



Childhood Advisory Council Committee Reports Thursday, May 13, 2021

Subsidized Programs Consortium Committee:

The committee continues to meet to discuss and strategize reopening their programs. Our county is currently in the COVID-19 orange tier with hopes of moving to the yellow tier in the near future. Subsidized programs are cautiously reopening their centers to offer care to families for the remainder of the fiscal year. However looking ahead, many program administrators are finding it difficult to enroll children for the fall semester. To remedy this, a marketing subcommittee will meet to strategize and design effective outreach materials and possibly seek a marketing consultant in the future.

SPC members continue to share distance learning resources, materials for children, community resources for families, such as, food distribution and safety supplies incentives for child care providers.

SPC early educators continue to actively participate 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 quickly respond when action is needed with recommendations to local and state officials during this new phase of COVID-19 transition. Members stay in touch on a continuous basis to strategize reopening programs, facilities available to operate programs and city/county responses to economic recovery of the child care industry. There is continued focus on equity, inclusion and diversity that will assist ECE stakeholders and members to evaluate the services they are providing to the greater community.

Early Care and Education Conference:

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