



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

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COE Child Care Briefing Meetings:

County Superintendent Dr. Sabbah, County Health Program Specialist and the Child Development Programs team continue to inform the early care community each week about the latest health issues facing the community. Recent floods turned the focus to updates on evacuation site locations, water, clothing and food distribution sites. Followed by return home, clean up protocols established by County and state officials. Narcan distribution information and resources were shared as well. Meeting recordings, chats continue to be shared with the early care community on a weekly basis.

CAC New Website Development:

The CAC community organizer and staff assistant partnered with Team of Horses web developers to create the new CAC website. The website will align with the COE website to build continuity in messaging to the community. The launch of the website will be the week of April 10th. The link to the new website will be shared widely with CAC members, friends, partners and the community at large.

Workforce Development Pathway (WDP):

The WDP will provide two training curriculum topics, dual language learners and anti-bias, the state has invested time and resources. This quarter 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, Awindo Consulting. WDP coordinator processed educational awards for 40 early educators who participated in training sessions and higher education applications to six early educators that successfully completed unit bearing college courses to advance their degrees 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 upon child disabilities data collected from program administrators, the following trainings were offered in February and March:

- 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.

One of the IEEEP grant goals is to support Special Parents Information Network (SPIN) in updating the SPIN Resource Guide and the disabilities support services flow chart. The guide will be used by families with a child with disabilities, early care and education programs and mental health consultants.

- IEEEP and SPIN are partnering with Digital Nest is producing flow chart are in the final stages of selecting new formatting and color scheme.

Early Care, Education and After-School Care Strategic Plan:

The CAC Executive Committee and CAC community organizer are collaborating with Joanne Brion, Brion Economics Inc. to continue to update the CAC Strategic Plan and the Child Care Subsidy Priorities reports. The strategic plan subcommittee provided input and direction on the community child care survey prior to launching it last week. Data has been collected and collated for the mini needs' assessment that will be added to the strategic plan. Members are welcome to join the committee, please contact Diane to learn more about how you can get involved.

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Grant:

The CAC community organizer and educational consultant are working on the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup RFD, due April 14th. The CAC, educational consultant will lead the discussion to develop a UPK mixed delivery early plan for our county. CAC will be reaching out to CAC members, school district representatives and partners to join in the planning process. The final plan is due to the state by June 30, 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
- Brion Economics Inc. Mtgs.
- Team of Horses Mtgs.
- Thrive by Five Mtgs.
- California Child Care Coordinators Quarterly Mtgs.
- COEPACD Mtgs.
- UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup 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.
- Bay Area Coordinators Mtgs.
- AB 1352 Child Care Pilot Legislation Mtgs.
- 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.
- Child Care Subsidy Pilot Plan Mtgs.
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway Webinars