

*San Joaquin County
Local Child Care Planning Council*

*2014-2015
Strategic Plan*





Introduction

The Local Child Care Planning Council's annual plan serves as the blueprint for LPC projects and activities for the year. Our intent is to share a plan that can serve as a guide and resource that will drive the agenda of early care and education services that will meet the need of the children and families of San Joaquin County.

This plan contains the guiding principles which provide a framework for the implementation of the LPC goals and will connect our work to our collective vision of quality care. The objectives and activities identified in this plan will be accomplished through collaboration among public, private, community agencies, and coordination of new services, existing services and resources in the county.

A. Vision

It is the vision of San Joaquin County's Local Child Care Planning Council to ensure that:

- High quality child care is affordable and accessible to children of all ages whose parents want and need it
- Parents have the information and skills needed to make sound choices and decisions about their child's care while they work or attend school
- Community member's work together to accomplish and maintain this child care vision for its children

B. Mission

The mission of the Local Child Care Planning Council is to develop a comprehensive plan that promotes the development of quality child care in San Joaquin County through community education, collaboration, and advocacy.

Background

In 1991, AB 2141 established a system of Local Child Care Planning Councils for all California counties. These councils are required to establish the county's priorities for allocating the expansion of Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (FBG)

funds. Communities are encouraged to gather and analyze data, determine needs, and evaluate resources in order to set priorities.

AB 1542 was established by legislation in 1997, mandating that Child Care and Development Planning Councils meet to provide a forum for the identification of local priorities for child care and the development of policies to meet the needs identified within those priorities. Child Care and Development Planning Councils are located in each county throughout California. This same legislation also strengthened the role of local child care planning councils.

Local Child Care Planning Councils (LCCPC) continue to determine local community child care needs through the development of needs assessments and county-wide child care plans. These councils have a significant role in promoting quality and accessible child care.

The purpose and capacity of the LCCPC goes beyond child care programs funded by the federal block grant. The LCCPC is expected to act as a forum to address the child care needs of all families in the community as well as all child care programs. This includes both subsidized and non-subsidized child care. Local planning councils are required to work with a wide spectrum of local community members in addition to those connected with the welfare system in order to build a holistic, comprehensive child care system for all families. Participants may include, but not be limited to, representatives from:

- Education
- Business
- Community service agencies
- Early care and education providers
- Parents, families and communities
- Government agencies
- Other interested parties



The encompassing mission of all LCCPC's is to plan for child care and child development services based on the needs of families in the local community. Through collaborative efforts with other individuals and organizations, LCCPC's should also support the existing child care infrastructure by coordinating services. As a result of planning, collaboration, and support, LCCPC's determine the local priorities for the allocation of state and federal funds. In order to maintain effectiveness, councils are encouraged to strengthen partnerships with both public and private organizations within the counties they represent.

LCCPC is commissioned to:

- Support existing child care infrastructure by coordinating services that are locally available
- Serve as a forum to address child care needs of all families in the community and in all child care programs, including both subsidized and non-subsidized
- Strengthen partnerships with both public and private organizations in the county
- Develop a countywide child care plan that determines local priorities for new state and federal funds and mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs

The Local Child Care Planning Council continues to lead efforts in planning for and dialogue about the needs, services, and systems that pertain to early care and education of children in San Joaquin County.

2014 Needs Assessment

One of the primary responsibilities of the LPC is to assess the county's overall child care needs for families with children 0 to 12 years of age at least once every five years.

Status of Children in 2012

- Children 0 to 12:
142,472 total children 0 to 12 years old or 20% of the total population
31,806 children 0 to 2 years old or 22% of the total 0 to 12 population
33,537 children 3 to 5 years old or 23% of the total 0 to 12 population
77,129 children 6 to 12 years old or 54% of the total 0 to 12 population
- Ethnicity:
52% Hispanic/Latino; 22% Caucasian; 14% Asian American/Pacific Islander; 7% African American; and 5% Multi-racial
- Non-English Language Spoken:
29% Spanish; 1% Hmong, Filipino, Punjabi, Khmer and six other languages spoken with less than 1% each

- Children 0 to 12 with Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) or an Individualized Education Plan (IEP):

1,582 children with IFSP or 5% of children 0 to 2 years old

1,946 children with IEP or 6% of children 3 to 5 years old

7,488 children with IEP or 10% of children 6 to 12 years old

** 57,389 children or 40% of the total child population living at or below the federal poverty level



The needs of families vary throughout the county. Some need full time care and others seek only part time enrichment programs. Ages of children vary as do services that are available within the community. Children with special needs, families facing crisis situations and a growing number of children with challenging behaviors all factor into a child care delivery system required to meet a wide range of needs for all families.

The County's licensed system includes:

- 874 Infant slots (under 2 years old)
- 7,677 Preschool slots (2-5 years old)
- 1,853 School-age slots (6 years and older)

**2013 Child Care Portfolio*

In addition, there are approximately 1,100 children being cared for by non-licensed providers. This also plays a role in meeting the needs of our families. Yet, there still remain a great number of unmet needs primarily for families who are low income.

Overview of Goals



The Local Child Care Planning Council will promote a quality early care and education system; maintain a highly participative council that is knowledgeable about the needs of the community and advocates for these needs; build public awareness of the Council and the resources that are available to families and children; and

build and maintain collaborative relationships with agencies providing early care and education and with those outside of the ECE field including but not limited to education, business, parents, family and community, government and other interested parties.

QUALITY & ACCESSIBILITY



Objectives

- Provide training for care and education providers on topics of need including but not limited to children with special needs, quality care for school age children, English language learners, and health and safety issues.
- Utilize data to identify and address the needs of the community.
- Support collaboration between agencies.
- In collaboration with partners to provide CSEFEL, DRDP 15, and CLASS training for providers.

Activities

- Staff to coordinate trainings to focus on DRDP 15 and Technology.
- Focus on new trends.
- Member of the LPC to become a trainer for the county.
- Work with CPIN to provide trainings on the Preschool English Learner Guide.
- Gather agency surveys to obtain feedback on trainings and use as a guide for planning future trainings.
- Update Central Inter-agency List (CIL) to support the collaboration between agencies.

CONSUMER & PROVIDER ADVOCACY

Objectives

- Promote access to the First Step, Right Direction Preschool For All (PFA) Guide .
- Promote the utilization of research based materials.
- Conduct a community needs assessment.
- Encourage and support council members in advocacy efforts through a Buddy system.
- Encourage and support parents in advocacy efforts.
- Encourage and support community based agencies and staff in advocacy efforts
- Build the momentum through the business community.



Activities

- Identify four organizations to share the First Step, Right Direction PFA Guide/ research based information at each LPC meeting.
- Gather existing community needs assessments (Head Start, FRRRC, First 5, and Reinvent South Stockton) and make recommendations to the Council on information gathered.
- Compile and share advocacy packets with Council.
- Outreach to Parent Voices and invite them to the Council.
- Recruit Consumers (Parents) as members to the Council.
- Chair to outreach to the local Chamber of Commerce to inform them about Council activities.

GOVERNANCE



Objectives

- Be proactive in recruiting quality board members to replace resignations and fill vacancies.
- Explore changing the LCCPC name to include early education.

Activities

- Place Vacancy updates on monthly LPC agenda.
- Redesign COE membership application and place on website.
- Make minor revisions to flyers and brochures.
- Reach out to potential new members as needed (Committee, Council members, and staff).
- Explore new name for council and present to full council.
- Redesign logo.

Members

The Planning Council consists of 30 volunteers appointed equally by the San Joaquin County Office of Education Superintendent and the County Board of Supervisors. Council members represent various areas in the county in the following categories:

- Child Care Consumer defined as a parent of person who receives or who has received within the past 36 months, child care services.
- Child Care Provider defined as a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services.
- Community Representative defined as a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community-based organizations but is not a child care provider and does not represent an agency that contracts with the California Department of Education (CDE) to provide child care and development services.
- Public Agency Representative defined as a person(s) who represents city, county, city and county, or local education agency.
- Discretionary Representative appointed from any of the above categories or outside of these categories at the discretion of the appointing agency.

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| ➤ Tanya Bennett | Child Care Provider |
| ➤ Amy Chi | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Suzanne Coleman | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Florence Costamagna | Public Agency Representative |
| ➤ Rena Damele | Consumer Representative |
| ➤ Gabrielle Dehoff | Child Care Provider |
| ➤ Valerie Denero | Consumer Representative |
| ➤ Katy Downs-Stroh | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Raychelle Fields | Consumer Representative |
| ➤ Zulema Gomez | Consumer Representative |
| ➤ Brandi Harrold | Public Agency Representative |
| ➤ Debra Keller | Public Agency Representative |
| ➤ Nancy Leal | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Kandi Lind | Public Agency Representative |
| ➤ Carolyn Lenz | Child Care Provider |
| ➤ Franzi Lilly-Rockey | Child Care Provider |
| ➤ Angie Lopez | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Gricelda Mitchell | Child Care Provider |
| ➤ Oletha Murry | Discretionary Representative |
| ➤ Tiffanie Panella | Consumer Representative |
| ➤ Marijayne Patterson | Child Care Provider |



The Local Child Care Planning Council meets the first Wednesday of each month, except July, at 8:30 a.m. at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. For additional information, please contact Cathy Long @ calong@sicoe.net or (209) 468-5979.



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