



ENHANCED MENTOR PROGRAM

WHAT?

The Enhanced Mentor program is a partnership between two agencies: the statewide California Early Childhood Mentor Program (CECMP) and First 5 Alameda County Every Child Counts (ECC).

CECMP recruits, screens and selects experienced early childhood education teachers and directors to become official CECMP Mentors. Mentors invite students completing college practicum courses into the Mentor's current ECE classroom, providing students an opportunity to practice their developing skills under the guidance of the Mentor.

ECC builds on the CECMP by offering additional training opportunities for CECMP Mentors as well as enabling Mentors to move beyond their own classrooms to provide free on-site training and technical assistance to any early childhood educator in Alameda County.

ON-SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING

WHAT?

ECC works with California Early Childhood Mentors to provide *free*, one-on-one technical assistance tailored to meet a child care provider's needs and interests.

Mentors are also available to conduct staff trainings on various topics related to early care and education.

Technical Assistance and Training Topics include:

- Setting up the child care environment
- Supporting children's early literacy
- Developmentally appropriate care for infants and toddlers
- Strategies for successful partnerships with parents

WHO?

Any child care provider currently working in licensed child care center or family child care home located in Alameda County.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CECMP MENTORS

WHAT?

The Enhanced Mentor Program enhances the leadership and professional development of Alameda County Regional Mentors by offering the following opportunities:

- Professional Development Scholarship Program - scholarships for Mentors to attend trainings and conferences. The funds can be used to cover registration fees, travel costs, meals and lodging.
- Specialized Every Child Counts trainings - ECC hosts exclusive trainings by inviting some of the most important names in ECE, such as Thelma Harms, Paula Jorde-Bloom and Sharon Ritchie. Mentors are reserved slots in these high-quality, high-demand trainings.
- Stipends to attend EMP workshops/trainings - provide several training opportunities in topics of great interest or relevance. Mentors receive a stipend for participating in these activities.

WHO?

All current and former Mentors of Alameda County.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Mentors are selected by the CECMP Regional Program.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact:

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