



Childhood Advisory Council Staff Report, by Diane Munoz

Thursday, February 13, 2025

COE Child Care Briefing Meetings:

County Superintendent Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Health Program Specialist, COE School Based Health Manager and Child Development Programs team continues to inform the early care community and community partners every other week about the latest health, well-being and educational issues facing the early care and education community.

Inclusive Early Education Expansion Leadership Team (IEEEP):

The IEEEP Round 2 funds have made it possible to provide the CA Teaching Pyramid framework training, including establishing local coaching and local trainers, mental health consultants and updating support services. So early educators will grow their skills resulting in expanding the number of inclusive classrooms that will allow children with disabilities to learn in the most restrictive environments.

UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup:

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education received state funding to coordinate the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Round 2. The purpose of the UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Round 2 grant is to develop marketing materials and advertising to inform families about the PreK and TK options available to them. Thereby improving access for all three- and four-years-old across the state through a mixed-delivery system. The mixed delivery plan is part of the overall COE UPK plan for the county.

The next UPK Mixed Delivery Workgroup meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2025 on zoom.**

Join us at the: PreK & TK Community Forum, Thursday, February 27th from 4:30 - 7:00 pm at the Seascape Golf Course, Aptos.

Guest speaker: Deborah Stipek, Stanford University will provide the keynote "Playful Instruction". This forum is intended for school districts and early education partners. Dinner will be provided.

Please use the link below to learn more about the event and to register. Santa Cruz County PreK TK Community Forum:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17d6hKc3aC4gHTa7k2Rso1qeBt2EOp3Dk/view>

Committee's/Meetings attended by the Community Organizer:

- Every other week COE Child Care Briefings with Dr. Faris Sabbah, County Superintendent and Child Development Programs Team
- Brion Economics Inc. Mtgs.
- Regional Bay Area LPC Coordinators Mtg.
- COE Child Care Data Leadership Team Mtg.
- COE Budget Development and Budget Actuals Mtgs.
- GovGrants TA sessions
- QCC CSPP Block Grant TA sessions
- COEPACD Mtgs.
- Thrive by Five Mtgs.
- UPK/TK Mixed Delivery Workgroup Meetings. (COE and CDE)
- CDSS/CCD/CLPC State Mtgs.
- Applied Survey Research (ASR)
- South County Triage Mtgs.
- Miller Maxfield Mtgs.
- CDE/Early Learning and Care Division Guidance Mtgs.
- CAC Subsidized Programs Consortium Mtgs.
- COE All Staff Mtg.
- IEEEP Leadership Mtgs. (COE and CDE)
- PVUSD Early Literacy Collaborative
- GrantGov TA sessions
- ELCD/QCC Workforce Development Pathway Webinars
- CCCCA Regional Meetings
- Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Mtg.