



# valuing quality IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM

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Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP) is changing the face of quality preschool education in Los Angeles County. By starting with an initial evaluation of each classroom, followed by individualized coaching and built-in incentives for improvement, LAUP encourages all preschools in its network to provide the highest quality programs possible for children.

## **Valuing High Quality in Every LAUP Classroom**

LAUP evaluates preschool classrooms using criteria developed in collaboration with educators and parents. We look at teacher qualifications, class size, adult/child ratios, the level of parent engagement, and a host of other factors relating to the environment in which children can maximize their learning and development.

Because LAUP only funds preschools that meet its high expectations, parents of children in LAUP classrooms can feel confident that their four-year-olds are in a preschool program that has been evaluated for quality.

## **Helping Preschools to Improve Quality**

LAUP's commitment to quality does not stop after one evaluation. After all, *every* preschool can improve. For those that do not yet meet our high expectations, LAUP invests time and effort to help them improve. And even the highest-rated preschools use LAUP's support to remain high performers. The following are some of the ways LAUP helps preschools improve quality:

- LAUP preschool coaches work with preschools new to the organization's network to help them build a strong foundation of quality.
- LAUP Quality Support Coaches — highly qualified early childhood professionals with extensive experience in the field — work directly in the classroom with teachers to offer valuable support and guidance.
- LAUP's in-house experts work to identify exemplary practices in specific areas of childhood development, and are committed to integrating those practices into LAUP classrooms.
- LAUP provides resources so that preschool programs can help teachers get the training and education they need to develop as professionals in the field.

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