



The **California Department of Social Services**, in collaboration with **WestEd**, is offering a no-cost comprehensive **California (CA) Teaching Pyramid** professional development package for family child care providers (educators) and family, friend, and neighbor providers. This experience includes materials and is offered at no cost and will be offered in English and in Spanish.

The **CA Teaching Pyramid** is a comprehensive approach designed to help educators promote social-emotional competence, address behaviors that adults find challenging, and develop safe and nurturing group environments for all children.

There are eleven training sessions held virtually (on-line), three virtual or in-person coaching visits in the child care home, and three reflection group sessions.

**Applicants must be able to commit to participation in all three separate components:**

**1 Training- Held virtually on Thursdays from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the dates below:**

- Orientation session: August 27, 2026
- Module 1a: September 17 & 24, 2026
- Module 1b: November 5 & 12, 2026
- Module 2: January 7 & 14, 2027
- Module 3a: March 4 & 11, 2027
- Module 3b: May 6 & 13, 2027

**2 Coaching visits: observation in-person or virtually for one hour.**

- Dates will be set with each participant for three visits during the training period.

**3 Reflection Group Sessions: Three two-hour sessions.**

- Dates will be set after Module 2, Module 3a, and after the final coaching visit after Module 3b.

**MANDATORY:**  
Information session (only attend 1 session) at 6 pm to 8 pm:  
July 23 or 30, 2026

**Applications are now open! Apply before August 1, 2026!**

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*Space is limited and applicants will be screened based on their application submission, attendance at an information session, and commitment to participate in all three separate components. Those who are accepted will be notified of their acceptance into the cohort prior to the first training. Others will be placed on a waiting list or invited to a future professional development opportunity.*



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