



Childhood Advisory Council Committee Reports Thursday, February 11, 2021

Subsidized Programs Consortium Committee:

The committee continues to meet to discuss and strategize the impact of the crisis on their programs. Collectively reviewing the latest 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 share in person and distance learning resources, materials for children, community resources for families, such as, food distribution and safety supplies incentives for child care providers. Staff in SPC programs are actively participating in two programs launched by COE/CAC, the Workforce Development Pathway and the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program. Professional development and coaching sessions are provided to support full implementation of new quality improvement curriculum concepts.

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 exposures and cases of COVID-19, center closures, in person care, city/county responses to COVID-19, Program Protection Program grants, safety supply distribution, family needs and ongoing mental health impact of COVID-19 on the child care industry. The new proposed budget and a visit to elected officials will be scheduled in the coming months. Local child care issues, such as high fees for child care jurisdictional business licenses, permits and the need for local ordinances to reduce the high cost of opening a new center or family child care home.

Early Care and Education Conference:

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