

## **Governor Brown's 2016-17 Early Learning Block Grant Proposal Would Eliminate the Transitional Kindergarten Guarantee for Young Children**

**The Governor's Proposal:** Consolidate TK, State Preschool Program, and preschool quality improvement funding into a targeted block grant for districts—this would eliminate the TK guarantee for young children.

**The Concern:** TK, funded based on Average Daily Attendance, is the only stable funding stream for children in early education.

Without it, the more than 125,000 kids that could be served in TK could be left without an early learning option. These are children who, before the 2010 kindergarten entry date change, were in K-12. We want to provide options for all children and families, and maintain the stability of the TK funding model.

**The Take Away:** The Legislature established a strong kindergarten readiness program in TK and the research shows it is working. It would be a step backwards to undo it now. To students, families, and schools, it's critical to protect TK in the state budget.