



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

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- I. CAC Central Coast Early Care and Education Conference**
 - Coordinator worked with CCECE Conference Committee to coordinate the Central Coast Early Care Conference held on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00 – 1:30 pm at Cabrillo College. There were 225 local and regional early educators, community based organizations, educational institutions and student volunteers in attendance. Leticia Mendoza was presented with the Vision and Voice Award and Eric Hoffman received the Early Educator of the Year Award.

- II. AB 300 Individualized Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan**
 - Coordinator continues to monitor AB 300 Pilot Plan during the early implementation stages this fiscal year. Some programs are showing increased enrollment and wait lists due to the local contract regulation changes in the Plan.

- III. Human Services Department – Child Care Developer Fee Program**
 - Coordinator joined ECE partners in providing guidance throughout the Developer Fee Program development, program selection and allocation process.
 - Coordinator attended Human Services Commission meetings to provide process information to HSD Commissioners. In addition, the Coordinator asked Commissioners to consider the creation of a Developer Fee Program Emergency Fund. This small emergency fund would provide child care programs, of all types, some financial support to repair their facilities in order to maintain their state license between each Developer Fee processes. The fund would stabilize the current child care capacity in the county and prevent financially strapped programs from closing their doors, due to inability to repair their facilities. The HSD Commissioners recommended that staff explore an emergency fund. More to come.

- IV. Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP)**
 - The County Office of Education submitted the IEEEP grant with the assistance of the CAC Coordinator, Subsidized Program Consortium members, Special Education community and School Districts.
 - The purpose of the grant is to expand capacity to serve more children with challenging behaviors and disabilities in inclusive early care environments. To achieve this, state funded child care programs staff will receive intensive professional development and coaching via multiple modalities on inclusive practices and topic areas. This four year grant includes over site by the IEEEP Leadership Team who will offer ongoing grant support.