



Partner with the CA Early Childhood Mentor Program!

The Mentor Program is....

The Mentor Program, funded by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division with federal Block Grant Quality Improvement funds, works with 95 community colleges. Each local college program selects Mentor Teachers and Director Mentors from a variety of child care settings, including publicly and privately funded centers and family child care programs. **Head Start teachers and directors already participate in the program as Mentors, Director Mentors and Selection Committee members!**

A Mentor Teacher is....

A "Mentor Teacher" is an experienced Early Childhood teacher of infants, toddlers, preschoolers or school age children who has applied and been selected by her or his local Mentor Program.

A Mentor Does....

A Mentor accepts student teachers into her or his classroom for practicum experience. The Mentor provides a unique one-on-one learning relationship with the student teacher in the practical aspects of both working with young children and acting as a leader and advocate for the child care profession.

What are the rewards?

The Mentor receives a stipend for each student placed in her or his classroom. Mentors also receive stipends for working with students after they have completed their practicum and—in limited circumstances—for supporting ECE students in successfully completing their full course of study, regardless of course or subject. Mentors also receive a stipend to support their own professional development activities.

How do I become a Mentor?

You must meet the minimum qualifications which include experience, education and training, quality review and current employment working with children in an ECE site. A paper application must be submitted. The final decision is made by the local Selection Committee.

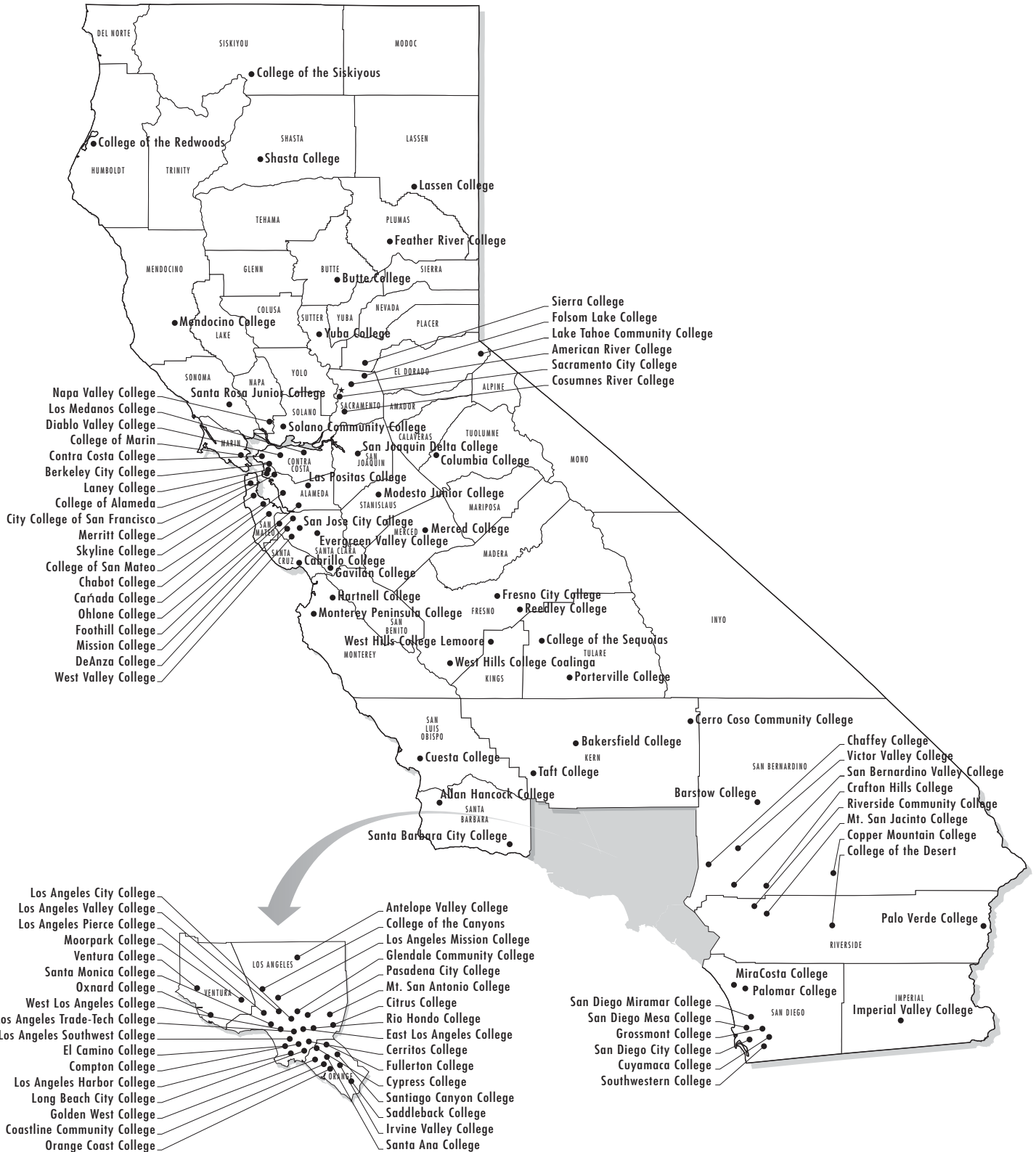
Mentoring for Directors...

Program directors or site supervisors with at least three years of administrative experience, currently or formerly employed in child development programs, who have completed a two-day Director Mentor Institute are eligible to apply to become Director Mentors. A paper application must be submitted. The final decision is made by the local Selection Committee. Once selected, Director Mentors receive a stipend for working with less-experienced directors or site supervisors.

How can I become involved?

Please contact the Mentor Program Coordinator at the community college nearest you to find out more about the program in your area including application deadlines.

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