



# Ticket 2

## *Teach*



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# Why Ticket to Teach in SLO County?

Katie Mervin - Director, Cuesta College Children's Center

- Critical shortage of early childhood educators
  - **WHY?** Demand for care exceeds current workforce capacity
  - **WHY?** Low pay for professionals in the field
- Ticket to Teach Apprenticeship program
  - local initiative to address the challenge of increased demand for early care and education and low wages
- Designed to support
  - individuals entering the field
  - ECE professionals building their professional credentials



# Two Levels: Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices

Maddy Chevalier - ECE Faculty, Cuesta College & Quality Counts Coach

- **Pre-apprentices** - a minimum of 6 ECE units completed + 6 additional units (Spring 2021)
  - including: 201, 202, 203, 205 (Assistant Teacher Level)
  - one semester (Spring 2021) at the pre-apprentice level
    - Monthly cohort meetings, SEP, academic success coach
    - Cuesta College financial assistance
- Academic pathway - A.A. in ECE (CD Development Permit at the Master Teacher level) and a transfer degree (A.S.T.) in ECE
- Fall 2021 - eligible to work in the field (12 units completed)
  - Apprenticeship interviews
  - Paid apprenticeship at designated sites



# Two Levels: Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices

Maddy Chevalier - ECE Faculty, Cuesta College & Quality Counts Coach

- **Apprentices** -eligible to work in the field - a minimum of 12 ECE units completed
  - including: 201, 202, 203, 205 (Assistant Teacher Level)
  - monthly cohort meetings, SEP, academic success coach
    - Cuesta College financial assistance
- Academic pathway
  - A.A. in ECE and a transfer degree (A.S.T.) in ECE
  - Professional growth & development (Lab/ECE 216, Infant/toddler, 1 unit activity classes, Administration)
- Spring 2021
  - Apprenticeship interviews
  - paid apprenticeship at designated sites



# Ticket 2 Teach Apprenticeship Program

Lauren Thorne - Director, Early Learning Educational Support, SLOCOE

- Two-year apprenticeship, minimum 15 hours/week
  - early childhood professionals “upskill” (education, permits)
  - educational component: nine-units/academic year
    - special needs, administration, infant-toddler, activity classes
- Cuesta College - financial assistance/support
- Professional support and development
  - Mentor teachers/professional cohort
- Apprentices placed at designated programs (Quality Counts partners)
  - wages at/above \$15/hour
  - grant funds assist employers to meet the minimum wage requirement



# Next Steps for Apprenticeship Program

Heather Wahlberg - Education Specialist, Special Education Inclusion Preschool Teacher; Early Learning Academy, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

- Submit an online application at [Ticket2Teach.org](https://Ticket2Teach.org)
- Interview with Ticket2Teach Team
- Pre Apprentice Candidates:
  - Enroll in needed coursework
- Apprentice Candidates:
  - Enroll in needed coursework
  - Interview for apprentice employment



# Q & A

Please use the Q & A feature in Zoom



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