



California Kindergarten Association E-News

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PK1 Conference Save the Date!

PreConference Institute - Friday, January 16th

**PK1 Conference
Saturday and Sunday, January 17th and 18th**

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

Be sure to keep an eye out for the conference brochure AND exhibitor information which will be emailed in September!



New to the conference this year will be our first ever Blogger Fiesta featuring some of Early Childhood Education's finest bloggers including Deanna Jump and Deedee Wills!

News, Research and Policy Information from FCD

In February 2014 the Foundation for Child Development offered a 3-part discussion of New Jersey's aligned and coordinated system of early learning for preschool through third grade. Its Action Plan includes the following:

- Mandating Full-Day Kindergarten
- Effectively using assessment data to drive instruction
- Changing early learning certification
- Reviewing existing transition regulations and guidelines through a PreK-3rd lens

For more information, [click here](#).

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JOIN CKA!

Become part of a network of educators who want early childhood education to be the best it can be! CKA members can look forward to:

- TKP Implementation
- Common Core State Standards lesson plans
- More You Tube videos
- More offerings on our website's Members Only

The Center for Equity for English Learners (CEEL) at Loyola Marymount University is pleased to offer professional development pathways for educators and educational leaders through distance learning.

There is still time to register for our newest professional development certificate program -Teaching in Transitional Kindergarten/Early Childhood Settings. This program begins on August 28, 2014 and provides teachers with expertise to create and design effective learning environments, curriculum, and instruction that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate for young dual language/English language learners. It consists of a three course program of study:

Course 1 (August 28 – October 23, 2014) - Designing Curriculum for Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Early Childhood (EC) Settings (Online and Webcast Sessions)

Course 2 (November 6, 2014 – January 29, 2015) -Fostering Family/Community Engagement for TK and EC programs (Online and Webcast Sessions)

Course 3 (February 12 – April 2, 2015) - Using Assessment to Support Early Learning and Development (Online and Webcast Sessions)

Registration for this program is available online at <https://registration.xenegrade.com/lmuextension/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=2814>

Should you have any questions regarding the program or need assistance with the online registration process, please contact CEEL's Administrative Assistant, Angela Ortiz, at angela.ortiz@lmu.edu (310) 338-7308.

CKA Grants

In honor of Audrey Sanchez, a founding board member of CKA, CKA offers a special award - the **Audrey Sanchez Teacher Enhancement Award (ASTE A)** - to an early childhood educator who teaches in the spirit in which Audrey has inspired of talent, leadership and dedication. CKA also awards the **Judith Brown Administrator Recognition Award (JBAR)** in honor of Judy Brown, the conference founder and first president of CKA. JBAR is awarded to an administrator who appreciates and encourages developmentally-appropriate early childhood education. The deadline for both awards is November 1st. [Click here](#) for more information.

It Could Be You!



Congratulations to West Contra Costa USD kindergarten teacher, Stephanie Figula, from Downer School in San Pablo, California. Stephanie is the winner of the Art Contributor/Area Art Reps Drawing for a complimentary 2015 PK1 Conference Registration.

PreK through 1st Grade teachers: [Click here](#) for information on how to submit art work for the Young Children's Art Exhibit.

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Be sure to check out our "Tuesday Teaching Tips" every week on Facebook!

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