



## **Childhood Advisory Council Committee Report Thursday, November 19, 2020**

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

The Subsidized Programs Consortium Committee returned to meeting on a monthly basis at the start of the school year. The committee continues to meet to discuss the impact of the crisis on their programs, CDE/ELCD Management Bulletins/Guidance, County Public Health & Governor's directives, Economic Recovery Council, Community Care Licensing expectations and the County Superintendent and school district Superintendents agreements.

In addition, administrators shared in person and distance learning resources, materials for children, community resources for families, such as, food distribution, census information and safety supplies incentives for child care providers. Members assisted with providing support for the two new programs launched by COE/CAC, the Workforce Development Pathway and the Inclusive Early Education Expansion grants.

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

Members meet periodically to develop the quarterly CAC meetings, discuss public policy issues, and the impact of COVID-19 on the child care industry. Members stay in touch on a continuous basis to strategize support for center closures, in person care, city/county responses to COVID-19, CARES grants for child care programs, safety supply distribution, "Pop-Up" child care, family needs and ongoing mental and physical impact of COVID-19 on the child care industry. Also discussed was the transition of an established state child care subsidized program to ensure the funding allocated to the county continues to serve the children and families of Santa Cruz County.

### **Early Care and Education Conference:**

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the conference has been postponed this year.