



## **Childhood Advisory Council Committee Reports Thursday, May 12, 2022**

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

The committee continues to meet to discuss and strategize the effects of the pandemic on their programs. Countywide vaccinate and test sites are open to serve students, faculty and auxiliary staff. Subsidized programs are offering in-person care at their centers and family child care homes and continue to adhere to strict health and safety protocols to keep children, families and staff safe.

Workforce shortages continue to impact the number of children enrolled in subsidized child care programs and have prevented larger early education programs from opening all their centers, thereby reducing the overall capacity to serve eligible children in the community.

SPC early educators continue to actively participate in two programs coordinated by the COE/CAC, the Workforce Development Pathway and the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program. Professional development and coaching sessions were provided to support full implementation of new quality improvement curriculum concepts, such as, Dual Language Learners – TALLK Project and the Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

### **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 respond when action is needed with recommendations to local and state officials. The Executive Committee continues to focus on Universal Transitional Kindergarten and Universal Prekindergarten and suggested adding these topics to all future COE Child Care Briefings, CAC meetings and subcommittees to inform the child care community.

Members of the executive committee attended scheduled visits with Assembly Member Stone and Senator Laird, to request if they would champion a budget request to increase state funding to Local Child Care Planning Council's (Childhood Advisory Council). The budget request is moving forward in the Assembly and Senate committees.

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

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