### **OCTOBER 22, 2024**

# AGENDA ITEM 8 INFORMATION ITEM

### SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD

Marketing Update for ScholarShare 529 and the California Kids Investment Development and Savings Program

#### **Background**

TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI), the program manager for ScholarShare 529 (Plan), has provided its "Q2 2024 Marketing Results" (Exhibit A) for the Plan and the California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program (CalKIDS or Program). This update outlines marketing results for the second quarter of 2024. The update includes results for:

- ScholarShare 529 Achievements; business results and new accounts and contributions; e-gifting, new account growth and tactical results; creative; 529 Day promotion; public relations; social media; employer outreach; outreach events; and 2024 marketing budget.
- CalKIDS Achievements, seniors campaign, CalKIDS stories, new Outcome Tracker user interface, social media, and 2024 marketing budget.

In addition, Gleeson Digital Strategies, the firm executing paid media efforts for CalKIDS, has provided its "CalKIDS April to June 2024 Campaign Performance" summary (Exhibit B), which provides an overview of results for the paid media campaign executed in second quarter 2024.

#### **Presenters**

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The California way to save for college

Q2 2024 Marketing Results

October 22, 2024





# ScholarShare 529 2024 Marketing Plan – Q2 Achievements

	Goal	Strategy	Achievements
1	Gain New Accounts/AUM	Strategically use technology and marketing resources to grow the plan.	<ul> <li>Accounts <ul> <li>YTD New Accounts are down 9% versus YTD 2023</li> <li>YTD New Accounts are 52% of Annual Target of 50,000</li> <li>YTD Total Accounts of 439,039 are 98% of Marketing Performance Target of 447,667</li> </ul> </li> <li>Contributions <ul> <li>YTD Contributions are up 20% versus YTD 2023</li> <li>YTD Contributions of \$647 million are 53% of Marketing Performance Target of \$1.23 Billion</li> </ul> </li> <li>As reported at the 7/29 board meeting, this year's 529 Day Promotion yielded 2,058 New Accounts with an initial deposit of \$50+, down &lt;0.1% vs. 2023. Account balances of \$5,381,767 were up 100%+ vs. 2023. Incentive costs were reduced by 50%.</li> </ul>
2	Increase Account Owner Diversity	Leverage targeted media and PR/media relations to increase the diversity of ScholarShare 529 account owners.	CalKIDS and multi-cultural media targeting for ScholarShare ads are having a positive effect on diversifying our account owner base.
3	Grow plan via Employers/RIAs	Continue to build relationships with employers (public and private) and registered investment advisors to attract new account owners.	Work continues to automate follow-up emails and other correspondence to prospective WPS partners via Salesforce.
4	Support tenured account owners	Continue to enhance the College Countdown program to serve the needs of mature account owners on the cusp of using their 529 savings.	College Countdown website content is regularly refreshed, and current account owners with beneficiaries age 16 and older receive a monthly email highlighting new information.





### ScholarShare 529 Business Results

- YTD 2024 New Account growth is down by 9.2% versus YTD 2023 reflecting the large volume of CalKIDS mailings sent out in Q2-2023 that resulted in a spike in new accounts. We remain on-track to hit our 50,000 target for 2024.
- YTD 2024 Contributions were up 19.5% versus YTD 2023, partially related to increased consumer resources from positive stock market performance this year and easing inflation.

Accounts and Contributions	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	% Change
Total New Accounts Opened	28,455	25,849	-9.2%
Total New Contributions Collected <sup>1</sup>	\$541.1 million	\$646.7 million	19.5%
Growth Rate <sup>2</sup>	ScholarShare 529	Industry	% Difference
Annual Asset Growth Rate excluding CalKIDS/Local CSAs	13.7%	14.7%	-1.0%
Annual Asset Growth Rate including CalKIDS/Local CSAs	13.0%	14.7%	-1.7%
Rollovers	Year Ending June 30, 2023	Year Ending June 30, 2024	% Change
% of Plan Accounts Closed Due to Rollovers	0.27%	0.38%	0.11%
Accounts and Assets	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024	% Change
Total Open Accounts	409,812	439,039	7.1%
Assets excluding CalKIDS/Local CSAs	\$12.7 billion	\$14.4 billion	13.7%
Assets including CalKIDS/Local CSAs	\$13.7 billion	\$15.6 billion	13.9%
Market Share excluding CalKIDS/Local CSAs	4.8%	4.8%	0.0%
Market Share including CalKIDS/Local CSAs	5.2%	5.1%	-0.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes CalKIDS.





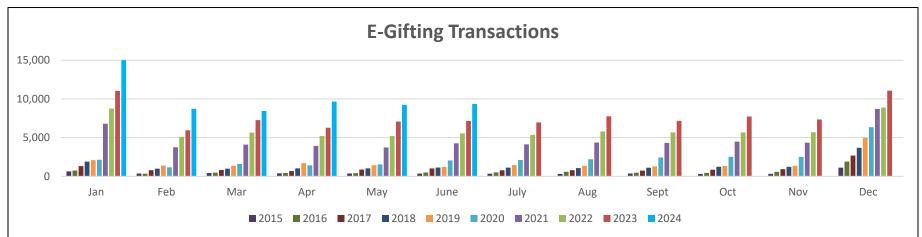
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ISS Market Intelligence – Q2 2024. "Industry" represents all Direct Sold Plans.

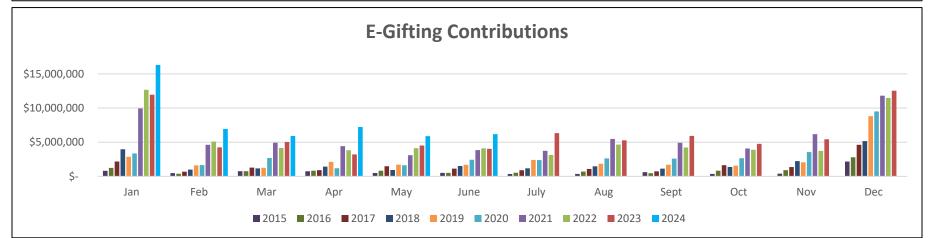
# E-Gifting: Significant Year-Over-Year Growth

- E-gifting contributions make up 7.5% of Total Contributions YTD.
- YTD 2024 Number of Payments of 60,397 up 35% over YTD 2023.
- YTD 2024 Contributions of \$48.5 million up 47% over YTD 2023.

Average Ugift Contribution: ACH \$752.62

Average Ugift Contribution: Check \$3,582.29









# **Driving New Account Growth**

Audience	Audience Objective Tactics and Channels		Cadence
Prospect	<ul><li>Awareness</li><li>Interest</li><li>Open new accounts</li></ul>	<ul><li>Search engine marketing</li><li>Web advertising</li><li>Email (EM)</li><li>Direct mail</li></ul>	Seasonal and evergreen
Open new accounts  Inquirers		<ul><li>Search engine marketing</li><li>Web advertising</li><li>Email</li><li>Direct mail (DM)</li></ul>	Seasonal and evergreen
New Account Owners	Fund and engage with account	• Email	• Evergreen
Continued engagement and support     Fund accounts     Open additional accounts     New product engagement features		<ul><li>Primarily email and display</li><li>Limited direct mail</li><li>Web advertising</li></ul>	Seasonal and evergreen





# Tactical Results Year-over-Year (YoY)

Audience	2024 Q2 Engagement and Conversion Highlights	2023 Q2 Engagement and Conversion Highlights	YoY Q2 Comparison
Prospect	1,499 new prospect accounts and 895 recurring contribution sign-ups were attributed to the 2024 529 Day campaign.	1,569 new prospect accounts and 1,036 recurring contribution sign-ups were attributed to 2023 529 Day campaign.	Tiered incentive offer in 2023 was more attractive to the prospect audience, though overall new accounts resulting from the 2024 campaign were equal to 2023.
Inquirers	<ul> <li>27.76 % email unique open rate.</li> <li>921 messaged individuals with a 4.89% conversion rate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>25% email unique open rate.</li> <li>1,246 messaged individuals with an 8.4% conversion rate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Q1 email engagement remains slightly up YoY.</li> <li>There was a significant decrease in the conversion rate. The Inquirer channel continues to skink as web user habits evolve.</li> </ul>
New Account Owners	38.9% email open rate.     0.7% account upsell rate with 276 new accounts and 48% RC sign-up.	36% email open rate.     0.6% account upsell rate with 233 new accounts and 50% recurring contribution sign-up.	<ul> <li>Q1 email engagement is up slightly YoY.</li> <li>YoY account upsell rate increased slightly, and recurring contributions decreased by 2 points.</li> <li>New accounts opened increased 18.5% YoY.</li> </ul>
Account Owners	2024 529 Day full campaign had a 60-day contribution rate of 60.6% and average contribution dollars of \$984 to date.	2023 529 Day full campaign had a 60-day contribution rate of 60.1% and average contribution dollars of \$809 to date.	<ul> <li>60-day contributions remained flat YoY.</li> <li>The average contributions dollars increased by 21.63% YoY.</li> </ul>





# **Q2** Creative Examples

### **Evergreen Creative**

#### **Banner Examples**

- Prospect
- Account Owner







#### **Email Examples**

- New Account Owner Onboarding
- Inquirer Content Drip
   Account Owner Centent Dr
- Account Owner Content Drip
- College Countdown













# 529 Day Promotion

- The 2024 529 Day campaign ran between 5/20 - 5/31.
- This year's promotion yielded 2,058 New Accounts with an initial deposit of \$50+, down <0.1% vs. 2023.
- Account balances of \$5,381,767
   were up 100%+ vs. 2023.
- Incentive costs were reduced by 50% vs. 2023.



Target Audiences Prospects, Inquirers, and existing AOs.

Media Emails

Direct mail Display

Landing page

Home page messages





# Public Relations: Q2 Recap



Media relations initiatives through our PR agency drive coverage in print, online, and in broadcast. These mentions help prospects become familiar with our brand name and brand attributes.

Category	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Insights
Mentions among top 10 direct-sold 529 plans	ScholarShare 529 was mentioned <b>221</b> times (21%) in the media nationally reaching over <b>309 million</b> readers/viewers.	ScholarShare 529 was mentioned <b>385</b> times (19%) in the media nationally reaching over <b>570 million</b> readers/viewers.	Coverage of ScholarShare's summer savings promotion and continued coverage of CalKIDS. English and Spanish media outlets are covering the brand regularly.
Competition	The most frequently mentioned plan was New Mexico's "The Education Plan" with 425 mentions (40% of mentions), followed by ScholarShare with 221 mentions (21%) and Virginia's Invest529 plan with 129 mentions (12%).	The most frequently mentioned plan was New Mexico's "The Education Plan" with 672 mentions (34% of mentions), followed by Oregon College Savings Plan with 489 mentions (25%) and ScholarShare with 385 mentions (19%).	Coverage of the various college saving plans increased during the second quarter nationwide.





# Public Relations: Q2 Recap



### **Press Releases Distributed:**

 June 3 - It's Summer Savings Time at ScholarShare 529!

#### It's Summer Savings Time at ScholarShare 529!\*

Get a \$25 bonus when you open a new ScholarShare 529 account now through Aug. 31, 2024.

#### June 03, 2024 01:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—Summer is a special time full of memories, fun times, and celebrations. ScholarShare 529 California's official college savings plan — wants to help you celebrate this exciting time of year by encouraging you to get started on your
family's college savings journey with a very special offer: open a new account now through Aug. 31, 2024 with an initial deposit of \$250
and get an extra \$25 in your account when you use the promotional code: Summer25. To take advantage of this offer, visit
ScholarShare529.com/Summer25.

ScholarShare 529 has been helping California families save for college for more than two decades and is a tax-advantaged, flexible way to save for higher education. Withdrawals are free from state and federal taxes when used for qualified higher education expenses, such as tuition and fees, computer equipment, books, or certain room and board costs. ScholarShare 529 also provides 100% tax-deferred growth, which can mean more money for college.

Taking advantage of this special summer promotion is easy\*.

- 1. Open a new account at ScholarShare529.com/Summer25 and deposit at least \$250.
- 2. Use promo code Summer25 in the Promotion Code field of the online account opening application.
- 3. ScholarShare 529 will add \$25 to your account on or before September 30, 2024.

Visit ScholarShare529.com/Summer25 or call 1-800-544-5248 for complete terms and conditions. Promotion ends 8/31/2024.

\*Sponsored by ScholarShare 529. Offer limited to accounts opened online. The initial \$250 deposit must be received within 10 business days after the account is established. The Bonus Deposit will be made to the eligible ScholarShare 529 account on or before 8:59 PM PT on September 30, 2024. Limit: one (1) Bonus Deposit per new ScholarShare 529 account per unique accountholder/ beneficiary combination. To learn more about California's ScholarShare 529, its investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses see the Plan Description at ScholarShare529.com. Read it carefully. Investments in the Plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Member FINRA, is the distributor and underwriter for ScholarShare 529. If the funds aren't used for qualified higher education expenses, a federal 10% penalty tax on earnings (as well as federal and state income taxes) may apply. Non-qualified withdrawals may also be subject to an additional 2.5% California tax on earnings.

#### Contacts

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### ScholarShare 529 - Q2 2024 Social Media

ScholarShare 529's Q2 social media strategy included socially relevant content like Financial Literacy Month, with a focus on account openings and gifting contributions. Highlights of the quarter included 529 Day and College Countdown content. The metrics reflect organic efforts and minimal paid social spend in May and June for the 529 Day promo, summer promo, and College Countdown. The Q2 paid social spend drove significant increases over Q1 in Reach, Impressions, Trackable Mentions, and Trackable Visits as there was no paid social media in Q1.

### **Total**

Followers - **76,230** 

Reach - 621,176

Impressions - 3,236,187

Trackable Mentions - 537

Trackable Website Visits - 18,789



### Facebook (English)

- Followers 59,688
- Reach 543,222
- Impressions 3,147,866
- Trackable Mentions 311
- Trackable Website Visits 18,102



### Facebook (Spanish)

- Followers 12,172
- Reach 735
- Impressions 818
- Trackable Mentions 36
- Trackable Website Visits 24



### Twitter/X

- Followers 2,841
- Reach 5,663
- Impressions 4,504
- Trackable Mentions 51
- Trackable Website Visits N/A



### LinkedIn

- Followers 347
- Impressions 3,791
- Trackable Mentions 68
- Trackable Website Visits 110



### **Instagram**

- Followers 1,013
- Reach 91,556
- Impressions 79,208
- Trackable Mentions 71
- Trackable Website Visits 562



### **Threads\* Native Analytics not available**

Followers - 169





# Employer Outreach – Q2 2024

### **New WPS Partners:**

- 1. Port of Oakland
- 2. City of Downey
- 3. County of Glenn
- 4. County of Sutter
- 5. Latino Community Foundation
- 6. Scilex Holding Company
- 7. People Creating Success, Inc.

### **RIA Field Consultant Activity**

Financial Planning Association networking events (Orange County and San Francisco)

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### **Field Consultant Activity**

WPS Introductory Meetings	18
WPS Employee Webinars	12
Benefits Fair	2
One-on-One Consumer Consultations	210
ScholarShare Consumer Webinars	17
ScholarShare HR Webinar	4
AUM Support Through Education	\$6,048,707







# **Outreach Events Summary**

SIB Staff and the TIAA Field Consultant Team attended the following events in Q2 to promote ScholarShare 529 and CalKIDS to California families.

Number of Events	Estimated Number of Attendees	List of Select Events
197	26,900	CalPERS, Cordova High School, Children's Law Center of California, Parlier High School, Grow Academy Arvin, Haven Neighborhood Services, County Recorders Association of California, CalWORKs Association, Orange County Department of Education, Hartnell Community Foundation, Sacramento City Unified School District, Cerritos College, California State Teacher Association, LIFT, Los Angeles Unified School District, California Department of Public Health, Baden Powell Elementary School, Umoja International Academy, Department of Transportation, Opportunity Los Angeles, Amador Child Care Council, Upland Unified School District





# CalKIDS 2024 Marketing Plan – Q2 Achievements



	Goal	Strategy	Achievements
1	Increase CalKIDS brand awareness	Through a mix of mediums and platforms, continue to build CalKIDS brand familiarity and program trust among target audiences statewide.	<ul> <li>Deployment of Q2 High School Seniors Campaign including: Social Media video ads, Display ads, and a dedicated landing page.</li> <li>PeachJar Email Newsletter to families of High School Seniors.</li> <li>Identification of strategic opportunities for the Governor's Office to drive awareness for CalKIDS i.e. GO posts.</li> <li>Back to School media/creative campaign planning and creative development.</li> </ul>
2	Increase CalKIDS program engagement and participation	Continue to implement and support direct-to-consumer methods to boost engagement and drive CalKIDS accounts claimed, linked ScholarShare 529 accounts, and distributions.	<ul> <li>Development and implementation of a segmentation strategy across 4 distinct audiences: Newborn, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, High School, Higher Ed.</li> <li>New High School Award Letters.</li> <li>Outcome Tracker UI Optimization.</li> <li>Development and implementation of new creative strategy for owned social.</li> <li>Apr/May/Jun Owned Social Strategy + Content.</li> <li>Developed CalKIDS Stories page for CalKIDS.org.</li> <li>Call center call tracking optimization; so learnings would be more actionable in optimizing the CalKIDS experience.</li> </ul>
3	Grow program through strategic partnerships and outreach activities	Support the State's efforts to strengthen and expand tactical partnerships and outreach activities to gain access to additional prospective participants, drive program growth and provide legitimacy to the CalKIDS brand.	<ul> <li>Stakeholder interviews w/ partners across higher ed, high school, 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Development of co-branded flyers for San Bernardino County Office of Education.</li> <li>Development of "Partner Profile" content for owned social.</li> <li>Development of CalKIDS Impact Report.</li> </ul>





# CalKIDS Seniors Campaign



✓ Campaign targeting high school seniors leverages latest social media trends and formats





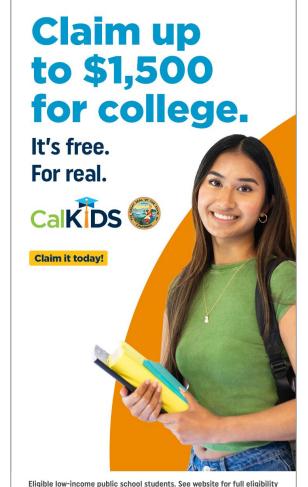






# CalKIDS Seniors Campaign





requirements and qualifying amounts. Restrictions apply.













# New CalKIDS.org/stories







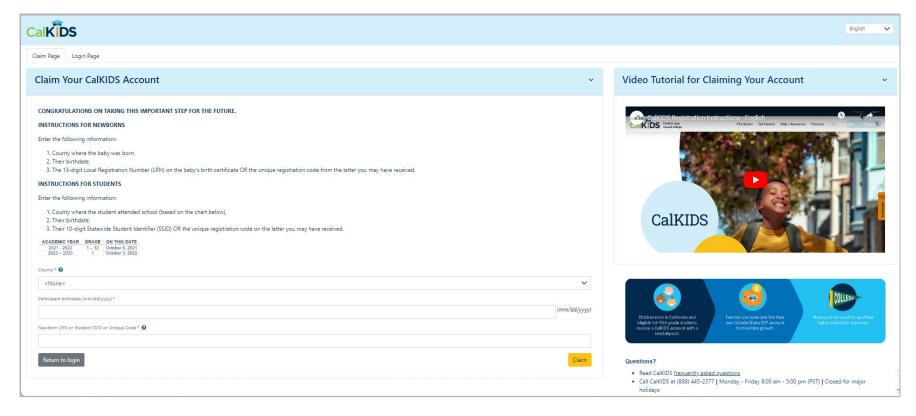
- ✓ New section features stories from CalKIDS Alumni
- ✓ Stories highlight both rational and emotional impact of the program





### New Outcome Tracker User Interface





- ✓ Optimized for mobile
- ✓ Eliminated redundant and superfluous content





### CalKIDS – Q2 2024 Social Media



In Q2 2024, we showcased our outreach efforts, partnerships, and registration milestones, alongside general program education that prioritized account claims. The paid media campaign targeting the high school segment, positively impacted organic social performance. Paid social in Q1 and Q2 increased monitored metrics significantly over quarters in 2023. In Q2 specifically, Followers increased 20% over Q1, Reach increased 67%, and Trackable Mentions increased 21%.

#### **Total**

Followers - **5,857** 

Reach - 4,245,886

Impressions - 10,790,103

Trackable Mentions - 1.649

Trackable Website Visits - 31,340



### Facebook (English) \*Supported by Paid

- Followers 1,053
- Reach 1,104,298\*
- Impressions 771,471\*
- Trackable Mentions 306
- Trackable Website Visits 27,262\*



### Twitter/X

- Followers 144
- Reach 102,331\* Gov Tweet buzz
- Impressions 399
- Trackable Mentions 45
- Trackable Website Visits N/A



### <u>LinkedIn</u>

- Followers 303
- Impressions 4,659
- Trackable Mentions 77
- Trackable Website Visits 131



### **Instagram \*Supported by Paid Efforts**

- Followers 3,647
- Reach 2,928,835\*
- Impressions 10,002,072\*
- Trackable Mentions 1,221
- Trackable Website Visits 3,947\*



### **Threads\* Native Analytics not available**

- Followers 283
- Reach N/A\*
- Impressions N/A
- Trackable Mentions N/A
- Trackable Website Visits N/A



### YouTube

- Subscribers 427
- Views 212.753
- Impressions 11,502





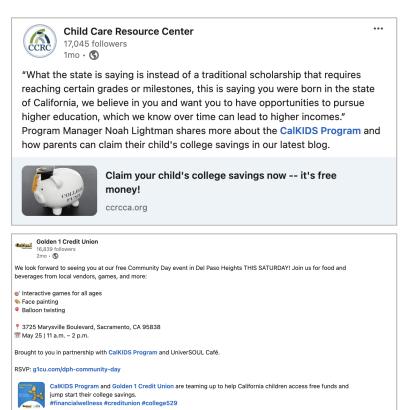
### CalKIDS Social Media: Mentions & Shares



CalKIDS has received mentions and shares from notable sources, including: the State Governor, California State Treasurer's Office, Assembly Members, community organizations, family resource groups, and various school districts and Offices of Education. Some examples are the Riverside Office of Education, Val Verde Unified School District, End Poverty in California (EPIC), Golden 1 Credit Union, Excite Credit Union and Foundation, Sacramento Unified School District, and the California Student Aid Commission.











### CalKIDS Social Media: Sentiment & Observations



### **Positive Sentiment:**

- Authentic event images and short-form content have driven higher engagement, shares, and mentions among the CalKIDS audience.
- The program is receiving numerous messages and comments from supporters.
- There has been a rise in shares and mentions from organizations, school districts, offices of education, and state leaders and officials who support the program.

### **Negative Sentiment:**

- Some frustrations exist around the program's lack of retroactivity and children who narrowly
  miss the qualifying dates.
- Concerns that the seed amount is too small and insufficient compared to the overall cost of college.

### **Observations:**

- Our audience responds best to content featuring partners, in-person events, relatable shortform content e.g. how to utilize funds in a CalKIDS account, and straightforward program explanations.
- April saw a few spikes due to posts from Governor Gavin Newsom and the Governor's Office.
- There's a consistent daily amount of shares and mentions from CalKIDS program advocates.





# **Appendix**





# 2024 Marketing Budgets

Category	2024 Budget	Spending through June 30, 2024
ScholarShare 529	\$10,000,000	\$6,257,562
CalKIDS	\$1,000,000	\$356,496
CalKIDS Incentives	\$450,000	\$0
Total	\$11,450,000	\$6,614,058

### ScholarShare 529:

Category	Spending thru 6/30/24
Direct Marketing (DM, EM, Search, Display)	\$ 3,671,160
Mass Media/OTT	\$ 1,179,777
Agency Staff	\$ 704,255
Incentives	\$ 348,045
Public Relations	\$ 130,468
Giveaways	\$ 107,579
Fulfillment	\$ 44,636
Website	\$ 38,596
Social Media	\$ 30,255
Research	\$ 2,701
Trademark	\$ 90
TOTAL	\$ 6,257,562

### CalKIDS:

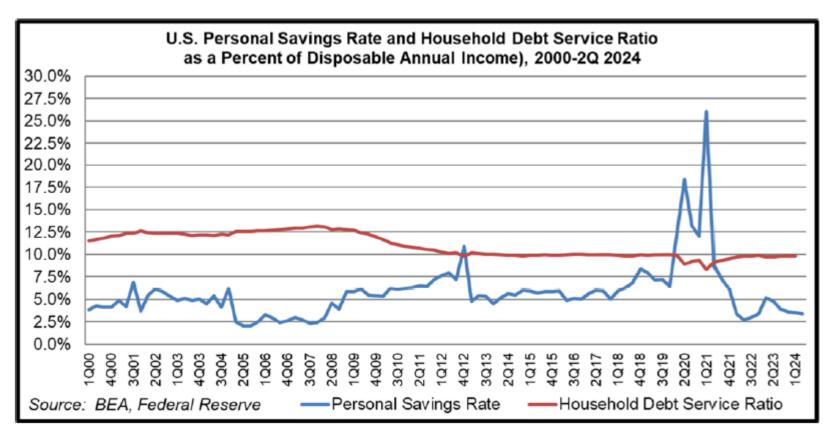
Category	Spending thru 6/30/24
Agency/Staff - Creative & Project Management	\$ 305,815
Public Website Hosting	\$ 19,416
Letters to Schools	\$ 9,279
Events Supplies	\$ 8,634
Printed Collateral	\$ 6,853
Spokesperson	\$ 6,500
TOTAL	\$ 356,496





# Personal Savings Rate

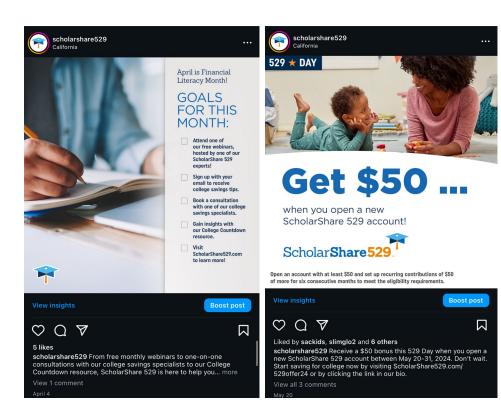
Current economic and world conditions continue to create hesitancy among prospects in our sales pipeline.



Source: ISS 529 Quarterly Update 2Q 2024



# ScholarShare 529 Social Media: Q2 Instagram Samples









# ScholarShare 529 Social Media: Q2 LinkedIn Samples



Not everyone's educational journeys are the same, but you need to start somewhere. Let us guide you on how you can start building your child's college savings—open a ScholarShare529 account today!





Today is the official National 529 College Savings Day in California! Our California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma, met at The Capitol with legislators accompanied by our very own Diploma Dog to share about and highlight ScholarShare 529's many achievements!

Fiona Ma California State Treasurer's Office Stephanie Tom Mike Fong David Alvarez Gregory Wallis Wendy Carrillo





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Receive a \$50 bonus this 529 Day when you open a new ScholarShare 529 account between May 20-31, 2024. Don't wait. Start saving for college now by visiting https://lnkd.in/ggbwmYba or by clicking the link in our bio.



Get \$50 ...

when you open a new ScholarShare 529 account!



Open an account with at least \$50 and set up recurring contributions of \$50 of more for six consecutive months to meet the eligibility requirements.





## ScholarShare 529 Social Media: Q2 X and Threads Samples



### ScholarShare 529 @ScholarShare 529 · Apr 8

**Promote** 

Hot Tip: Consider using some of your tax refund towards your child's education by contributing to their ScholarShare 529 account—help boost progress toward their college savings fund today!









# CalKIDS Social Media: Q2 Facebook Samples





### CalKIDS Program is in Los Angeles County, California.

Published by Instagram



Parents: Taking your big step to kick start your child's educational future only takes a couple of small ones to claim their free funded CalKIDS account. Visit CalKIDS.org today! Your child could be eligible to receive up to \$1,500 for college that they can use toward qualified education expenses.

Tomar el gran paso de comenzar el futuro educacional de su hijo solo requiere unos pasos pequeños para solicitar su cuenta gratis de CalKIDS. ¡Visite CalKIDS.org hoy! Su hijo p... See more





### CalKIDS Program is in California.

Published by Instagram

• May 13 • 🔇

Every California child's future matters. That's why CalKIDS already created free funded college savings accounts for your baby. All California newborns can receive up to \$175 in their own college savings account. Babies born in California on or after July 1, 2022, receive an initial deposit plus additional incentives, in a CalKIDS account. Claim your baby's account now! CalKIDS eligibility and account access for newborn babies is available 90 days after the date that the baby... See more





### **CalKIDS Program** is in **California**. Published by Instagram

. May 29 ⋅ 🔇

529 Day is a day dedicated to highlighting the importance of saving for higher education! The State of California believes that every child deserves the opportunity to pursue their dream of higher education. That's why we've already established a free funded college savings account for them. Learn more, check your child's eligibility, and claim their account at CalKIDS.org!



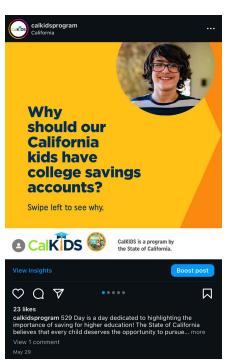


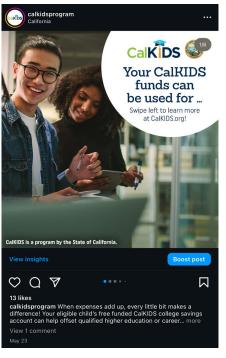


# CalKIDS Social Media: Q2 Instagram Samples















# CalKIDS Social Media: Q2 LinkedIn Samples





Thank you to First 5 California for including Treasurer Fiona Ma at the Child Heath, Education and Care Summit. It was honor to deliver the keynote along with esteemed Dr. Joshua Sparrow. The Treasurer spoke to the audience about State Treasurer's Office's CalKIDS Program and how the educators in the room can best partner with the STO and provide continued support for this crucial savings program. On that note, thank you to First 5 California's Executive Director Jacqueline Wong, Chief Deputy Director Dr. Angelo Williams, and Deputy Director Dr. Martha Dominguez for your continued partnership! And bravo to CalKIDS Program' Noah Lightman on your presentation and commitment.

Cc Rachell Owen-Reinwald + Stephanie Tom







We had a blast at the Golden 1 Credit Union community event where we were able to help families and students check their CalKIDS eligibility and claim their accounts. Thank you Golden 1 providing this opportunity for those across Sacramento!

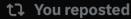






# CalKIDS Social Media: Q2 X and Thread Samples







**California Governor ② ②** CAgovernor · Apr 15 Claim your child's free money for college or job training.

California's @CalkidsProgram gives the next generation the tools and funds to pay for future education.













California Kids Investment and Development Savings Program

April to June 2024 Campaign Performance

October 22nd, 2024

# CalKIDS 02/2024 Paid Media Campaign

Target Audiences:	Two separate campaigns: <ul><li>Parents of School Age Children (Foster and Unhoused)</li><li>High School Seniors</li></ul>		
Timing:	Parents: April 1 <sup>st</sup> through May 26 <sup>th,</sup> 2024 (8 weeks) HS Seniors April 1 <sup>st</sup> through June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 (9 weeks)		
Media:	Parents: \$42,797 Social Media -Facebook/Instagram  HS Seniors:		
	\$3,529 Display Banners - Retargeting		
	\$17,030 Audio Streaming - <i>Spotify</i> \$78,374 YouTube - <i>Retargeting</i>		
	\$111,208 Video - Pre-Roll, In-Content, Connected TV (CTV ), OTT, Apps, Web \$146,030 Social Media - Instagram, YouTube		
Expenditure & Impressions:	Parents \$42,797 5,446,013 impressions Total Expenditure: \$398,970 HS Seniors \$356,173 25,842,483 impressions Total Impressions: 31,288,496		

# CalKIDS Executive Summary

- In April 2024 CalKIDS launched a High School Seniors campaign, the first of its kind to target students directly.
- Engagement rates across all platforms confirmed strong message resonance, with Instagram emerging as the most effective channel for reaching high school seniors. However, without pixel tracking at the end of the customer journey (outcome tracker), it remains unclear if Instagram engagement directly resulted in the highest number of actions (claims). TIAA are working with their IT team to implement pixels.
- By utilizing a diverse range of digital communication platforms and tactics, we effectively reached high school seniors, leading to significant increases in claims. From a paid campaign delivery standpoint, we surpassed industry benchmarks, highlighting the success of our strategy, planning, optimizations, and high engagement rates.
- Our data segmentation strategy for the High School Seniors campaign proved highly effective. For the current Back to School "Scholarship" campaign, we plan to adopt a similar approach, using a broader creative strategy to engage both high school and higher education audiences.



# CalKIDS HS Seniors Paid Media Strategy

GOAL	Increase account claim rates among high school seniors
OBJECTIVE	Increase CalKIDS brand awareness, program engagement, and participation among high school seniors
MEDIA STRATEGY	Use a combination of digital platforms that resonate with students interests, lifestyle, and college journey
TARGET AUDIENCES	High school seniors Latino, Asian, and Black & African American
TACTICS	<ul> <li>Concentrate activity in zip codes of high schools with largest number of eligible students</li> <li>Execute a multi-platform digital campaign, delivering CalKIDS messaging wherever they are</li> <li>Utilize popular social media platforms to increase reach and engagement</li> <li>Serve messages in English and Spanish language</li> </ul>
COMMUNICATION CHANNEL MIX	Social Media: Instagram, YouTube Video: Programmatic Audio: Programmatic Retargeting Display Banners: Programmatic
TARGETING TACTICS	Behavioral - Demographic - Predictive - Interest - In-Game Apps - Affinity - In-Market Custom Intent - Keywords - Social Retargeting (Look-a-Like, Engagers, Website Visits)
DEVICES	Mobile - Tablet - Desktop - Connected TV



## CalKIDS High School Seniors — Video Messaging:







**Bro Spanish** 



Get Ready With Me English



Get Ready With Me Spanish

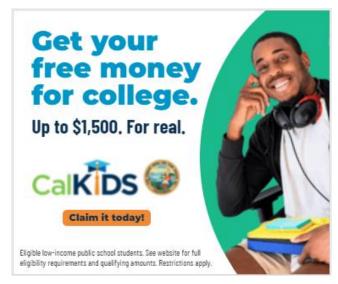


Unbox English

Note: on social media "Get Ready With Me" is referred to as "GRWM"



## CalKIDS High School Seniors — Retargeting Message:



IYKYK 300x250 | Retargeting





NOTE: on social media "If You Know, You Know" is referred to as "IYKYK"

IYKYK 300x50 | Retargeting



## CalKIDS High School Seniors - Instagram Messaging:





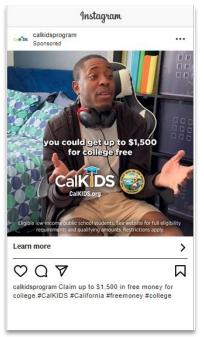
Get Ready With Me Spanish Video Ad



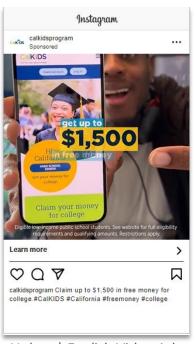
Bro | Spanish Video Ad



Get Ready With Me English Video Ad



Bro | English Video Ad



Unbox | English Video Ad

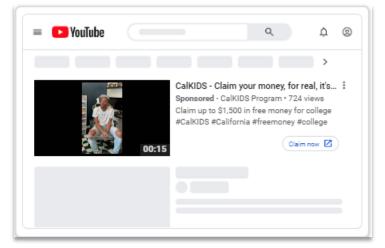


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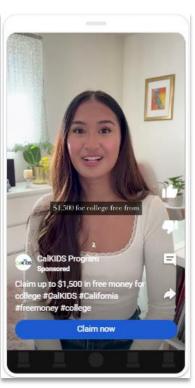




Unbox English | Skippable in-stream



Bro English | In-feed on YT search



Get Ready With Me -Shorts mobile only



Get Ready With Me -Spanish In-stream



Bro Spanish | In-stream

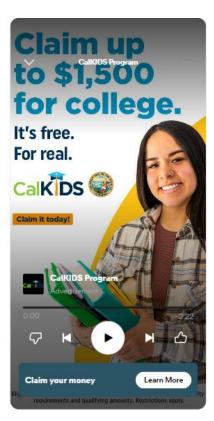


# CalKIDS High School Seniors - Spotify Messaging:





Get Ready With Me -Spanish Audio Ad



Get Ready With Me -English Audio Ad



Bro Spanish Audio Ad



### High School Senior Claims in 02/24

#### Claimed Accounts in Q2/2024

4/1/24 - 6/30/24 compared to Q1/24 (1/1/24-3/31/24)

Program Grade	Likely Current Grade (as of Q2/24)	Eligible Students	Claimed Accounts (Q2'2024)	Percentage Claimed (Q2'2024)	Claimed Accounts (Q1'2024)	Percentage Claimed (Q1'2024)	% Change from Q1 to Q2
1	3	270,231	2,233	0.83%	16,328	6.04%	-86%
2	4	265,830	1,227	0.46%	873	0.33%	41%
3	5	275,712	1,418	0.51%	900	0.33%	58%
4	6	279,346	1,607	0.58%	1,518	0.54%	6%
5	7	282,416	1,511	0.54%	974	0.34%	55%
6	8	283,667	1,500	0.53%	954	0.34%	57%
7	9	281,033	1,698	0.60%	1,358	0.48%	25%
8	10	274,803	2,008	0.73%	1,435	0.52%	40%
9	11	284,184	2,032	0.72%	1,569	0.55%	30%
10	12	298,039	3,554	1.19%	1,810	0.61%	96%
<b>1</b> 1	College Freshman*	299,170	20,151	6.74%	7,253	2.42%	178%
12	College Sophomore	284,567	1,124	0.39%	554	0.19%	103%
	College Junior	286,609	505	0.18%	216	0.08%	134%
	TOTAL:	3,665,607	40,568	1.11%	35,742	0.98%	14%

<sup>\*</sup> HS Seniors last school year (Apr/May 2024)

- +178% or +12,898 more claims in Q2/24 than Q1/24
- Cost per claim for this audience is higher than current "school age" activity however, this is expected at the launch of a new audience and message

#### **Cost Per Claim**

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Target Audience	Spend	Claim Acct *	Cost/Claim
Newborn	\$263,064	3,096	\$84.97
School Age	\$297,170	18,286	\$16.25
Anniversary	\$8,219	-	-
Campaign Total	\$568,454	21,382	\$26.20

#### 1/1/24-3/31/24

Target Audience	Spend	Claim Acct	Cost/Claim
Newborn	\$182,981	21,474	\$8.52
School Age	\$204,057	35,742	\$5.71
Campaign Total	\$387,038	57,216	\$6.76

4/1/24-6/2/24			
Target Audience	Spend	Claim Acct	Cost/Claim
Newborn	-	-	-
School Age	\$42,797	18,817	\$2.27
High School Seniors	\$356,173	20,151	\$17.68
Campaign Total	\$398,970	38,968	\$10.24

#### GRAND TOTAL

Target Audience	Spend	Claim Acct	Cost/Claim
Newborn	\$446,045	24,570	\$18.15
School Age	\$544,024	72,845	\$7.47
High School Seniors	\$743,211	77,367	\$9.61
Total	\$1,733,281	174,782	\$9.92

Note: Claims reported during the campaign period only

Claim tracking was not fully implemented for the 9/18/23 - 12/31/23 campaign



### CalKIDS 02/24 Website Traffic

#### CalKIDS.org Landing Page

4/1/24 to 6/30/24 (Q2 compared to Q1 -1/1/24-3/31/24)

ENGAGED USERS 669,651

NEW USERS 1,079,008 SESSIONS 1,437,554 PAGE VIEWS **4,166,657** 

AVERAGE USER ENGAGEMENT TIME 1m 33s

+87%

+89%

+67% +58%

When compared to Q1/2024 website metrics increased significantly in Q2/2024

#### CalKIDS.org/Seniors Landing Page

4/1/24 to 6/30/24 \*Seniors Landing Page did not exist prior to campaign launch

ENGAGED USERS 115,103

NEW USERS **220,443** 

SESSIONS **232,147** 

PAGE VIEWS **283,160** 

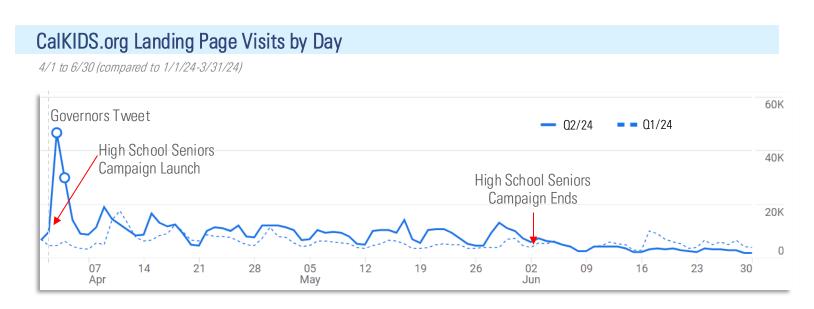
AVERAGE USER ENGAGEMENT TIME 10 sec

• No comparisons can be made as the "Seniors" landing page did not exist prior to the campaign launch



# CalKIDS.org 02/24 Daily Visitor Traffic

The High School Seniors campaign increased overall CalKIDS.org traffic when compared to Q1





## CalKIDS.org 02/24 Visitor Traffic

The "outcome tracker" referrals increased to 11,101 from 1,111 in Q1/24

Traffic Source		
4/1/24 to 6/30/24		
	Users	Sessions
	669,651 100% of total	
1 Referral	231,318	394,834
2 Direct	212,759	480,439
3 Organic	78,979	219,742
4 Social	62,246	134,342
5 Instagram Stories	59,233	113,561
6 Instagram Feed	25,530	51,515
7 GDS Video	18,216	38,066
8 GDS Audio	2,713	4,821
9 GDS Display - Retargeting	2,235	4,598
10 Not Set	2,118	2,481
11 Organic Search	1,954	4,236

#### **Session Source**

4/1/24 to 6/30/24

	Session source / medium	Users
	calkids.org / referral	138,609
-	t.co / referral	37,772
	qr1.be / referral	15,133
	calkids.outcometracker.app / referral	11,101
	m.facebook.com / referral	6,510
	l.instagram.com / referral	3,618
	lm.facebook.com / referral	1,851
	classroom.google.com / referral	1,717
	calmatters.org / referral	1,157
	out.smore.com / referral	1,118
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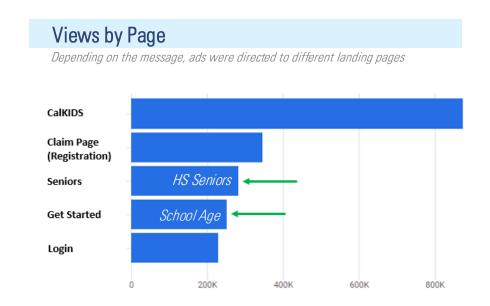
Social media was one of the largest sources of website traffic

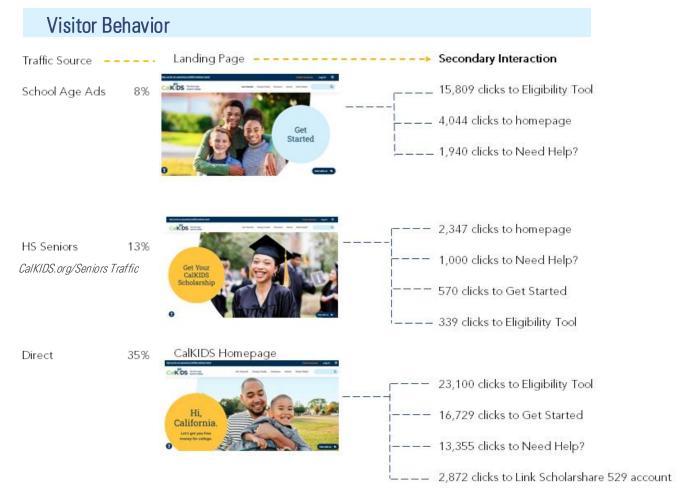


<sup>\* &</sup>quot;t.co" and "qr1.be" referral source codes should be fixed in GA4 to identify where these referrals are originating

### CalKIDS.org Visitor Behavior

Many of the CalKIDS.org/Seniors visitors went to the CalKIDS home page after landing on the Seniors page







### CalKIDS.org/Seniors Visitor Traffic

Instagram and Programmatic Video generated the most traffic to the Seniors landing page

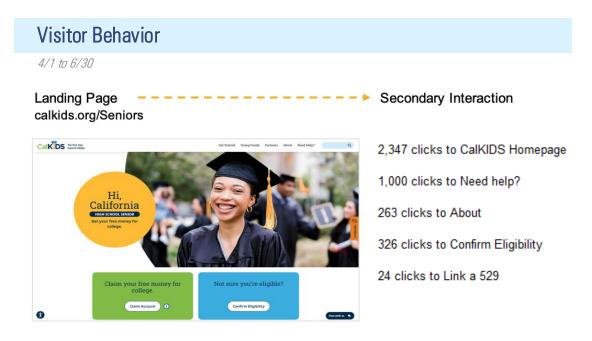
Traffic Source - 02			
1/1 to 6/30 Session Source / Medium	Users 115,095		Engaged Sessions 44,276
Social: Instagram Stories	57,122	109,042	16,445
Programmatic: Video	18,382	38,051	9,193
Social: Instagram Square	17,729	35,435	6,564
Social: Instagram Square	6,903	13,326	2,224
Direct	3,812	8,857	4,394
Spotify: Audio	2,714	4,819	546
Social: Instagram Stories	2,406	4,614	748
Programmatic: Retargeting	2,282	4,596	155
Organic Social	1,341	2,684	811
YouTube	1,006	1,977	196

., .	to 6/2 sion Source / Medium	Users 114,246	Sessions 231,029	Engaged Sessions 43,838
1	Social: Instagram Stories	56,606	108,631	16,403
2	Programmatic: Video	18,173	37,845	9,187
3	Social: Instagram Square	17,428	35,246	6,535
4	Social: Instagram Square	6,789	13,259	2,213
5	Direct	3,606	8,493	4,211
6	Spotify: Audio	2,711	4,800	543
7	Social: Instagram Stories	2,350	4,606	748
8	Programmatic: Retargeting	2,234	4,593	155
9	YouTube	1,830	3,427	554

- Top Instagram ad units were "Stories" and "Squares"
- Peak visitor traffic was between 9-10pm
- Only 1,118 visits were made after the paid campaign ended on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>



### CalKIDS.org/Seniors Visitor Behavior



 Most of the people clicking ads went to the CalKIDS homepage which we anticipated to confirm the "legitimacy" of CalKIDS and the message offer



### HS Seniors Campaign Delivery — 02/2024

• Allocating 41% of the budget to Instagram resulted in significant performance increases



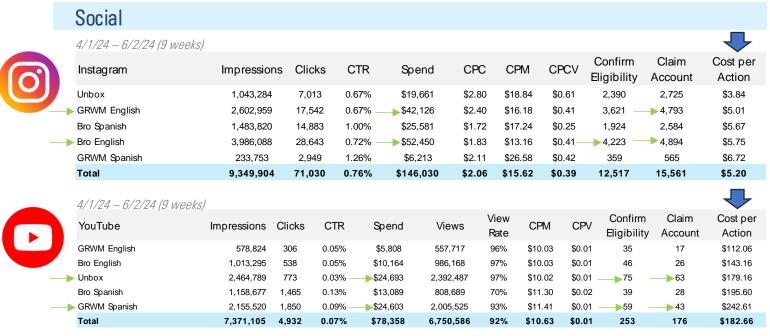
Data Source	Impressions	Clicks	CTR	Spend	СРС	СРМ	Claim Acct.	Confirm Eligibility	Cost per Action	01/24
Facebook/Instagram - School Age	5,446,013	76,797	0.54%	\$40,384	\$0.53	\$7.42	4,331	5,519	\$4.10	\$ 19
Instagram - HS	9,349,904	71,030	0.76%	\$146,030	\$2.06	\$15.62	15,561	12,517	\$5.20	\$ 19
Programmatic Video - Spanish - HS	2,525,215	13,546	0.54%	\$41,144	\$3.04	\$16.29	241	177	\$98.43	\$345
Programmatic Video - English - HS	2,434,375	9,441	0.39%	\$47,354	\$5.02	\$19.45	210	202	\$114.94	\$345
YouTube - English - HS	4,056,908	1,617	0.04%	\$40,666	\$25.15	\$10.02	108	153	\$155.81	\$157
YouTube - Spanish - HS	3,314,197	3,315	0.10%	\$37,692	\$11.37	\$11.37	71	98	\$223.03	\$157
Programmatic Video PMPs - HS	1,171,513	369	0.03%	\$22,710	\$61.54	\$19.39	62	62	\$183.15	\$345
Programmatic Display Retargeting - HS	691,348	420	0.06%	\$3,529	\$8.40	\$5.10	42	61	\$34.26	\$185
Spotify - HS	2,299,023	4,589	0.20%	\$16,847	\$3.67	\$7.33	-	-	-	
Total	31,288,496	181,124	0.40%	\$396,356	\$2.19	\$12.67	20,626	18,789	\$10.06	\$ 69

- Performance highlights include:
  - -86% reduction in overall cost per action
  - Higher confirm eligibility and claims

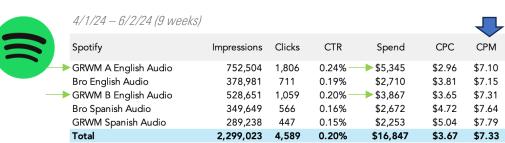


### HS Seniors Campaign - Platform & Creative Performance

Pixels need to be placed in the outcome tracker to confirm Instagrams success in delivering actions



- While "Bro" English recorded lowest CPC, CPM, highest CTR and delivered the most actions it did so at a +50% CPA cost premium compared to "Unbox" English
- "Reels" placements and Look-a-Likes were the top performing tactics
- Cost per action (CPA) on YouTube is the highest of all platforms and in future would test this at a lower share of the budget



Spotify drove strong website traffic considering its significantly lower budget



### HSS - Platform & Creative Performance

"Bro" Spanish recorded the highest number of claimed accounts at the lowest CPA

	Programmatic – ra	anked by a	action								
	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)										1
	VIDEO	Impressions	Clicks	CTR	Spend	VCR	CPC	CPCV	Confirm Eligibility	Claim Account	Cost per Action
	Bro-Spanish	1,245,133	6,906	0.55%	\$20,260	81%	\$2.93	\$0.020	83	<del></del>	\$96.48
	GRWM-Spanish	1,280,082	6,640	0.52%	\$20,884	83%	\$3.15	\$0.020	94	114	\$100.40
	GRWM-English	1,032,378	3,597	0.35%	\$19,310	88%	\$5.37	\$0.02	78	73	\$127.88
	Unbox	1,355,180	3,801	0.28%	\$26,462	90%	\$6.96	\$0.022	95	106	\$131.65
	——▶Bro-English	1,218,330	2,412	0.20%	\$24,293	91%	\$10.07	\$0.022	91	93	\$132.02
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	Iotai	6,131,103	23,356	0.38% \$	111,208	87%	\$4.76	\$0.02	441	513	\$116.57
	Total	6,131,103	23,356	0.38% \$	111,208	87%	\$4.76	\$0.02	441	513	\$116.57
	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)	6,131,103	23,356	0.38% \$	111,208	87%	\$4.76	\$0.02	441	513	\$116.57
	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)							·	Confirm	513 Claim	Cost per
		Impression			111,2 <b>08</b> Spen		\$4.76 CPC	\$0.02			•
Mobile _	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)					d		·	Confirm	Claim	Cost per
Mobile _	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)  DISPLAY - Retargeting	Impression	s Click	s CTR	Spen	d 7	CPC	СРМ	Confirm Eligibility	Claim Account	Cost per Action
Mobile _ Mobile _	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)  DISPLAY - Retargeting  → IYKYK_ENG_320x50_RT	Impression 256,224	is Click	s CTR 0.07%	Spen >\$1,34	d 7	CPC \$7.24	CPM \$5.26	Confirm Eligibility	Claim Account 24	Cost per Action \$25.90
	4/1/24 – 6/2/24 (9 weeks)  DISPLAY - Retargeting  → IYKYK_ENG_320x50_RT IYKYK_ENG_160x600_RT	Impression 256,224 14,356	s Click 186 2	s CTR 0.07% 0.01%	Spen >\$1,34 \$64	d 7 9 \$	CPC \$7.24 \$32.09	CPM \$5.26 - \$4.47	Confirm Eligibility 28 1	Claim Account 24 1	Cost per Action \$25.90 \$32.09
	4/1/24 − 6/2/24 (9 weeks)  DISPLAY - Retargeting  IYKYK_ENG_320x50_RT IYKYK_ENG_160x600_RT  IYKYK_ENG_300x250_RT	Impression 256,224 14,356 218,609	186 2 68	S CTR 0.07% 0.01% 0.03%	Spen	d 7 9	CPC \$7.24 \$32.09 \$16.01	CPM \$5.26 - \$4.47 \$4.98 -	Confirm Eligibility 28 1 23	Claim Account 24 1 7	Cost per Action \$25.90 \$32.09 \$36.29

 Higher spends behind English versions of "Unbox" and "Bro" did not correlate to more actions

- Mobile display ads drove the most actions and in turn received most of the budget
- Digging deeper into retargeting behavior we saw more people going to CalKIDS.org directly than simply clicking on the ad
  - Seen when looking at "view-thru" conversions compared to "click-thru" conversions



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### HS Seniors Campaign Delivery — 02/2024

While we can review these KPIs we don't compare Q2 to Q1 as they targeted different audiences

Campaign KPIs								
Platform	KPI	Industry Goal	Q1/24	02/24				
Display Banners	CTR	0.09%	0.12%	0.40%				
Programmatic Video	CPCV	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02				
Programmatic Audio	CPM	\$9.00	\$10.98	\$7.33 ₩				
Digital Out-of-Home	CPM	\$11.42	\$10.64	-				
Google AdWords	CPCV	\$4.10	\$0.85	-				
	CTR	6.41%	23.80%	-				
	CPA	\$62.80	\$5.71	-				
Facebook/Instagram	Link Clicks (CTR)	0.90%	1.41%	0.20% 🕹				
	CPA	\$7.85	\$0.58	\$4.91				
YouTube	AVR (100%)	35.40%	68.10%	98% 🛉				
	CPV	\$0.37	\$0.12	\$0.01				

- Facebook/Instagram in Q2 utilized a different targeting strategy optimizing towards 'confirm eligibility' and 'claim account'
- A lower CTR and higher CPA was expected in Q2 as our strategy shifted to a smaller audience group and a more specific action



# HS Seniors Campaign Added Value

Maximizing the campaign budget by negotiating additional message exposure (impressions and lower rates) is paramount

#### Additional No-Charge CalKIDS Message Exposure

Media	Added Value Description	Impressions	Value
Facebook/Instagram	Lower CPM resulting in additional impressions	3,446,013	\$25,553
Video	Lower CPM resulting in additional impressions	1,330,525	\$23,411
YouTube	Lower CPM resulting in additional impressions	1,279,087	\$6,078
Audio Streaming	Lower CPM resulting in additional impressions	1,408,593	\$10,322
Display Banners	Lower CPM resulting in additional impressions	246,133	\$1,256
	Total	6,431,264 +21%	\$ <b>60,543</b> +17%

• We negotiated additional no-cost message exposure valued at \$60,543 which represents another +17% of the campaign budget



# **Appendix**



### CalKIDS Parents of School Age Children



Activity for this audience ran in April and May 2024





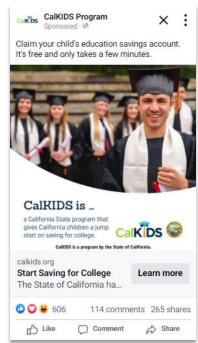
Facebook Stories Spanish Video Ad







Facebook Feed Retargeting Image ad



Facebook Feed Retargeting Image Ad



### CalKIDS Parents of School Age Children

Activity for this audience ran in April and May 2024





Instagram Feed Targeting Lookalikes
Carousel ad



# CalKIDS.org 02/24 Visitor Traffic

• The most "engaged" website visitors came from smaller cities i.e., outside LA, San Diego, San Francisco, etc

### CalKIDS.org Traffic — Highest Engagement

	Engaged Sessions	Engagement Rate
Reedley	1,438	62.2%
Tulare	2,337	57.1%
Moreno Valley	→ 8,174	56.8%
Menifee	2,299	56.6%
El Monte	2,119	56.5%
Perris	5,637	56.0%
Lynwood	1,500	53.5%
Murrieta	1,748	51.4%
San Jacinto	1,133	51.4%
Salinas	3,904	51.1%
Fresno	→ 17,601	49.8%
Hemet	2,671	49.6%
Redding	1,399	49.5%
Corona	1,744	49.4%
Bakersfield	6,385	49.2%
Temecula	1,332	49.2%
Friday Harbor	1,014	48.6%
Clovis	1,450	48.5%
Baldwin Park	1,128	48.4%
Hesperia	3,169	48.3%
Hawthorne	1,693	47.6%
Oceanside	2,311	47.5%
Garden Grove	1,533	47.4%
Berkeley	1,018	47.0%
Napa	1,097	46.9%

Cities with engaged session >1,000



# CalKIDS Campaign Expenditure — 02/2024

#### High School Seniors Campaign

Media	Apr	May	Jun		Total	
Facebook/IG	\$ 60,371	\$ 80,435	\$	5,223	\$ 146,030	
YouTube	\$ 26,166	\$ 50,020	\$	2,188	\$ 78,374	
Audio Streaming	\$ 10,936	\$ 5,774	\$	321	\$ 17,031	
Display Banners	\$ 1,630	\$ 1,788	\$	111	\$ 3,529	
Video	\$ 54,778	\$ 53,794	\$	2,636	\$ 111,208	
Total	\$ 153,882	\$ 191,811	\$	10,479	\$ 356,173	

Only two days of activity occurred in June

#### Parents of School Age Children Campaign

Media	Apr	May	Jun		Total
Facebook/IG	\$ 28,857	\$ 13,940	\$	0	\$ 42,797



### **GA4 Terminology**

#### Average Engagement Time

Average engagement time tells you the average amount of time people spend on your website or app. This metric is calculated by dividing the total time by the total number of users. To calculate time, a user needs to spend at least one second on a page, and Google Analytics only counts the amount of time when the browser is visible (time is not counted when the browser or tab is hidden or minimized). See also user engagement and average engagement time per session.

#### Average Engagement Time per Session

This metric is similar to average engagement time but based on sessions instead of users. This metric is calculated by dividing the total time by the total number of sessions. See also average engagement time.

#### **Bounce Rate**

Bounce rate is the percentage of sessions that last less than ten seconds, do not include a conversion, and/or only include one page view. In GA4 bounce rate is the percentage of sessions that are not 'engaged'. See also engaged sessions.

#### Direct

Direct traffic includes people who typed your website's URL into their browser or clicked a link in an email application (that didn't include campaign tags). Direct sessions will also include other cases where Google Analytics cannot identify the source of the click. Google Analytics will only assign 'direct' as a last resort. When a known source is used, that source will be attributed to the session.

#### **Engagement Rate**

The engagement rate metric is calculated by dividing the number of engaged sessions by the total number of sessions. For example, if there were 70 engaged sessions and a total of 100 sessions, then the engagement rate would be 70%. See also engaged sessions.

#### **Engaged Sessions**

Google Analytics will report an engaged session when a session lasts longer than ten seconds, when a session includes at least one conversion, or when a session includes two or more page views. You can adjust the amount of time for a session to be considered engaged. To do this, you need to open the data stream, select 'Configure Tag Settings', then 'Show All', and choose 'Adjust Session Timeout'. See also engagement rate.

#### Not Set

Not set can be seen in a number of different reports and indicates that a particular piece of information is not available within the report. For example, in the city report not set indicates that Google Analytics could not determine someone's exact geographic location when they accessed your website. While not set in the acquisition reports can occur when a campaign tagged URL hasn't been fully constructed (for example, if 'source' isn't defined, it will be displayed as not set within the report).

#### User Engagement

User engagement measures how long people have viewed your content, including pages and screens. Google Analytics calculates time using the *user\_engagement* event, which is automatically collected when someone navigates to another page on your website or leaves your website. Time is only counted when the page or screen is visible. For example, when a tab is hidden, this time is not included in the user engagement metric. See also average engagement time.

#### **UTM** Tag

UTM tags are the individual query parameters used to make up a campaign-tagged URL. The UTM tags include utm\_name, utm\_source, utm\_medium, utm\_term, utm\_content, and utm\_id. UTM stands for 'Urchin Traffic Monitor' (Urchin was the precursor to Google Analytics). See also campaign tags.

