



## Early Head Start Expansion Training Opportunities

Passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act resulted in new expansion dollars for Early Head Start (EHS). The Office of Head Start will soon issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the creation and expansion of Early Head Start programs throughout the nation.

First 5 California, in partnership with WestEd Center for Child & Family Studies, the California Head Start Association, and Preschool California is offering training and technical assistance to organizations planning to respond to the RFP. The goal of the information and training is to help organizations develop strong EHS funding proposals, which will result in more quality services for California's children 0 to 5.

Information and training sessions are planned in three phases:

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### **Phase I - Two Webinars about the RFP Requirements:**

*Early Head Start: Providing a Quality Comprehensive Program for Infants, Toddlers and Their Families, Part I & II*

Part I, April 7: A total of 425 participants attended the live webinar event

Part II, April 9: A total of 244 participants attended the webinar event

**Please visit: [www.schoolsmovingup.net/webinars](http://www.schoolsmovingup.net/webinars) to access the archive of both webinar events.**

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### **Phase II - Regional Workshops**

Develop an RFP that emphasizes effective quality programming for infants and toddlers. Workshops will be held in:

**Santa Clara: Thursday, April 16**

**Los Angeles: Friday, May 1**

**Woodland: Friday, April 24**

**Fresno: Friday, May 15**

**San Diego: Thursday, April 30**

**To Register- Please contact: Eva Gorman, (415) 289-2315**

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### **Phase III - Technical Assistance** (May 15-June 30, 2009)

1. One-on-one support for programs most ready to submit applications for EHS funding
2. Technical assistance for braided funding efforts. Support in understanding how two programs like the Child Care and Development Block Grant & EHS can work together
3. Begin broad based planning for the inclusion of EHS into a comprehensive 0 to 5 system



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