



## **Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz** Thursday, May 13, 2021

### **Coronavirus Crisis Response**

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, licensing updates, financial assistance programs and resources available.

Community Organizer shared resources, professional development events, health and safety guidelines, new child care group size and back to licensing regulations information, economic recovery updates, coordinated resources and support for listeners and answered questions.

Now that our county has moved to the COVID-19 orange tier and may move into the yellow tier in the near future, the Community Organizer informs early educators about the availability of COVID testing and vaccines, and continues to distribute outreach materials to the child care community about the increasing number of vaccine clinic sites available throughout the county for child care providers and 16+ populations.

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

The County Office of Education, Childhood Advisory Council - QCC Workforce Development Pathway program continues to deliver professional development on the following topics to increase early learning and care providers to build confidence in their knowledge about the states workforce registry website, maintaining their Child Development permits, supporting dual language learners and accessing the California Early Childhood Online website. In addition, this program offers financial support to early educators enrolled in early care and education college courses.

**Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant (IEEEP)** the County Office of Education - Childhood Advisory Council hosted WestEd. Inclusive Teaching Pyramid training facilitated by Linda Brault and Dana Cox, and the Professional Learning Community (PLC) session for participating program staff. The PLC is intended to offer implementation support and materials to assist programs serving young children with special needs and severe disabilities. The IEEEP Leadership Team continues to meet to discuss grant goals, and gather inclusive program implementation needs and resources.

### **Economic Recovery Council (ERC) of Santa Cruz County**

The CAC Community Organizer attends weekly ERC meetings to receive COVID-19 updates from the County Health Director. The updates and discussion following are focused on the county moving to the orange tier and possibly into the yellow tier in the near future. The community organizer asks clarifying questions on behalf of the ECE field, supplies child care data, COVID-19 stories from the early education field. The ERC Blueprint Tier Reports in Spanish and English and other safety reports, handouts etc. are forward to the child care community on a regular basis.

### **Committee's/Meetings attended by the Community Organizer:**

- Weekly COE Child Care Briefings with Superintendent Sabbah
- California Child Care Coordinators Quarterly Mtg.
- Economic Recovery Council mtg.
- Met with Assembly Member Stone: COVID-19 & child care industry
- COEPACD mtg.
- 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.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway mtg.
- Santa Cruz County ACEs Network of Care - The Pair of ACEs in Practice