



**Subsidized Programs Consortium Notes  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:00-11:00 AM**

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**Facilitator:** Diane Munoz (Childhood Advisory Council, Community Organizer)

Time	Item	Presenter/s
9:00	I. <b>Welcome and Introductions:</b> Additions to agenda	Diane
9:05	II. <b>Reopening Challenges &amp; Adaptations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cabrillo dealt with an exposure, positive with no symptoms.</b> They followed SPOT policy and process.</li> <li>● CB, Linelist document county health and licensing have a document. Testing schedule was discussed so keeping the schedules and shifting information is confusing for everyone. Follow up is to have alignment - outbreaks tracing. You should get some information on this.</li> <li>● Head Start hasn't been able to open 5 centers due to short staffing. Center was closed due to a positive child.</li> <li>● Licensing checked in on the child another layer of monitoring and wanted to make sure the children returned to the center. Courtney Nelson CCL Elizabeth Barrios in Freedom, CCL</li> <li>● LOSD staffing challenges, emotional stress of staff, FT site sup opening. MEI is in classrooms all the time. Positive cases in school because the kids in the classrooms can't attend the after school programs at all.</li> <li>● PVUSD: Going OK very few children in the classrooms, DRDP is due soon. not sure how great those are going to be. They have an exposure and</li> </ul>	All

	<p>will need to ask the parent to test the child and well will follow quarantine policy. She calls parents to hear their reactions when they are upset when I tell them they can't bring their children to school. Very stressful. Kept enrollment low due to staffing shortage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOSD ASQ Parent Day went well and we were full and Meghan was awesome and they appreciated their help. aParent went well and parents enjoyed working with their children. Great experience.</li> <li>• Vicki, question is low at PV what does it look like? 178 enrolled pre pandemic 350. Lisa - Sita will gather enrollment - capacity and and we need to bring this information to the next meeting.</li> </ul> <p>CB is running at 32% and Fairgrounds is open. Stipends are coming out. Spent time in the classrooms on Friday and it was a great experience. Many children have challenging behaviors and it's difficult to learn if children have an IEP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are going to look at the 0-2.5 yrs curriculum due to the TK and younger children will be cared for in our programs.</li> <li>• Looking art Learning Geni</li> </ul> <p>Go Kids: having staffing issues and Stipends will be going out this Friday! They got 4 million which will increase by \$800,00.</p> <p>Let Sita know that this is a good time to transfer Bridge children to AP. A survey letter will be going to be sent out. Jessicka will send the survey letter to me to send out. YWCA of Watsonville: providing on site services, staff meetings, distancing, continuing safety protocols. They just hired a new cook and are in training this week. We are at capacity and one staff member received her teacher permit. Parent coordinator.</p> <p>WAFWC: hiring process has been a real struggle, teacher put in her 2 week notice. Need to solve the ratios in the classroom now that we will be minus a teacher. We will conduct an inservice day, everyone is exhausted, self care and PD organize the classrooms with staff on site. DRDP and back to school night will be organized. DB is the sub in classrooms and takes away from admin duties.</p> <p>Self Care Day - Melanie what are you doing? DB staff get a self care day a year to show appreciation for staff. Each classroom needed to meet in person.</p>	
<p>9:45</p>	<p><b>III. Legislative &amp; UTK Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credentialing, environments, age appropriate practices and play based curriculum. HOW do the kids go to a small environment in a school district that isn't getting paid a penny but are now turning the kids over to them?</li> <li>• Can't believe that this is the experience - it's about having the ECE development, What will ECE do?</li> <li>• WE don't know if all 4 year olds be ready to attend TK</li> </ul>	<p>Larry</p>

	<p>TK Forum next year. There are pockets of districts where we have someone with an ECE background but in some districts don't. Jessica agrees with Lisa, even at 8 to 1 is a struggle. I want to advocate that schools not be associated with schools. parents should be able to choose from all offers. Low income families can't have a family fee. Preschool for All means Preschool for All not parent fee.</p> <p>Lorena will need to adapt to younger children and increased special needs. Families may not be able to get the services for special needs. The smaller ratios are better and offered. Families may want to choose.</p> <p>Vicki is broken, glad to have this discussion and we will raise concerns. Where are the statewide organizations? They are just saying we need to have free access and deal with it later.</p> <p>Kris Perry, why the compromise, and how do</p> <p>Leticia, behavioral issues that children have will increase the need for reduced ratios. This will force us to pay more attention to family involvement to support families but to provide resources for living.</p> <p>Lisa parents are being sold a golden ticket and families may not know as much as they should before they make the decision to enroll their children.</p> <p>Lisa, data point how many kids would be going to go into TK classrooms? ETK how many kids are we talking about.</p> <p>Some kids may not have had an early care experience. The school needs to know about this, because it will affect the makeup of the classrooms.</p> <p>There are not afterschool programs - now what? Will the early care programs provide after school care?</p> <p>Vicki asks Scott Moore to the next SPC meeting to ask the questions.?</p> <p>Mark Stone provide scenarios</p>	
10:10	<b>IV. Workforce &amp; IEEEP Update &amp; QCC CSPP Block Grant</b>	Diane
10:25	<b>V. Santa Cruz County Child Care Needs Assessment</b>	Diane
10:35	<b>VI. R &amp; R and First 5 Update</b>	Meghan Sita Vicki
10:50	<b>VII. Announcements</b>	All
11:00	<b>VIII. Adjourn</b>	All

**Next meetings:** SPC mtg. Wednesday, November 3, 2021 (the first Wednesday of every month).