



Childhood Advisory Council Committee Reports Thursday, May 9, 2024

Subsidized Programs Consortium Committee:

The SPC subcommittee of the CAC is focusing some of their efforts on young children's social emotional development and support services strategies. There is interest in developing a comprehensive support services plan for children with disabilities. In addition, planning for the CA Teaching Pyramid Module training in the fall and QCC professional development and program ratings were discussed.

Childhood Advisory Council – Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee also supports the CAC Community Organizer with state reports and development of the CAC meetings and much more. Members supported distributing the CAC Workforce Survey and will assist with reviewing the data and report development.

Inclusive Early Education Expansion Leadership Team (IEEEP):

The Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program, is a funded program coordinated by the CAC community organizer and the COE Educational Consultant. The IEEEP Leadership Team, IEEEP being a program of the CAC, meets monthly to discuss how to support the children with persistent behaviors and special needs enrolled in their programs.

The Teaching Pyramid coaching and trainer sessions happened and will continue to occur through the month of May, presented by Linda Brault, and her team: Dana Cox and Taryn, Roselli, WestEd.

The mental health consultants continue to support early educators to strengthen their observation, evaluation and referral skills for the children needing extra support in their classrooms.

The IEEEP Community organizer and Educational consultant submitted the IEEEP Round 2 grant in April. The grant will continue to provide support to ELCs with professional development, .5 FTE mental health consultant, and adaptive equipment for the next 3 years - if granted.

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup:

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Childhood Advisory Council received state funding to coordinate the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup program. The purpose of the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup grant is to improve access universally to children ages three- and four-year-old across the state through local mixed-delivery systems. The mixed delivery plan is part of the overall COE UPK plan for the county.

The UPK Mixed Delivery community organizer and educational consultant and Applied Survey Research will launch a family survey to collect their input on accessing PreK and TK learning systems. This will allow the UPK MDW members to develop a plan that will meet families needs and will provide insight for other partners in the community.

The CAC community organizer and UPK educational consultant submitted the UPK Mixed Delivery Round 2 RFD in April. This grant will run simultaneously with the UPK Round 1 grant. It will focus on providing PreK & TK Community Forum, development of outreach materials to inform families about how to locate Prek & TK educational services and much more.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

