

How to Plan and Design Preschool Facilities on Existing and New School Sites

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Maria Raff is the Director of the Low Income Investment Fund's (LIIF) Affordable Buildings for Children's Development Initiative (ABCD) and oversees LIIF's California Preschool Energy Efficiency Program (CPEEP). Maria and her staff work to provide healthy, safe, efficient and economical quality facility options for early learning programs. LIIF improves and strengthens under served communities by providing loans, grants and technical assistance to community development organizations. In an effort to build a network of sustainable early learning facilities financing and development systems across the state, LIIF also leads community planning strategies in counties throughout California and engages in local and state-level policy and government relations work. Maria has 20 years experience in the community development field working for local government and nonprofit agencies supporting quality facilities for young children and quality housing for low income families.



LIIF works to alleviate poverty by providing capital and technical assistance for affordable housing, child care centers, education and other vital community development services. Over its 25-year history, LIIF has provided more than \$750 million in financing and technical assistance for projects benefiting low income communities in 26 states, leveraging additional private, public and philanthropic investments of over \$5.1 billion: a six-to-one ratio. Through these projects, LIIF has served approximately 700, 000 people.

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Tom Silva is the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the San Ysidro School District. He started his career in education in 1986 as the director of planning for one of the largest high school districts in the state. He has been instrumental in the planning, programming and funding of schools that serve all grade levels. Preschool facilities are one of his favorite classifications of facilities. Preschools present unique opportunities to plan exciting, fun interactive spaces. In addition to the planning, programming and funding of the facilities, Tom provides construction administration and contract close out. He is a firm believer in this "cradle to grave" service because it allows for continuity in the program. Tom has a bachelors of science in Urban and Regional Planning from the California Polytechnic State University – Pomona and has worked

in city planning and public works for 6 years prior to entering school planning and administration.

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