



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

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COE Child Care Briefing Meetings:

The Superintendent Dr. Sabbah, County Health Program Specialist, CAC coordinator, and the Child Development Programs team continue to inform the early care community each week about the latest health issues. The “tri-pandemic” COVID-19, flu and RSV viruses are impacting the community lately. County and state health recommendations and resources are shared with the child care community. In addition, emergency preparedness and county wide communication systems are being designed to include the early education community. Meeting recordings, chats, vaccines, testing locations, resources and COVID test kits are shared with the early care community.

Workforce Development Pathway (WDP):

The WDP provided funding for the Building Community Resilience: “What’s in Our Soil?” training for early educators. A follow up “Reset” training is in the planning stages. Future professional development will focus on dual language learners – welcoming immigrant families and focusing on anti-bias.

The Higher Education reimbursement program is accepting applications for early educators enrolled in ECE, English and Math college courses. The first round of reimbursements will be for fall 2022. Applications are due by December 31, 2022.

Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP):

The IEEEP Leadership Team completed the IEEEP strategic plan in June, which includes a grant deliverables matrix and a professional development matrix containing training information, resources and links.

The mental health consultants and First 5 ELS manager presented an Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) training in June. ASQ is the last training needed to complete the grant’s professional development requirements.

Professional development topics and participation numbers are listed in the CAC Annual report PowerPoint.

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Grant:

The CAC submitted the Letter of Intent to the state to coordinate the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup in Santa Cruz County. The CAC will lead the discussion to develop a UPK mixed delivery early care plan for our county. The plan is due to the state by June 30, 2023. RFD will be released in the winter months. The LPC (CAC) were identified possible leads to create the Plan due to the variety of early care and community partners and members involved in the Local Planning Council's. Details will be shared when more is learned about the specifics of the grant.

Committee's/Meetings attended by the Community Organizer:

- Weekly COE Child Care Briefings with Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent and Child Development Programs Team
- California Child Care Coordinators Quarterly Meetings.
- COEPACD Mtgs.
- UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Mtgs.
- CDSS/CELCD State Mtgs.
- South County COVID-19 Support System Triage Mtgs.
- CDE/Early Learning and Care Division Guidance Mtgs.
- CAC Subsidized Programs Consortium Mtgs.
- First 5 QCSCC Leadership team Mtg.
- Cabrillo College Advisory Mtg.
- QCC SC Consortia Mtg.
- COE All Staff Mtg.
- IEEEP Leadership Mtgs.
- PVUSD Early Literacy Collaborative
- CAC Executive Committee Mtgs.
- CDE/ELCD Child Care Transition All Stakeholders Mtgs.
- UTK/UPK statewide webinars
- QCC/SCQCC Administrators Orientation Mtgs.
- California Child Care Coordinators Association Mtgs.
- Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan Mtgs.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway