



## **Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz**

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### **Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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, 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.

### **Quality Counts California Workforce Development Pathway Program (QCCWDP)**

The County Office of Education, Childhood Advisory Council - QCC Workforce Development Pathway program RFA for 2022-2023 was submitted in late April. For the remainder of the year, early educators will receive training on self care and increasing resiliency using life tools and supportive materials, in addition to Professional Growth Advisor and Workforce Registry coaching sessions.

### **Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP)**

The IEEEEP 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- IEEEEP program provided training on Inclusion Works, second edition and will end the year with a training focusing on belonging, ADHD disability. Alyssa Alto, author of Little Mama, a book about a little girl who had ADHD as a child but didn't learn about this until she was 26 years old. Alyssa Alto will read the book to early educators in English and Spanish. Each early person will receive a signed copy of the book. Gelacio Gonzalez will lead the discussion focusing on the importance of "Belonging."

The community organizer hired two mental health consultants who are designing a screening, action plan and communication protocols. The goal is to have one screening tool that all mental health consultants will use. The consultants will present an ASQ training later this month about the Ages and Stages Questionnaire tool. They will also facilitate small discussion groups.

**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