



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

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COE Child Care Briefing Meetings:

Superintendent Sabbah, County Health Program Specialist, CAC coordinator, and the Child Development Programs team continue to inform the early care community each week about the latest health issues. Discussions continue to address county and state health recommendations, as well as resources, as our community moves into the next phase of the pandemic. In addition, the COE will host the Incident Command Systems Academy, a comprehensive emergency preparedness training academy designed to assist the early education community to prepare for the next emergency. Meeting recordings, chats, vaccine information, testing locations, resources and COVID test kits are shared with the early care community.

Workforce Development Pathway (WDP):

The WDP will provide two training curriculum topics; Dual Language Learners and Anti-bias, in which the state has invested time and resources. This quarter we will offer the Dual Language Learners: The role that culture and immigration play in language development, and Anti-Bias: A look at how internal bias impacts teaching and learning. Both training sessions will be facilitated by Gelacio Gonzalez of Awindo Consulting. A follow up “Reset” training is in the planning stages. The WDP coordinator will process stipends for training participation and higher education applications this month.

Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP):

The IEEEP Leadership Team continues to support the coordinator by offering input, data and training recommendations. Based on data collected from programs administrators, the following trainings were coordinated to meet early educators and program needs:

- Building Your Language Tool Kit: Supportive Language Strategies for Inclusive Early Childhood Settings Training Series, facilitated by Dana Cox, ECE Consultant, Registered Nurse, Early Childhood Special Educator and Morgan Demetras, Seabright Speech Therapy, APC.
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) & Advocacy: Learning the fundamentals of the IEP & 504 process while learning to be advocates for children and families, facilitated by Gelacio Gonzalez, Awindo Consulting.

Early Care, Education and After-School Care Master Plan

The CAC Executive Committee and CAC community organizer are collaborating with Joanne Brion, Brion Economics Inc. to update the Master Plan and the Child Care Subsidy Priorities reports. A master plan subcommittee has been developed to provide

input and direction. Members are welcome to join the committee. Please contact Diane Munoz to learn more about how you can get involved.

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Grant:

The CAC submitted the Letter of Intent to the state to coordinate the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup in Santa Cruz County. The CAC will lead the discussion to develop a UPK mixed delivery early care plan for our county. The plan is due to the state by June 30, 2023. RFD will be released sometime in February 2023.

Committee's/Meetings attended by the Community Organizer:

- Weekly COE Child Care Briefings with Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent and Child Development Programs Team
- California Child Care Coordinators Quarterly Meetings.
- COEPACD Mtgs.
- UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Meetings.
- 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 Advisory Mtg.
- QCC SC Consortia Mtg.
- COE All Staff Mtg.
- IEEEP Leadership Mtgs.
- PVUSD Early Literacy Collaborative
- CAC Executive Committee Mtgs.
- CDE/ELCD Child Care Transition All Stakeholders Mtgs.
- UTK/UPK statewide webinars
- QCC/SCQCC Administrators Orientation Mtgs.
- California Child Care Coordinators Association Mtgs.
- Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan Mtgs.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway