



Child Care Planning Council

of yuba and sutter counties

2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS

–Education and Training–

“A Community Connected: ECE Beyond the Classroom”

In October 2018, one hundred twenty-three early care and education providers attended our local professional development conference. The professional development workshops presented information on curriculum that supports the development of the whole child. The conference continued to provide a special focus on social-emotional development. A workshop in Spanish was included for bilingual providers.

“It Takes A Village . . . Meeting the Needs of ALL Children and Families”

One hundred thirty-two early care and education providers attended the full day conference held in March at Yuba College. Dr. Shelley Hart, Associate Professor at California State University, Chico and a Research Associate with Johns Hopkins University, provided the keynote addressing trauma and trauma-informed practices with children and families. Additional conference workshops explored social-emotional development and caregiver/family relationships.

Early Education Community Workshops/Trainings

In addition to the two ECE Conferences, the Child Care Planning Council coordinated an ECE Community Training Calendar, coordinating or providing a total of 33 workshop/trainings for early learning providers, administrators, and partners.

–Quality Early Care and Education–

AB 212 PROJECT

With funds allocated through legislation (AB 212), the Council distributed \$24,811 to 39 individuals working directly with children in state-funded child development centers in Yuba County and \$22,000 to 62 staff in Sutter County. Incentives are awarded based on an individual’s education and professional growth attainment.

Keys to Quality Program

Council staff facilitate a locally coordinated stipend program, providing funds for education and professional development to family childcare and center-based providers in both Yuba & Sutter counties. The Keys to Quality Program is a collaboration of the Council, First 5 Yuba, and Sutter County Children & Families Commission. The program distributed \$18,720 to 41 individuals working in Sutter County, and \$18,720 to 22 individuals working in Yuba County.

Quality Rating and Improvement System

The Council oversees a regional Quality Rating and Improvement System framework for Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. The Keys to Quality consortium is funded by the California Department of Education and First 5 California. Keys to Quality staff supports all participating early care and education providers in continuous quality improvement through professional development and reliable program assessment. Keys to Quality also provides community resources and education on quality in early learning. Keys to Quality served 91 programs in 2018-2019, including center-based, family childcare homes, and family, friend, and neighbor providers.

–Capacity Building–

- In 2018-2019, CCPC supported new programs in assessing needs related to quality early care and education. The Council provided support and resources to these programs.
- The CCPC continued to offer technical assistance to individuals interested in opening and/or expanding services, including new family childcare providers in the area.

–Public Policy–

COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

- The Council continues to provide information on the local impact of legislative proposals as needed. The LPC Coordinator participated in legislative visits on behalf of local planning councils in April.

PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Staff continued to assist local programs, providing program assessments and planning assistance in the community. New providers are offered support services through Keys to Quality program and in collaboration with the local resource and referral agency, Children’s Home Society of California.

–Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning–

The Council reaffirmed the needs and goals identified in the current Needs Assessment. The Council began the process for reviewing and updating the 5 year Childcare Strategic Plan. The Council completed the yearly Subsidy Priorities setting process, with approval by both Boards of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools.

–Community Involvement–

Council members and staff participated and collaborated with numerous community organizations addressing issues related to young children and families including:

LOCAL BOARD AND COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

- Yuba College Early Care and Education Advisory Committee
- First 5 Yuba Commission
- Sutter County Children and Families Commission
- Yuba College Early Childhood Mentor Program
- BEAS (Bi-County Early Access Support Collaborative)

COLLABORATIONS

- Continued to convene the Teen Parent Connection Collaborative as a forum for teen parent and child issues in our community.
- The Keys to Quality consortia collaborating agencies organized the two ECE conferences offered this year. This is a tri-county collaboration between Sutter, Yuba, and Colusa counties. Partners include our local colleges, First 5 Commissions, Children's Home Society, county offices of education, school districts, and local providers.

–Communications–

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TRAINING CALENDAR

The Council distributed its training calendar via email and posted information on its website. The trainings were open to early educators, partners, and ECE students in Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties.

WEB SITE

The Council maintains a website to reflect the needs of parents, providers and the community. The website provides a link to local events, programs, and resources for parents and childcare providers. The website includes rating information for providers engaged in the Keys to Quality QRIS initiative.

MONTH OF THE CHILD

The Council facilitated the Month of the Child committee to plan and share resources for family and children's activities during April. A community Month of the Child flyer of events was developed and distributed. The Council also partnered in sponsoring the local Children's Fair and ECE Provider Appreciation event.

PRESENTATIONS

The LPC Coordinator presented to the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the Council.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Council disseminated information on funding and training opportunities, local events and services, accreditation, First 5 activities, state and federal legislation in addition to providing referrals to other agencies or organizations.

–Reporting–

QUARTERLY REPORTS

- Written and oral reports were submitted to the Council's governing bodies, the Yuba and Sutter County Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent of Schools.
- Quarterly reports were submitted to California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division in addition to the LPC annual report and self-evaluation to show compliance with state regulations and statute.

PRIORITIES

According to state statute, child care funding priorities for the next fiscal year must be submitted, by zip code, to the CDE-EESD by May 30th. The Council Subsidy Priorities for 2019-20.

–Staffing–

The Council hired new support staff, including two ECE Quality Improvement Specialist who works directly with providers engaged in the local Keys to Quality initiative. The Council continues operation with the strong backing of the superintendents in both counties.