion, and cultural responsiveness, with built-in adaptations for multilingual learners and children with special needs. Experience sample activities, AI-assisted planning tools, and data connections to DRDP assessment insights that make teaching more intentional and efficient. □ See how Discover & Grow transforms curriculum design into joyful, equitable learning for all children.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Garden I

Playing for Keeps: The Urgency of Play in Early Learning

– Workshops

By [Kim Adams](#)

This workshop centers on why play must remain central in early childhood education, especially in an era of increasing demands for academic readiness. Participants will explore: – The developmental consequences of diminished playtime, The evidence linking play to long-term success in academics, relationships, and mental health. How real play supports equity, inclusion, and resilience in the early years, why leaders and educators must protect time and space for child-initiated play. – Participants will leave with research-informed language, reflective prompts, and practical tools to help them advocate for, design, and defend play-based learning environments in a range of educational settings. They will explore how to communicate the value of play to families and leadership, and how to embed it meaningfully into the classroom without compromising developmental appropriateness. *Kim Adams will be presenting via Zoom due to illness. The session will still be held in the Garden I room.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Palm Room

Hands-On Exploration: Discover & Grow Curriculum Lab with Learning Genie

– Sponsor Workshops

Stay after the showcase for a truly interactive experience! Explore the Discover & Grow curriculum up close—flip through books, sample activities, and digital tools at your own pace. Our team will be on hand to answer questions, share insights, and guide you through planning with AI-powered supports and DRDP-aligned resources. □ Touch, explore, and imagine how Discover & Grow can come alive in your program.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Garden II

Free Play Wind Tunnel Session with Kodo Kids

– Sponsor Workshops

Tinker and see what you can send aloft in the wind tunnel. Experiment with shape, balance, and imagination to discover how things take flight.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Plaza II

Federal & State ECE Landscape: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities

– Workshops

By [Nina Buthee](#)

Get the big picture on what’s happening in early childhood education at both the federal and state level. We’ll break down the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities, and what they mean for you and your program.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Plaza I

Leading from the Seat You're In

- Workshops

By [Anne Laguzza](#)

Leading from any seat on an Early Childhood Education team during times of challenge and change is a lot like riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles on a bicycle – every day involves unexpected obstacles, milestones achieved can feel spectacular, but most of the time, resourcefulness is an absolute requirement, and burnout feels just around the corner. How do leaders of all levels keep going when the road seems long and the next pit stop for refreshment feels just out of reach? Learn how to lead from a new level during our ever-changing times through Anne Laguzza's captivating retelling of 6 invaluable leadership lessons she learned while riding her bicycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Designed for leaders of all levels and those inspired to become leaders in their field – attendees will gain inspiration and tools to keep going on the good days and the hard days.

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Ocean Room

Make & Take Finger Puppets with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props

- Sponsor Workshops

Make a Pumpkin/Jack-O-Lantern Finger Puppet and learn fun Pumpkin/Jack-O-Lantern rhymes & stories that you can bring back to your staff and program. This interactive session has only 15 seats available. First Come, First Served!

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Beach Room

Treat Yourself to Not-So-Tricky Compliance with IPlace Childcare

- Sponsor Workshops

Join us in the Beach Room upstairs for a fun, Halloween-themed event designed to help you TREAT yourself and your business better! We're putting the FUN into compliance with short, interactive sessions, prizes, and a BOOzy happy hour immediately following the last class on Tuesday. Come learn how to leverage technology for easier staff training, smarter compliance, and a more successful childcare business.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Lagoon Room

Playful Prompts & No Power Point with WRiTE BRAiN!

- Sponsor Workshops

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Pacific Room

Nacho Bar & Drinks with Marco Polo

- Sponsored Networking Events

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5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Surf Room

Hubbe Evening Scrapbook/ Arts & Craft Night

- Sponsored Networking Events

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Lagoon Room

SPEED MEETS: A VERY fun, fast, and fantastic way to connect with colleagues with WRiTE BRAiN!
– Sponsor Workshops

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Shore Restaurant
Connect: ECE Voices Meet-Up
– Sponsored Networking Events

EveryChild California is providing the space to reflect on the webinar, align advocacy priorities, and welcome new advocates into the conversation. We’ll share quick wins, coordinate upcoming testimony, and strengthen our shared message. We will be meeting at the Shore Restaurant at the Hyatt Newport Beach Regency Host Hotel. We are only using the Shor as a meeting place; food and drinks will not be provided.

DAY– 2
29 October, 2025

Time	Topic
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8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Ocean Room
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– Sponsor Workshops

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Patio Zone, Oasis Court, and Amphitheater
Breakfast
– Sponsored Networking Events

Start your day off strong with Breakfast sponsored by Care Connect. Breakfast is available in 3 locations, so head to your favorite spot for a tasty meal and great conversation with your fellow attendees. All locations are serving the same menu. Locations: Patio Zone– Northern Region Oasis Court in the Bay Zone – Southern Region Amphitheater – Central Region Continental Breakfast Menu: Orange, Grapefruit, and Cranberry Juices Seasonal Whole and Sliced Fruit Chef’s Bakery Selections with Butter and Preserves Assorted Dry Cereal Bar: Customize your cereal with Golden Raisins, Blueberries, and Bananas Infused Water Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee Teavana Tea

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM
Terrace Room
Angel Wing Photo Board: Creativity, Connection & Collaboration
– Sponsored Networking Events
By [Anna Reyner](#)

Start your morning with color, creativity, and connection! In this playful hands-on workshop, you will design large watercolor “feathers” that come together to form a beautiful Angel Wing photo board—the perfect spot for an inspiring group photo. No art experience needed—just bring your imagination and a smile! Leave re-energized with fresh ideas for sparking creativity and teamwork in your classroom.

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM
Lagoon Room
Early Bird Gets the Word!
– Sponsor Workshops

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
Palm Room
Lessons from the Frontline: What We’ve Learned Supporting TK Programs with Learning Genie Across California
– Sponsor Workshops

What’s really working in TK? Drawing from our experience supporting 80+ TK programs across California, the Learning Genie team shares key lessons learned from the field—what drives success, what challenges hinder progress, and how to sustain meaningful impact. Gain authentic insights from real classrooms on aligning curriculum planning with DRDP assessment practices, fostering teacher readiness, and supporting administrators through the transition to high-quality, play-based TK. □ Learn what works, what doesn’t, and how we can empower educators and leaders to build stronger, more equitable TK programs across California.

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Lagoon Room
You Wanna Be In The Room Where It Happens...
– Sponsor Workshops

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Palm Room
The Learning Genie Showroom Experience: Transform Teaching through Innovation and AI
– Sponsor Workshops

Step into an interactive space where technology and creativity redefine early learning. Experience how Learning Genie empowers educators with AI-powered curriculum planning, data-driven assessment dashboards, and family engagement tools that connect home and school. Explore live demos and real success stories showing how programs align with California PTKLF, DRDP, and Head Start ELOF standards. □ See innovation in action—streamline planning, strengthen family partnerships, and spark every child’s potential.

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Free Play Ramps Session
– Sponsored Networking Events

Take building outside and explore speed, twists, and surprises. Create paths that change how the ball moves, take new direction, and watch what happens when pathways intersect.

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Plaza II
Updates to Eligibility and Enrollment Regulations for the California State Preschool Program
– Workshops
By [Danielle Davis](#), [Linda Morales](#)

Join the California Department of Education for an in-depth presentation on Updates to Eligibility and Enrollment Regulations for the California State Preschool Program.

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Terrace Room
Ending Chancla Culture for ECE Administrators
– Workshops
By [Leslie Priscilla](#)

This introductory workshop is intended to help our families begin to examine and define Chancla Culture. When we say “Chancla Culture,” we aren’t just referring to corporal punishment. We mean the normalization of harmful and power-over parenting strategies in Latinx/Chicanx homes. We will uncover the roots of Chancla Culture, the many ways it manifests, explore and discuss social & systemic factors that contribute to its prevalence, and give guidance on how we can move towards healthier parenting practices for our familias. The movement to #EndChanclaCulture will take all of us doing our part to unlearn the legacy of physical, psychological, and emotional violence that has impacted our familias for generations. This workshop is our invitation to begin breaking those cycles.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Plaza I
Fiscal Training for Center-Based Providers with CDSS
– Workshops
By [Brennah Solley](#)

Brennah Solley from CDSS Child Development Fiscal Services (CDFS) will present a variety of fiscal topics, from the basic to the advanced, affecting Center-Based contractors. This training will present the basics for CCTR, CMIG, and CHAN contracts. A wide variety of topics will be covered, including reporting requirements, revenue, expenses, apportionments, administrative and supportive services allowances, and opportunities for additional funding.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Patio

Updates on the PK–3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential and Child Development Permit

– Workshops

By [Renee Marshall](#)

Join members of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing as they share the latest updates on the PK–3 Early Childhood Education Specialist Instruction Credential and what is on the horizon for the Child Development Permit. This interactive session is designed for educators, administrators, faculty, policymakers, and leaders, and will provide an overview of how these updates will impact preparation, practice, and administration.

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Pacific Room

Beyond the Weekly Update: Tools That Empower Families to Engage with MarcoPolo Learning

– Sponsor Workshops

It’s time to move beyond family communication and into family education. Learn how innovative, expert-designed tools can empower families to support their child’s learning and transform how we connect home and school.

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Pacific Room

Simplifying CLASS: Turning Domains into Daily Practice with MarcoPolo Learning

– Sponsor Workshops

Give us 15 minutes, and we’ll show you how to make improving CLASS scores simple. Using MarcoPolo Learning’s educator-designed resources, we’ll demonstrate how to translate CLASS domains into actionable, everyday practices—especially targeting the most challenging one: Concept Development.

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

Lagoon Room

"A C.L.A.S.S Act To Follow" A Sensational Stories & Stellar Sentence-Building

– Sponsor Workshops

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Ocean Room

Connecting, Engaging, Participating... STORYTELLING with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props!

– Sponsor Workshops

By [Sundrina Cottrell](#)

This is our most fun and popular session of all time. Teachers are always looking for practical tools to engage their learners on the path to literacy. In this session we will experience storytelling as a super power for building vocabulary and helping children learn how to use language effectively through multiple disciplines. It’s easy to enhance literacy through math, science, and social/emotional literature. More than just storytelling, this session explores story time as an opportunity for authentic assessment, and inclusive activity for all including special needs and English language learners, and a differentiated activity that allows everyone to learn what they are ready for in the moment. You will gain dramatic insight in the world of puppets and felts as powerful teaching aids that your staff should not go without! Recording of this session is welcome.

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Surf Room

Simplifying the CDE/CDSS CDMIS 801A, PLIS, and CAPSDAC Reporting Process with HUBBE

– Sponsor Workshops

It can be challenging to stay on top of the ever-changing reporting requirements for the CDE–EED CDMIS 801A, CDSS–CCD CDMIS 801A/B, PLIS, and CAPSDAC reports. That’s why the Hubbe team keeps track of these changes and designs solutions to streamline this reporting process. We’re a platform that only serves California agencies, so keeping our system updated is always a top priority. Attend this workshop to learn about the many recent updates to these reports and the new features in Hubbe that support these changes. Participate in a quiz at the end of the workshop for a chance to win a Hubbe Yeti!

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

Garden I

From Concept to Classroom: Refining BlackECE Culture Kits to Affirm Black Children Every Day

– Workshops

By [Dr. Ash Williams](#)

How do we ensure cultural affirmation for Black children is woven into every corner of an early learning environment, rather than celebrated only once or twice a year? In this highly interactive session, BlackECE will invite participants into a live design conversation to help refine the BlackECE Classroom Culture Kits, a new resource for ECE programs that integrates books, materials, and teacher/family guides to support culturally affirming learning experiences for Black children. Together, we will explore what materials, supports, and professional learning might look like to seamlessly embed Black culture affirmation into daily routines for ECE settings. Participants will share feedback, spark new ideas, and leave with concrete strategies for creating affirming environments in their own programs.

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Harbor Room

Family Portrait Make & Take with Discount School Supply & Frogstreet

– Sponsored Networking Events

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Patio Room

Leading with CLASS: A Guide for Pre-K Administrators

– Workshops

By [Melissa Wheelahan](#), [Laura Earley](#), [Alexis Duffy](#)

This session introduces Preschool Administrators and Directors to the CLASS 2nd Edition Pre-K–3 tool, with a focus on California’s updated requirements. Learn what CLASS is, why it matters, and how to begin developing a site-wide implementation plan. Discover key considerations for successful rollout and strategies for supporting teachers in building meaningful interactions that drive quality improvement. Participants will learn about statewide implementation and milestones achieved through the ASPIRE grant and receive critical updates to support planning for the 2025–2026 program year. The session will offer opportunities to reflect on successes, examine implementation strategies, and share questions with state leads.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Plaza I

From Exclusion to Inclusion: Nurturing Behavior through Support

– Workshops

By [Jessica Losh](#), [Kami Kincheloe](#), [Joshua Duckens](#)

This is a combo session with CDE and CDSS. This interactive session will explore why exclusionary discipline practices, such as suspension and expulsion, harm young children and their families, and how inclusive, supportive approaches are the solution. Participants will examine how behavior is a form of communication and learn practical strategies to respond to behaviors adults may find challenging or difficult to manage. The session will highlight ways to promote belonging, strengthen adult-child relationships, and address behavior through a lens of equity and developmental appropriateness.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Terrace Room

IMS & Emergency Disaster Planning with CCL

– Workshops

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Plaza III
Policy Updates with CDE
– Workshops
By [Danielle Davis](#), Virginia Early

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Beach Room
Demon Hunters Guide to Slaying Compliance and Best Practices with IPlace Childcare
– Sponsor Workshops

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Garden I
CDSS: Prospective Pay Focus Group
– Workshops
By [Deborah Rawson](#)

CDSS is offering the opportunity for contractors to actively participate in providing input on prospective pay (payment prior to services) and the impact of this policy change. Therefore, the purpose of the session is to gather information from interest holders that will inform drafting guidance to implement Prospective Pay. This focus group is for those that subcontract with other entities or family child care providers participating in a network (FCCHEN). This session is irrelevant for direct service ONLY.

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
Harbor Room
Sand Writing with Frogstreet & Discount School Supply
– Sponsored Networking Events

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Patio Zone, Oasis Court, and Amphitheater
Lunch
– Sponsored Networking Events

Take a well-deserved break to reset and refuel during Lunch sponsored by Kindersystems. Lunch is available in 3 locations, so head to your favorite spot for a tasty meal and great conversation with your fellow attendees. All locations are serving the same menu. Locations: Patio Zone, Oasis Court in the Bay Zone, and Amphitheater Lunch Buffet Menu: Minestrone Soup Greek Salad Orzo Salad Lemon and Olive Salmon Garam Masala Yogurt Chicken Grilled Vegetables Mini Apple Tarts Apricot Coconut Bars

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM
Lagoon Room
"WOULD YOU RATHER...?" & Small People, Big Stories
– Sponsor Workshops

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM
Surf Room
eSignature Attendance in Hubbe
– Sponsor Workshops

Visit our room to see how children can be signed in and out of their classroom through the Hubbe eSignature Attendance tool. This spotlight will be an interactive demonstration of the eSignature Attendance process, where attendees can step through the process themselves. Swing by to participate in the demonstration or enter into the Hubbe raffle for a chance to win Apple AirPods or an Apple iPad Air!

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Pacific Room
RESCHEDULED: Infant-Toddler Care: Reshaping Educator Program
– Workshops
By [Noelle Cook](#)

Caring for infants and toddlers is not just a smaller version of preschool. It requires a unique mindset, skillset, and approach. This presentation invites leaders to explore how shifting educator perspectives can strengthen the quality of care for our youngest learners. We will unpack common challenges,

reframe assumptions, and highlight strategies that honor the distinct needs of infants, toddlers, and their caregivers. Participants will leave with fresh insight, practical tools, and inspiration to support educators in embracing this important work.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Patio Room

Utilizing Family Child Care Homes Within Our LEA Contracts

– Workshops

By [Lisa Sandoval](#)

Discover how partnering with Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) strengthens our CSPP, CCTR, and CMIG programs by expanding access to high-quality early learning for children ages 0–5. This session will walk you through our internal policies and procedures, highlight how FCCHs support whole-child development, and show how these partnerships enhance continuity of care, cultural responsiveness, and family engagement in our early education system.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Garden I

Building the Future, En Español: Dual Language Leadership in Early Educatiton

– Workshops

By [Yanci Lucero Rivera](#)

This interactive workshop will explore the vital role that Latino and bilingual educators play in creating culturally and linguistically responsive early learning environments. Participants will engage in strategies that support the professional development of dual language educators and promote leadership pathways grounded in cultural identity and language equity. Through real-world case studies, small group discussions, and reflective activities, attendees will explore best practices, supportive policies, and community partnerships that elevate and sustain bilingual leadership in early childhood education.

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Terrace Room

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) in Child Care and Early Education

– Workshops

By [Natalie Brazeau](#)

This presentation will introduce early child care and education providers and leaders to the foundational practices of infant and early childhood mental health (IEMCH) and identify ways in which relationships with young children, families, and their caregivers can promote healthy relational and mental health in child care and early education settings. Participants will first reflect on the instrumental influence of child care providers in the lives of young children and their families, and in turn, the importance of prioritizing providers' well-being to prevent burnout and improve the quality of care. They will examine infant and early childhood mental health consultation (IECMHC) as a promotional and preventative strategy to building program leaders' staff and care providers' capacity to foster the relational health and well-being of young children and the adults who care for them. Along the way, participants will become familiar with infant and early childhood mental health consultation services offered by California's IECMHC Network at no cost to all child care and early education programs across the state. Throughout this interactive presentation, participants will have multiple opportunities to reflect, engage in dialogue, and ask questions of the presenters and fellow participants.

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Ocean Room

Hands-on Felt-board & Finger Puppet Experience with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props

– Sponsor Workshops

• Have a Turn at Storytelling! • Get your Hands On Puppets & Pieces OR Watch Others Play • Variety of Stories to Choose • Rhymes & Instructions Displayed • Personal Help Available

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Garden II

Free Play Light Laboratory Session with Kodo Kids

– Sponsored Networking Events

Play with structure and light on our color-changing light laboratory. Transform colors and shapes into an otherworldly creation.

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Plaza II
Maximizing Enrollment and Earning Your Contract—Moving Away from "Hold-Harmless"
– Workshops
By [Danielle Davis](#), [Assadya Ross](#), [Morgan Leffel](#), [Virginia Early](#)

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Plaza I
Certification with CDSS
– Workshops
By [Adam Roach](#)

The purpose of this session is to strengthen participant knowledge in the area of certifying eligible families for subsidized child care. This includes the collection of applicable supporting documentation to reduce errors and support continuous improvement.

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Palm Room
Hot Data, Cool Lessons: DRDP x PTKLF Unlocked – A Hands-On Make & Take Lab with Learning Genie
– Sponsor Workshops

Turn your DRDP data into real teaching magic! In this interactive make-and-take lab, you’ll learn how to transform assessment insights into intentional, PTKLF-aligned lesson plans using Learning Genie’s AI-powered Unit Planner. Discover how data can drive creativity, differentiation, and equity in the classroom. Walk away with a customized, ready-to-use lesson plan—and the skills to keep creating lessons that connect data to daily practice, over and over again. ☐ Bring your data to life and make every insight count!

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Ocean Room
Coffee, Cookies and Live Storytelling with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props
– Sponsored Networking Events

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2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Patio Room
Fun Times with Cost Allocations
– Workshops
By [Lisa Wilkin](#)

Cost allocations are required for programs that use multiple funding sources. This workshop is an in-depth analysis of how to and how not to do cost allocations for CDE and CDSS funded programs that will pass scrutiny with fiscal staff and audits and investigations. Lots of Math Fun here.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Terrace Room
Making the Case for Mandated Reporting Reform: Early Lessons from Los Angeles County
– Workshops
By [Tamara Hunter](#), [Cynthia Verdugo](#)

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Garden I
AP Hot Topic Roundtable: Current Issues and Emerging Trends
– Workshops
By [Eric Peterson](#), [Eric Sonnenfeld](#), [Adam North](#)

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Beach Room

The Big Reveal: Unmasking Your Childcare Compliance Plan with IPlace Childcare

– Sponsor Workshops

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Palm Room

Discover & Grow: Reimagining Curriculum for California’s TK/UPK Classrooms with Learning Genie

– Sponsor Workshops

Get an inside look at Discover & Grow—a comprehensive, play-based curriculum designed for California’s TK/UPK classrooms. In this interactive session, explore how the curriculum integrates social-emotional learning, inclusion, and cultural responsiveness, with built-in adaptations for multilingual learners and children with special needs. Experience sample activities, AI-assisted planning tools, and data connections to DRDP assessment insights that make teaching more intentional and efficient. [▶](#) See how Discover & Grow transforms curriculum design into joyful, equitable learning for all children.

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Ocean Room

Teaching MATH is FUN & EASY with Felts, Puppets & Math-rich Literature with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props!

– Sponsor Workshops

If we have fun teaching math, then they’ll have fun learning math! Discover how Puppets and Felts are the perfect concrete visual aids for teaching a wide variety of math concepts!

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Lagoon Room

SEE IT, SAY IT! From Visual Context Clues to Vibrant Vocabulary, TK–5

– Sponsor Workshops

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Pacific Room

Forgetfulness, Frustration, and Focus: Cracking the Executive Function Code

– Workshops

By [Dr. Nermeen Dashoush](#)

Behaviors like calling out, disorganization, and forgetfulness can be challenging, but addressing them requires two key steps: understanding their root causes and knowing what's developmentally appropriate for the age group you're working with. Many of these behaviors are deeply connected to executive functions, the mental skills children use to focus, remember instructions, manage emotions, and plan ahead. If you want to both address challenging behaviors and keep children engaged and growing cognitively, you need a clear understanding of what executive functions are and what a classroom looks like when these skills are being developed. In this session, attendees will leave with practical strategies to identify executive function needs, support skill development, and create a learning environment that fosters academic and social growth in children.

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Plaza I

General Policy and Regulation with CDSS

– Workshops

By [Deborah Rawson](#), [Arianna Fearing](#)

The team from the Policy Office within the Child Care and Development Division will be presenting on a number of policy related updates including CalWORKs Consolidation, legislative updates, Child Care Bulletins, State Plan, and Rate and Quality Reform

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Plaza II

Using CDE Resources to Support UPK Implementation

– Workshops

By [Shanna Birkholz-Vasquez](#)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Harbor Room

Construction Demonstration with Discount School Supply & Frogstreet

– Sponsor Workshops

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Patio Room

Enrollment, Attendance, and Fiscal Reporting Requirements with CDE

– Workshops

By [Assadya Ross](#), [Morgan Leffel](#)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Palm Room

Little Hands, Big Imagination: Unlocking Creativity Through Art with Learning Genie

– Sponsor Workshops

Step into a world where every child becomes an artist, storyteller, and explorer. Through Learning Genie’s Discover & Grow “Little Hands, Big Imagination” unit, children connect with renowned artists and beautifully curated picture books that inspire creativity and reflection. They explore diverse art forms and materials, building confidence and expressive skills aligned with the PTK Learning Foundations and informed by DRDP assessment insights. Discover how this unit weaves together art, literacy, and social-emotional learning to nurture curiosity, identity, and joyful discovery. [□](#) See how books and art together inspire every child’s creative journey.

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Surf Room

Using Hubbe to Manage CDE, CDSS, and Early Head Start/Head Start Programs

– Sponsor Workshops

Since our beginning, the Hubbe team has been working to provide early childhood education and child development programs with an integrated software platform. We've introduced new software that allows agencies to manage their Head Start and Early Head Start programs in the same system as their CDE and CDSS programs. In this workshop, we'll demonstrate the Hubbe system features that allow CDE/CDSS contractors and EHS/HS grantees to operate in a single, integrated system. At the end, we'll have a short quiz where the top scorer will win a Hubbe Yeti!

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Lagoon Room

Every Picture Tells THEIR Stories! PLAYing With Perspectives, TK–5

– Sponsor Workshops

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Garden I

Achieving Success in Positive Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (ASPIRE): A Year in Review and What's Next

– Workshops

By [Melissa Wheelahan](#)

This engaging and informative session provides a comprehensive overview of California’s progress and key learnings in the implementation of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Second Edition Pre–K–3rd and the CLASS Environment tool during the 2024–2025 program year. Grounded in the state’s commitment to continuous quality improvement, the workshop will examine how policy and practice align to support effective interactions and environments in early learning settings. Participants will learn about statewide implementation and milestones achieved through the ASPIRE grant and receive critical updates to support planning for the 2025–2026 program year. The session will offer opportunities to reflect on successes, examine implementation strategies, and share questions with state leads.

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Terrace Room

Building Skills for Success: Improving Early Learning Transition to Kindergarten with Social Emotional Skills

- Workshops
By [Stefani Kauppila](#)

This interactive workshop will explore the vital role that Latino and bilingual educators play in creating culturally and linguistically responsive early learning environments. Participants will engage in strategies that support the professional development of dual language educators and promote leadership pathways grounded in cultural identity and language equity. Through real-world case studies, small group discussions, and reflective activities, attendees will explore best practices, supportive policies, and community partnerships that elevate and sustain bilingual leadership in early childhood education.

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Garden II
Happy Hour with Kodo Kids
- Sponsored Networking Events

DAY- 3
30 October, 2025

Time	Topic
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8:00 AM – 8:50 AM
Palm Room
Explore DRDP2025 in Learning Genie – how we support earlier adopters
- Sponsor Workshops

Ready for DRDP 2025? Step into the future of authentic assessment with Learning Genie. Discover how early adopters across California are leveraging Learning Genie to align with the new DRDP 2025 measures, streamline data entry, and ensure smooth integration with the State’s DRDP Online system. Learn how these programs are using built-in PTKLF alignment, reporting tools, and AI-assisted support features to make data collection and reflection more meaningful and efficient. [See what’s new, what’s changing, and how Learning Genie helps programs stay ahead with confidence.](#)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Patio Zone, Oasis Court, and Amphitheater
Breakfast
- Sponsored Networking Events

Start your day off strong with Breakfast sponsored by Care Connect. Breakfast is available in 3 locations, so head to your favorite spot for a tasty meal and great conversation with your fellow attendees. All locations are serving the same menu. Locations: Oasis Court in the Bay Zone and Amphitheater Breakfast Menu: Steel Cut Oatmeal: Customize with Brown Sugar, Golden Raisins, Blueberries, Dried Fruit, and Local Orange Blossom Honey Fresh Bagels, Whipped Butter, Fruit Preserves, and Cream Cheese Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Plaza I
Fiscal Training for Alternative Payment Providers with CDSS
- Workshops
By [Brennah Solley](#)

Brennah Solley from CDSS Child Development Fiscal Services (CDFS) will present a variety of fiscal topics, from the basic to the advanced, affecting Alternative Payment (AP) contractors. This training will present the basics for both CalWORKs Stages 2 and 3 and AP contracts. A wide variety of topics will be covered including reporting requirements, revenue, expenses, apportionments, administrative and supportive services allowances, augmentations/reductions for CalWORKs, and additional funding opportunities. CDSS will also discuss how CalWORKs fiscal and caseload report data are used.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Beach Room
Come-and-Go Live Demos: The 1Place "Graveyard" of Paperwork: See How You Can Bury Compliance Chaos
- Sponsor Workshops

We're holding a come-and-go demo session from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Get all your questions answered and discover how 1Place can simplify your work. The first 20 people to demo the software will be treated to a \$5 Starbucks gift card!

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Patio Room

Monitoring and Enrollment When Administering Programs with Two Agencies

– Workshops

By [Danielle Davis](#), [Linda Morales](#)

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Lagoon Room

"A C.L.A.S.S Act To Follow" Sensational Stories & Stellar Sentence-Building

– Sponsor Workshops

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Terrace Room

Positive Solutions to Challenging Behaviors

– Workshops

By [Anna Reyner](#)

What are the biggest behavioral challenges in YOUR classroom? If you’re like most caregivers, you see more challenging behaviors now than ever before. The Covid19 pandemic and resulting stress-overload has made trauma-responsive teaching critical to student and teacher well-being. Learn how to better understand what lies beneath stress response behaviors, and how to channel challenging behaviors into constructive energizing play activities. Learn the key principles of trauma-informed care and how to apply these principles on a daily basis in your work with young children. Engage in hands-on therapeutic art activities and learn effective strategies to help children regain build resiliency as they return to balance in post-pandemic times. Learning Objectives: 1. Learn principles of “universal trauma” and how to help children channel challenging behaviors into art & play. 2. Learn how current neuroscience supports physical movement and process art as tools for self-regulation 3. Receive resources on how to provide a SAFE, CONNECTED and CALM classroom environment for all children. 4. Engage in process art and self-regulation activities for your own relaxation and self-care

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Garden II

Free Play Loose Parts Session with Kodo Kids

– Sponsored Networking Events

Discover the power of open-minded materials through playful challenges that invite you to build, test, and reimagine. From flight and light to ramps, connections, and magnetic runs, each exploration offers a new way to invent, collaborate, and play.

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Plaza II

Understanding the Calculation Worksheet with CDE

– Workshops

By [Assadya Ross](#), [Morgan Leffel](#)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Garden I

The Power of Partnership – Transformation in Early Childhood Education

– Workshops

By [Alyssa McCombs](#)

This presentation will explore the innovative application of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) processes in developing and implementing a co-teaching model within the Tehama County Department of Education State Preschool program. We will showcase how ADR principles support the collaboration between the State Preschool and Special Education department, allowing us to create a co-teaching, fully inclusive early education environment, meeting the needs of all student enrolled. Our engaging story highlights the power of open communication, addresses power dynamics, modifying physical spaces to

support inclusion, and elevating support systems to create equitable, positive, and culturally responsive settings for all children, staff, and families.

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM

Ocean Room

Hands-on Felt-board & Finger Puppet Experience with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props

– Sponsor Workshops

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Palm Room

Job-Embedded PD: Coaching Live in the Classroom with Learning Genie

– Sponsor Workshops

Step into a new era of professional learning—coaching that happens right where teaching unfolds. Discover how job-embedded, real-time coaching empowers educators to grow through reflection, feedback, and intentional practice. Learn how Learning Genie supports coaches and administrators with observation tools, reflection notes, and data connections to PTK Learning Foundations and DRDP insights, turning everyday moments into meaningful professional growth. □ Experience how in-class coaching transforms professional development into continuous improvement grounded in data, standards, and real teaching practice.

9:45 AM – 10:30 AM

Ocean Room

Storytelling as an Interactive STREAM Teaching Modality with Artfelt Puppets, Pieces & Props!

– Sponsor Workshops

Explore a variety of STEM-rich literature paired with felts, puppets and interactive storytelling! • Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts & Math • “Stories help children connect their experiences and knowledge in meaningful ways” • Expansion Activities & Project Ideas

10:00 AM – 10:55 AM

Lagoon Room

WRITE IT, READ IT, SPEAK IT!

– Sponsor Workshops

10:00 AM – 10:20 AM

Surf Room

Signing and Completing Licensing Forms in Hubbe

– Sponsor Workshops

Visit our room to see how parents/guardians can complete and sign licensing forms through their Hubbe Parent Portal. This spotlight will be an interactive demonstration where attendees can sign these forms themselves to see how the process works for families. Swing by to participate in the demonstration or enter into the Hubbe raffle for a chance to win Apple AirPods or an Apple iPad Air!

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Harbor Room

Friendship Bracelet Make & Take with Frogstreet & Discount School Supply

– Sponsored Networking Events

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Terrace Room

Ask the Advocate with Community Care Licensing Advocates

– Workshops

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Plaza I

FCCHEN Best Practices with CDSS

– Workshops

By [Lisa Velarde](#), [Ana Franklin](#), [Megan Jones](#), [Diana Saenz](#)

An overview of program quality requirements, how to strengthen collaboration with providers, and hear testimonials from experienced Family Child Care Home Education Network (FCCHEN) contractors to support your FCCHEN.

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Plaza II

Understanding and Applying CLASS 2nd Edition: Framework, Data and Inclusive Implementation

– Workshops

By [Yvette Martin](#), [Johana Cabeza](#), [Jessica Losh](#)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Patio Room

Infant & Toddler Q&A

– Workshops

By [Christina Moore](#), [Andrea Fernandez Mendoza](#)

Join us for this rapid-fire Q & A panel session around operating an infant and toddler program.

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Harbor Room

Mindful Movement with Discount School Supply & Frogstreet

– Sponsor Workshops

11:00 AM – 11:20 AM

Surf Room

Using Hubbe to Manage Family Applications

– Sponsor Workshops

Visit our room to see how families can apply online through the Hubbe system. See how the applications are organized in a waitlist system that supports the admission priorities, ranking, and eligibility requirements for state and federal programs. This spotlight will be an interactive demonstration of how parents can submit applications. Swing by to participate in the demonstration or enter into the Hubbe raffle for a chance to win Apple AirPods or an Apple iPad Air!

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Plaza II

Closing Address

– Workshops
