The Early Learning Landscape
Across LBUSD

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Benefits of **High Quality** Preschool

- Increases rates of academic success, including grade level reading, test scores and graduation rates.
- Lowers probability of retention, special education placement and other factors such as teen pregnancy or dropping-out of school.
- Has a positive effect on family unit: better parenting skills used in the home, stronger parental connection to school.
- Kindergarten Readiness is developed through developmentally appropriate practices and environment.
The Tenets of Early Learning Across LBUSD

- **Collaboration**
  - Within and across divisions

- **System of Excellence**
  - Excellence for all students

- **Professional Development**
  - Effective and research based practice
  - Coaching
  - Learning from one another

- **Connections**
  - To Elementary and K-8 schools
  - To community and city
  - To private and non-profit preschools
Early Learning Across LBUSD & Long Beach

- LBUSD expanded efforts
  - P-3 Committee
  - Early Learning Symposium
  - Partnership with local non-profit preschools and private preschools
  - Advocacy
  - Preschool for targeted student groups

- City of Long Beach efforts
  - Early Childhood Committee
  - Mayor’s Fund for Education
    - Ready Rosie
  - Early Childhood Advisor
  - Push for universal preschool
Preschool Education in LBUSD

Head Start

Educare Los Angeles at Long Beach

Child Development Centers

Title 1 Preschool Classrooms

Buffum Total Learning Center

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3,821 students served in Birth - 5 y/o programs
LBUSD Head Start

Head Start serves 1,685 low-income and/or high-risk preschool children and families

**Preschool (3-5 years)**

35 Full-day classes (615 students)

50 Part-day classes (910 students)

**Babies (Birth-3 years)**

5 Full-day classes (40 students)

Home Visiting Program for Infants, Toddlers and Pregnant Women (120 participants)
Head Start

- Offers Positive Behavior Support Classes that supplement the preschool day. During the 16-17 school year, 80% of students participating in the PBS classes made gains in increasing positive behaviors.
- Focus on high quality instruction and interactions. Three sites (Oropeza, Job Corps and Plymouth Head Start) received 5 Quality Rating Stars, the highest score possible for preschool programs across the state. All other Head Start sites rated a 4.
- Opening 3 new full-day sites @ Jordan Plus, Hudson and Bethune for the 2018-2019 school year.
Educare Los Angeles at Long Beach

Educare is a preschool model and our Educare School is one of 22 schools in the National Educare Learning Network. Educare currently serves 119 families and students in the Barton Elementary area and the Long Beach community. The new school site will open in the Summer 2018 and is expected to serve 190 children (birth-five).

Educare Features:

- Quality Birth-to-5 Learning
- High Teacher Qualifications
- Full Day/Full Year School
- Dual-Language Program
- Low Student to Teacher Ratio
- Intensive Family Engagement
- Embedded Professional Development
- Focus on Preventing the Achievement Gap
The Educare Model

**Partnerships:** Educare is formed through a public-private partnership between Head Start/Early Head Start, State Preschool, Long Beach Unified, LA Chamber of Commerce, Private Donations, Children and Families, Community and Staff. This dynamic partnership is committed to all its enrolled children as they receive high quality care and education from the moment they are born to the day they enter kinder.

**Platform for Change:** Educare extends quality into the community “Educare Beyond the Walls” by utilizing data to increase investments & raise awareness. As a lab school, Educare becomes a showroom for an authentic experience to demonstrate quality & best practices to close the achievement gap.

**Place:** Educare is a place that represents a beacon of hope and delivers a message that learning begins at birth and is what all children need and deserve. There is a link between space and program that is reflective of Barton Elementary and the Long Beach community.

**Program:** Educare program is based on data utilization and embedded professional development to ensure high quality teaching practices and intensive family engagement.
Images of the Educare School
Child Development Centers

The Child Development Centers serve 1,585 preschool students across four programs at 27 sites.

Programs Include:

- 35 Subsidized Part Day Preschool Classrooms
- 17 Subsidized Full Day Preschool Classrooms
- 3 Fee Based Full Day Preschool Classrooms
- 10 Title 1 Subsidized Part Day Preschool Classrooms: No Income Qualification Required

CDC also serves an additional 809 school age students, across 15 sites, in our before and after school programs. During Thanksgiving, Winter, Spring and Summer breaks we provide full day care.
Child Development Centers

Preschool Programs:

- CDC offers a structured, developmentally appropriate curriculum that focuses on the child’s social-emotional development as well as academic. CDC’s goal is to prepare students to transition successfully into kindergarten.
- CDC offers full day and part day preschool programs.
- CDC’s highly trained staff focus on meeting the individual needs of each student. Staff works collaboratively with elementary school staff to provide additional resource support as needed.
- CDC believes its children the most important members of the CDC family.
The Buffum Total Learning Center provides an age-appropriate behavioral, language, academic, play and sensory based program for preschoolers with special needs.

Buffum’s students have disabilities that include hearing or physical impairments, mild to severe cognitive delays, receptive and/or expressive speech delays, and students with autism.

Currently, Buffum’s enrollment is 360 students. As students turn 3 years of age and are determined to be eligible for special education services, enrollment grows throughout the year.

Buffum TLC’s mission is to prepare special needs preschoolers of all ability levels for Kindergarten and beyond.
Buffum Total Learning Center is a comprehensive program that has...

- 32 Specialized Academic Instruction Pre-K classrooms (16 morning and 16 afternoon sessions) offering structured, developmentally appropriate instruction.
- Early Start Program for children with hearing loss, vision and/or orthopedic impairments without global developmental delays (ages 0-3 years)
- Occupational/Physical Therapy Clinic
- Early Intensive Assessment Center (EIAC) & District’s Preschool Assessment Center
- Support Staff (i.e. Nurse, Speech/Language Pathologists, Behavior Intervention Supervisor, OT, PT, Instructional aides, etc)
- CUBS Supplemental Language Program (Communication, Understanding, Behavior, and Social Skills)
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Closure - Early Learning

What do you know now about early learning that you didn’t know prior to today?