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 Contra Costa County Local Planning & Advisory Council for Early Care & Education
 and the Contra Costa County Office of Education

The 2014-2015 Budget Act allocated a one-time funding of 15 million dollars state-wide for the purposes of providing educational incentives for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Teachers and California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Teachers. This funding opportunity will be available through June 30, 2017.

Reimbursements will be distributed in two payment cycles per fiscal year. For fiscal year 2015-2016 the funds are retroactive to July 1, 2014. **Early Childhood Education/Child Development courses taken AND/OR Professional Development attended between July 1, 2014—December 31, 2015 are eligible for reimbursement considering all requirements detailed in the Participation Packet (available online www.plan4kids.org) are met.*

WHAT is the CA TK Stipend Project?

- **Educational** reimbursement opportunities for completion of credit-bearing coursework in early childhood education or child development. Actual expenses may include: registration fees, tuition, and books. — **Eligible for TK AND CSPP Teachers**
- **Professional Development** reimbursement opportunities for actual professional development expenses, which include registration costs for CDE approved trainings, conferences and/or workshops. — **Eligible ONLY for TK Teachers**

WHO is Eligible?

- **TK Teachers** (1st Priority) : **MUST** be employed and working with at least one TK student.
- **CSPP Teachers** (2nd Priority): **MUST** work directly with preschool aged children and be employed as a Teacher at a State Preschool at the time of the reimbursement request.
- **ONLY Individual Teachers** are eligible for out-of-pocket expenses.
- **NEW & CONTINUING** TK Teachers are eligible for this one-time only funding opportunity.



HOW to apply for the CA TK Stipend?

- Complete & submit your application packet (*Letter of Intent, W-9, CDE Confidential Profile Form & Acknowledgement of Participation Form*) to the address below by **October 30, 2015**.

Contra Costa County Office of Education
 Educational Services Department
 Early Care & Education Projects
Attn: Marissa Frias, ECE Project Specialist
 77 Santa Barbara Rd.
 Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

WHEN are the Deadlines?

Fiscal Year 2015-2016

- **October 30, 2015**—Application packet are due (*Letter of Intent, W-9, CDE Confidential Profile Form & Acknowledgement of Participation Form*).
- **January 8, 2016**— Request for Reimbursement Form and required documentation are due for the **first payment cycle**.
- **July 8, 2016**— Request for Reimbursement Form and required documentation are due for the **second payment cycle**.

For CA Transitional Kindergarten Stipend Project application information and/or questions, please contact:

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