



Inclusive Early Education Expansion (IEEEP) Minutes Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:00-10:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting

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I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. INCLUSION EARLY EDUCATION EXPANSION PROGRAM (IEEEP) OVERVIEW

- The intent of this grant is to expand the number of children with special needs that are cared for in early learning and care programs in our county.
- The main strategy to ensure the expansion of care for children with special needs is:
 - to inform and expand the knowledge of early learning and care teaching staff, so they can through observation,
 - determine if a child needs extra learning support,
 - feel confident partnering and communicating with families to address needed supports, and
 - access community resources to support children with disabilities, e.g. Easter Seals, Special Parents Information Network, SELPA, Santa Cruz County Health Department

IEEEP Site Leadership Team will:

- Focus on identification protocols and referral resources
- On-site coaching and technical assistance following training
- Providing training in the knowledge and skills that will enable ELC program staff to fully include children with disabilities, including with severe disabilities, in their programs
- Training opportunities accessible through different modalities: in person, online and follow-up observations and coaching sessions
- A professional development plan for onboarding new staff members

III. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

ELC program staff have the benefit of extensive professional development currently provided by SCCOE, the North Santa Cruz County SELPA, the Childhood Advisory Council, Child Development Resource Center, First 5 Santa Cruz County, PVUSD, QCC, and the Special Parents Information Network.

- SCCOE, in consortium with Santa Clara County Office of Education and Monterey County Office of Education, is a recipient of the Inclusive Early Learning and Care Coordination Program (IELCCP) and provides support services for universal design for learning and trauma informed systems for fully inclusive ELC classrooms.
- The North Santa Cruz County SELPA provides professional development in a variety of topics according to a year-long calendar. The North Santa Cruz County SELPA also conducts a Special Education Fair at the Santa Cruz Children's Museum and the Parents Helping Parents program.
- Childhood Advisory Council annually develops a joint SCCOE/First 5 QCC countywide professional development calendar that includes training opportunities for the CA Teaching Pyramid, CPIN Math and Science Standards and Family Partnerships, Trauma Informed Systems, Early Care and Education Conference, Diving Deeper into SEEDS, Workforce Registry and DRDP Overview.
- Child Development Resource Center provides professional development in Trauma Informed Care, Licensing Updates, CPR First Aid, Preventative Health and Mandated Reporter and Parent Café training
- First 5 Santa Cruz County provides professional development in QCC, CLASS, ASQ, SEEDS, and DRDP.

The IEEEP Grant has several professional development requirements the state has recommended:

- Pyramid Model Implemented with Practice-Based Coaching
- Inclusion Works – WestEd will offer training on latest update of this publication
- Beginning Together training series
- Universal Design for Early Learning (UDL) – we have taped trainings available to programs
- Ages & Stages Questionnaire Third Edition (ASQ-3) – Is this ongoing in IEEEP programs?
- Adaptations and Accommodations - The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN)
- Behavior and the Use of Positive Behavioral Supports - The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN)
- Trauma Informed Care

Working on and will deliver:

- Teaching Pyramid and CPIN professional development flyers for input.
- Mention training with Dana and Sonia
- Beginning Together with Karen

IV. IEEEP PROGRAM SUPPORT DISCUSSION

- The IEEEP grant set aside funding for each participating program to provide substitute teachers to support one on one and shadowing of children with special needs when needed in the amount of \$2,000.00

V. MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT UPDATE

- Encompass Head Start and other programs shared possible mental health consultants that I contacted.
- To date I had a nice conversation with **Maria Medel Vazquez**. Her phone number is (831) 676-8107 and email is medel.marias@gmail.com and is bilingual.

She works with First 5 Santa Clara County providing counseling, services or mental support to families and teachers through this collaboration. She was very impressed by what our leadership group is hoping to do and will get back to me soon.

- I'm still searching and if anyone has another consultant that you would like me to contact, please let me know.

VI. NEXT STEPS