

## New Rand Study Released

Preschool California has announced the results of a new RAND study showing if every child in California had access to quality preschool, local communities would see major reductions in high school dropout, grade retention, special education and juvenile crime.

- Children start learning the day they are born, and the results of this study further support what has been found again and again. Children who attend quality preschool are more likely to do better in math and reading, graduate from high school and commit fewer crimes.
- In fact, new information shows that if all children had access to preschool in California, approximately 14,000 fewer children would not be held back a grade, there would be 10,000 less high school dropouts and 9,000 fewer children would need special education per graduating class
- First 5 State and County Commission are investing close to \$1 billion over the next several years to provide quality preschool opportunities to California's children.

This announcement included specific data for selected counties/regions.

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