



## **Childhood Advisory Council Committee Reports Thursday, December 8, 2022**

### **Subsidized Programs Consortium Committee:**

The committee continues to meet to discuss and strategize the effects of the pandemic on their programs. Countywide vaccine and test sites are open to serve students, faculty and auxiliary staff. Programs, families and children are grappling with a “tri-pandemic” that includes: COVID-19, flu and RSV viruses. Workforce shortages continue to impact child care programs and have prevented some early education programs from opening classrooms and centers, thereby reducing the overall capacity to serve eligible children in the community.

### **Inclusive Early Education Expansion Leadership Team (IEEEP):**

The IEEEP Leadership Team meets monthly to discuss how to support the children with special needs enrolled in their programs. Professional development topics and future training opportunities are decided upon based upon survey data collected by staff. Recently CAC and CDRC collaborated on the well-attended Building Community Resilience: What’s in Our Soil? training for early educators. A follow up “Reset” training is in the planning stages. Staff are working on updating the Path To Inclusion resource binder and the SPIN county support services flow chart. Leadership meetings provided a presentation by Special Parents Information Network (SPIN), and IEEEP programs learned about family resources available in the county.

### **Childhood Advisory Council – Executive Committee:**

Members meet periodically to develop quarterly CAC meetings, discuss emerging public policy issues and continuing COVID-19 impact on the child care industry. Members quickly responded to assist with the CAC Self Evaluation report submitted to the state on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.