

FRC All Grantee Meeting

August 5, 2026



Welcome FRCI Partners!

Please remember to sign in!





Icebreaker Question

- Introduce your name, title, and your organization within your group if you are new to this meeting
- Icebreaker:
 - What is something you are looking forward to in the new fiscal year?



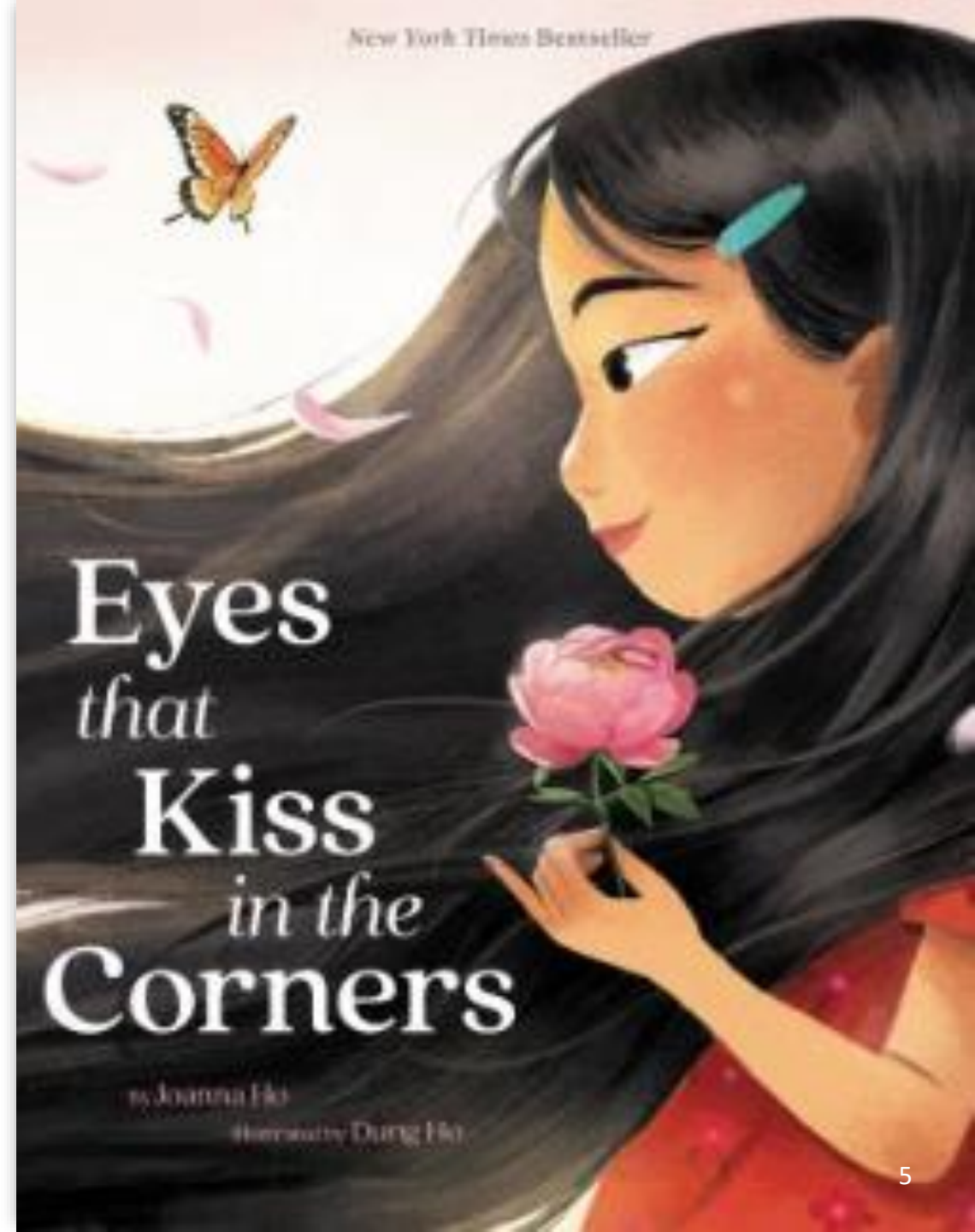
Agenda

- Welcome and Book of the Month
- LIFF (New Grant)
- New ELFA Portal
- Fiscal Updates
- Program Updates
- Community and FRC Update
- FRC Concerns and Challenges
- FRC Management



Book of the month

- Title: Eyes That Kiss in the Corners
- Author: Joanna Ho
- Illustrated: Ho, Deng
- Scan the QR Code Below to access the book via our SFPL



Low Income Investment Fund (LIFF)



New ELFA Portal



Introducing the ELFA Parent Portal: A Big Step Forward!

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Early Learning SF

About Sign In



Connecting you to Early Care and Education

Early Learning SF is the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood's online application tool to help families find and pay for early care and education.

**FIRST TIME VISITORS**

Start your application
Learn about your options
Get connected to programs

**RETURNING FAMILIES**

Change program preferences
Update your information
View messages & documents

**FIND ANSWERS**

Frequently asked questions
Call either 844-644-4300
or 415-343-3300



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Early Learning For All

Parent Portal

**Check Eligibility**

Learn about your options and apply for financial assistance. >
Click to Continue...

**Find Child Care**

Browse child care programs in your area. >
Click to Continue...

**Returning Families**

Welcome back! Log in here to manage your account. >
Click to Continue...



What's changing?

	Old System (ELSF)	New ELFA Parent Portal
Checking Eligibility	The online application included lengthy, detailed questions focused on determining eligibility for state subsidies, reflecting a time when local early learning resources were more limited.	Families complete a short, streamlined application with just a few questions about their address, household, and income, making it faster and easier to get started.



What's changing?

	Old System (ELSF)	New ELFA Parent Portal
Searching programs	Families shared a few basic preferences, such as zip code and facility type, with a Child Care Resource and Referral specialist, who then provided a short list of programs matching those criteria. Because the list reflected only a small subset of available programs, families may not have been aware of the many other options within the ELFA network. In addition, recommended programs may or may not have had current openings.	Families can independently search the full ELFA network using an interactive program map and refine results with a wide range of filters, including programs with current or upcoming vacancies. They can also explore detailed program profiles featuring photos, schedules, curriculum, tuition rates, and other key information, making it easier to compare options and find the best fit for their family's needs.

What's changing?

	Old System (ELSF)	New ELFA Parent Portal
Choosing a program	Connections between families and programs were facilitated by Child Care Resource and Referral staff, who served as the primary intermediary throughout the process.	Families and programs can connect directly through the Parent Portal. Parents can request information, schedule tours, and reach a tentative enrollment agreement with programs on their own, while still having the option to involve Child Care Resource and Referral staff for support when needed.



What is not changing

- Reimbursement / Payment Processes
- R&R agency support for parents if they want/need it
- DEC's main website at sf.gov/sfdec.

DEMO TIME

Fiscal Update

Invoice Reminders

- Pre-approval in writing prior to expenditure (New Forms Coming)
- Documentation should include the method of calculation and receipts
- Reconciliation Form
- Staff Leaving – How to invoice?
- Please wait until DEC Staff tells you to submit/input the invoice for FY26-27
 - Without your contracting documents, we cannot start invoicing



DEC Invoicing Workshop

- Topic: Reviewing invoice and cost categorization policies and documentation requirements/expectations
- Time and Date: Thursday, Sept 10 from 1:30-2:30 PM
- Team Link:





Questions?

Please ask us!

Program Update

All Grantee Meeting Update

- Location: 49 S. Van Ness Ave, Room 136 Conference (subject to change)
- Meetings held on the first Wednesday of the second month of each quarter: August, November, February, May
- Mandatory, in-person only; time: 1:30–4:30 PM (no hybrid option)
- Attendees: FRC leadership who can represent their agency; alternates required for vacation/illness
- Agendas sent at least 3 business days before; additional items may be emailed to mateo.cruzcardenas@sfgov.org

Provider Learning Cohort Series

- Basic Training 101
 - 7/23 9:30am – 11am
 - 8/27 9:30am – 11am
- School Readiness
 - 9/3, 9:30am – 11am
 - 10/1, 9:30am – 11am



Public Health Nurse Workshop (Communicable Disease Prevention Training)

- The SFDPH Child Care Health Program team and the San Francisco Communicable Disease Prevention Unit will present information on communicable disease prevention in childcare settings, including guidance on measles outbreak preparedness.
- Date and Time: August 20, 2026, from 1:00–2:30 PM, online.



Celebrating the Young Child Fund

- FY25-26
 - Presentation (5 minutes per team)
 - Preparation (1 min)
 - Presentation (3 min)
 - Questions & Answer (1 min)
- FY26-27
 - The focus will be back to Event/Activities
 - Basic Needs/Barrier Removal/Prenatal Health/Safety



Parent Action Early Literacy Fund

- All early literacy curricula need to be updated by 6/30/27, regardless of whether you are taking PAELF.
- If you had an Early Literacy Grant FY25-26, please submit your curriculum to Aaron ASAP
- If you have any questions about the updating of the curriculum, please feel free to reach out to Aaron, yihao.li@sfgov.org



FRC Calendar

- **ALL Parent Education, PCI, Support Group classes, and events** should be sent to Mateo for entry into our FRC Online Calendar
- Your FRC scheduled activities must be submitted at least one month ahead of the scheduled event
- Notify Mateo of any changes in your FRC classes/activities



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Community and FRC Updates

San Francisco Pregnancy Family Village

- The next SFPFV will happen Saturday, 8/8/26, at Bayview HP YMCA.
- The First Meeting for the Anti-Racism Cohort is tomorrow (8/6)
 - Please contact Rachel if you have not received the link
 - rachel.wyley@culturekinesis.com





Nature-Based Programs for SF Families

- Weekly FRCI newsletters will now include information on free [SF Children and Nature](#) events.
- Check out the full [Catalog for Nature-Based Programs](#) for SF Schools, Youth, and Families.

FRC Referral Form Update

- **FRC Contact Information Needed**
 - DEC Lead Organization Contact Name
 - FRC Contract
 - Publicly Known Name
 - Name of Person Contact Purposes
 - Should the name be publicly listed?
 - Title of Contact (Will be Public)
 - Email of Contact (Will be Public)
 - Office Number of Contact
 - Notes

FRCI Basics Part 1 Recap

- Learned about the Family Resource Center Initiative and your role within it, both as an agency and as individual staff
- Clarify FY26-27 documentation expectations
- Learned about and planned for strategies to organize your FRC materials
- Documents:
 - [Part 1 PowerPoint](#)
 - [FRCI Fiscal Year Calendar 26-27](#)
 - [FRCI DEC Documentation Guide](#)



Objectives for Part 2

- Working as an FRC Team: within and across FRCs
- Parent/Caregiver Engagement: Ensuring robust and consistent attendance at FRC services
- Understanding reporting and site visit requirements and how to work with your program officer



Knowledge and Resource Sharing

FRCI Staff. Your Time to Share!

A photograph of three young children of African descent playing on a playground. The child on the left is a girl with her hair in a bun, looking down. The child in the middle is a boy with a striped shirt, looking at the camera. The child on the right is a girl with colorful hair ties, looking to the side. They are sitting on colorful tricycles (green, blue, and pink) on a paved surface. A black metal fence and greenery are in the background.

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FRC Concerns and Challenges

See you next time!

- **Next All-Grantee Meeting:**
 - In-person
 - November 4, 2026, from 1:30-4:30 pm
- **Next Office Hours:**
 - Online
 - Topic: Preparing for CYCF and Quarter Reports Review
 - September 2, 2026, from 2:30-4:30 pm
- **Email Mateo to be added to the Invite**



THANK YOU!



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