



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz Thursday, February 10, 2022

Response to COVID-19 Omicron

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 to the child care community. Following COE Child Care Briefing meeting the CAC community organizer shares meeting recordings, Chats, new vaccine and testing locations, updated 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 Omicron variant and a new variant has been identified – Omicron. There has been an increase in COVID cases which triggered new indoor mask orders for the county. Students 5-11 years are eligible for the vaccine. COE and community partners have set up additional vaccine and testing locations throughout the county to ensure accessibility to the public.

Quality Counts California Workforce Development Pathway Program (QCCWDP)

The County Office of Education, Childhood Advisory Council - QCC Workforce Development Pathway program will issue educational awards to 58 early educators for attending CLASS Observer Overview training. Six early educators, currently working in licensed child care programs will receive reimbursements for the cost of taking and successfully completing Early Care and Education courses.

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 to develop grant vision, goals and outcomes and will assist with mapping grant progress.

The Childhood Advisory Council- IEEEP program will host the last Universal Design of Learning of the series, presented by Kevin Schafer through February 12, 2022. Currently, the Community Organizer is collaborating with Linda Brault, WestEd. Principal author of Inclusion Works to present a two-part series in March.

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 Meetings.
- COEPACD Mtgs.
- CDSS/CELCD State Mtgs.
- South County COVID-19 Support System Triage Mtgs.
- CDE/Early Learning and Care Division Guidance Mtgs.
- CAC Subsidized Programs Consortium Mtgs.
- First 5 QCSCC Leadership team Mtg.
- Cabrillo College – ECE Mtg.
- QCC SC Consortia Mtg.
- COE All Staff Mtg.
- IEEEP Leadership Mtgs.
- Central Coast Early Care Advocacy Network Mtg.
- PVUSD Early Literacy Collaborative
- CAC Executive Committee Mtgs.
- CDE/ELCD Child Care Transition All Stakeholders Mtgs.
- UTK/UPK statewide webinar
- QCC/SCQCC Administrators Orientation Mtgs.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway