



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz Thursday, December 9, 2021

Response to COVID-19 Delta

Since the onset of the Coronavirus the CAC Community Organizer joined Superintendent Sabbah and Child Development Programs team to inform the early care community about breaking news bulletins, county and state health directives, guidance, recommendations, licensing updates, financial assistance programs and resources available. The Community Organizer consistently shares meeting recordings, Chats, vaccine and testing locations, exposure protocols, health and safety guidelines, child care group size, licensing regulations, economic recovery updates, and coordinated resources available throughout the county.

Our County is currently experiencing the effects of the COVID-19 Delta variant and a new variant has been identified – Omicron. There has been an increase in COVID cases which triggered new indoor mask order for the county. Students 5-11 years are eligible for the vaccine. COE and community partners have set up vaccine posts throughout the county to ensure accessibility to the vaccine.

Quality Counts California Workforce Development Pathway Program (QCCWDP)

The County Office of Education, Childhood Advisory Council - QCC Workforce Development Pathway program delivered 2 professional development training sessions where 75 early educators attended the CLASS Observer Overview. In January & February a three-part series on Multilanguage Learners have been scheduled.

Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP)

The IEEEP Leadership Team continues to meet to discuss grant goals, and gather inclusive program implementation needs and resources. A strategic plan consultant will begin the process in January 2022 to develop grant vision, goals and outcomes will assist with mapping grant progress.

The Childhood Advisory Council- IEEEP program continues to host a three-part Universal Design for Early Learning series, presented by Kevin Schafer through February 2022.

Currently, the Community Organizer is collaborating with SELPA's from North & South, Special Parent Information Network and San Andreas Regional Center to present an IEP process and community resources training early next calendar year.

The community organizer is onboarding a mental health coach/consultant to work with the early learning program staff to offer children with challenging behaviors and disabilities added support and resources.

Committee's/Meetings attended by the Community Organizer

- Weekly COE Child Care Briefings with Superintendent Sabbah
- California Child Care Coordinators Quarterly mtg.
- COEPACD mtg.

- CDSS/CELCD state mtgs.
- South County COVID-19 Support System Triage mtg.
- CDE/Early Learning and Care Division Guidance mtg.
- CAC Subsidized Programs Consortium mtg.
- First 5 QCSCC Leadership team mtg.
- COE All Staff mtg.
- IEEEP Leadership mtg.
- Central Coast Early Care Advocacy Network mtg.
- PVUSD Early Literacy Collaborative
- CAC Executive Committee mtg.
- CDE/ELCD Child Care Transition All Stakeholders mtg.
- CDE/IEEEP Grant mtg.
- QCC/SCQCC Administrators Orientation mtg.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway mtg.