

Final Report for the Contra Costa County LPC for Early Care and Education Contra Costa CA Transitional Kindergarten Stipend (CTKS) Project

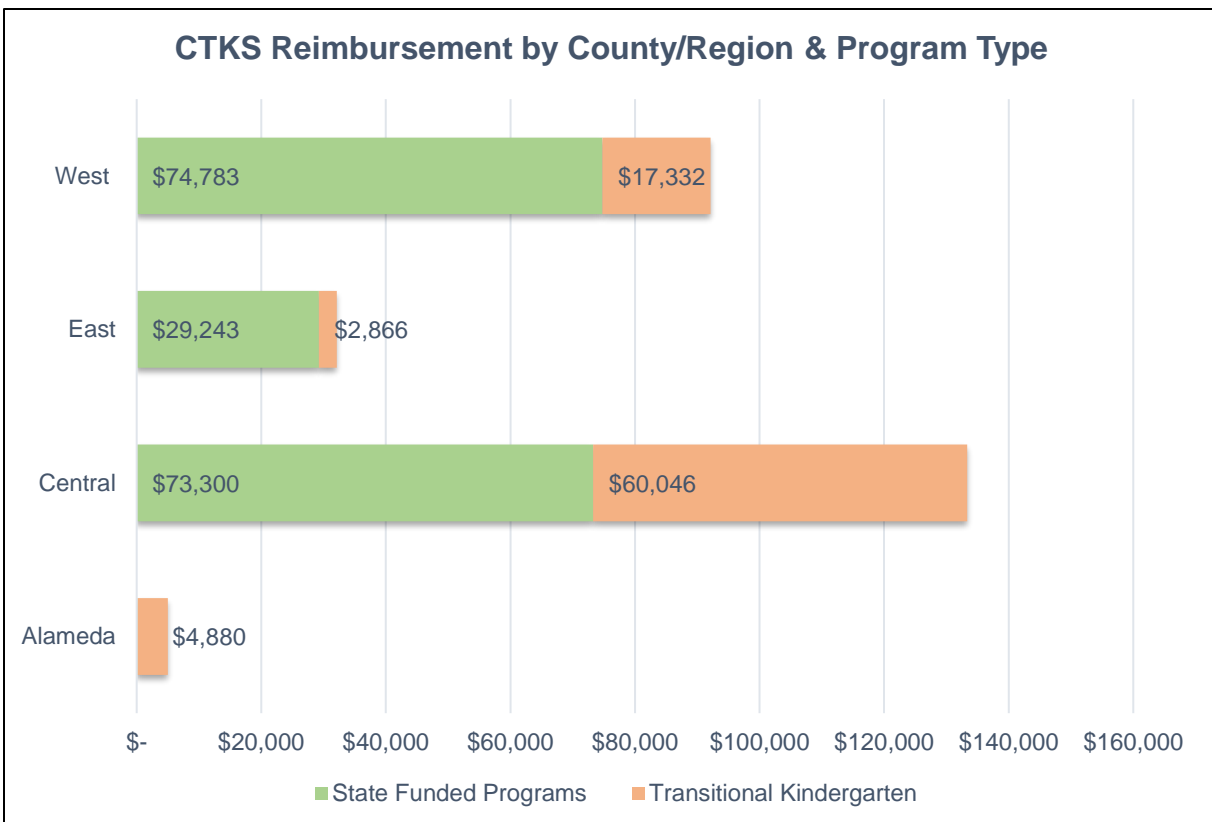
Contractual Updates

- The CTKS grant ended on March 31, 2019.

Participation

- 143 ECE/CD educational and/or professional development reimbursements were issued to 73 (unduplicated number) Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and CA State Preschool Program (CSPP) teachers.
- Of the 73 teachers who received a reimbursement stipend
 - 47 were CSPP teachers
 - 26 were TK teachers (approximately 30% of total TK teachers in Contra Costa; total number includes 2 Alameda County TK Teachers).

The chart below shows the total CTKS reimbursements issued during the grant period (2014-2019) by County/Region and program type.



Total CTKS Reimbursements

- Approximately \$263,000 was reimbursed to 73 CSPP and TK teachers in Contra Costa County (with the exception of two Alameda county TK teachers).
- The average amount of funding per:
 - CSPP teacher was \$2,222
 - TK teacher was \$1,351

The table below shows the percentage of the total CTKS reimbursement amount issued by ED (educational) or PD (professional development) by program type.

Program Type	ED/PD	2016	2017	2018	2019
State Funded Program	ED	60.56%	70.96%	72.60%	53.22%
	PD	0.98%	0.83%	1.33%	0.00%
State Funded Program Total		61.54%	71.80%	73.92%	53.22%
Transitional Kindergarten	ED	32.40%	23.80%	24.41%	45.64%
	PD	6.05%	4.40%	1.67%	1.14%
Transitional Kindergarten Total		38.46%	28.20%	26.08%	46.78%
Grand Total		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Challenges

- TK teachers, who were credentialed and assigned to teach TK on or before July 1, 2015, were grandfathered into teaching TK classrooms by the District and therefore not required to meet the Early Childhood Education (ECE) and/or Child Development coursework requirement issued by the CDE directly affected the recruitment and participation of TK teachers.
- The upfront costs for ECE coursework and/or professional development activities (CTKS reimbursement requirement) along with the waiting period (approximately 2 months) to receive the actual reimbursement check was a challenge for some of our lower paid CSPP teachers.

Accomplishments

- Allocated CTKS funds (\$405,286) for Contra Costa were fully expended by March 2019.
- The participants benefited from financial assistance for degree attainment and professional development completion.