



2020-2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS

–Education and Training– **“Spring ECE & Equity Conference”**

Due to COVID-19, the Child Care Planning Council (CCPC) offered a virtual ECE conference event featuring Dr. Rosemarie Allen. Dr. Allen has served as an educational leader for over 30 years and is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Education at Metropolitan State University of Denver. Her classes are focused on ensuring teachers are aware of how issues of equity, privilege, and power impact teaching practices. Dr. Allen also serves as the CEO for the Institute of Racial Equity & Excellence, which is a lead agency for ensuring equity in educational practices throughout the nation. The conference event was offered at no cost through a partnership with First 5 Yuba, Sutter County Children & Families Commission, and Yuba College ECE Department.

Early Education Community Workshops/Trainings

In addition to the virtual conference event, CCPC coordinated the ECE Community Training Calendar, reflecting 8 professional development pathways and a total of 69 workshop/training events for early learning providers, administrators, and partners.

–Quality Early Care and Education–

COVID-19 Response

CCPC partnered early with First 5 Yuba and the Sutter County Children & Families Commission to continue essential supplies and PPE distribution to the early learning community, in addition to resources and at-home activities for families with children 0-5.

CCPC collaborated with First 5 Yuba for the Yuba County Child Care Relief program utilizing CARES Act funding to support providers through grants to assist providers with reopening and maintaining safe and developmentally appropriate environments, grants for new childcare licensing and facilities expansion, and access to digital tools and high-speed internet to assist with distance learning.

In partnership with Sutter County Children & Families Commission, CCPC utilized funds provided by the California Department of Education through the federal Preschool Development Grant to create Calming Kits which were distributed to family childcare providers and center-based staff. The Calming Kits provided materials and information to promote trauma-responsive caregiving for children ages 0-5 and their families.

Keys to Quality Workforce Pathways Stipend Program

CCPC 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 Stipend Program is a collaboration of the Council, First 5 Yuba, and Sutter County Children & Families Commission. The program distributed \$36,650 to 83 individuals working in Sutter County, and \$31,900 to 43 individuals working in Yuba County.

Quality Rating and Improvement System

CCPC oversees a regional Quality Rating and Improvement System framework for Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa Counties. The Keys to Quality consortium is part of the state Quality Counts CA system, funded through the California Department of Education and First 5 California. Keys to Quality supports diverse early learning settings in continuous quality improvement through professional development, coaching, technical assistance, and reliable program assessment. In addition, Keys to Quality provides community resources and education on quality in early learning settings. Keys to Quality served 123 programs in 2020-2021, pivoting to virtual supports serving center-based, family childcare homes, and family, friend, and neighbor providers.

–Capacity Building–

- In 2020-21, CCPC supported new family childcare providers in assessing needs related to quality early care and education. The Council provided support and resources to these providers.
- The CCPC continued to offer technical assistance to agencies and individuals interested in opening and/or expanding services. The CCPC assisted an existing Yuba County private center-based program in expanding, adding 24 additional school-age slots to assist in the increased demand for care and academic support during school closures and distance learning.

–Public Policy–

COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Staff continued to provide information on the local impact of legislative proposals as needed. The LPC Coordinator served as Co-chair for the California Child Care Coordinators Association.

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 and in collaboration with the local resource and referral agency, Children's Home Society of California.

–Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning–

CCPC completed the yearly Subsidy Priorities setting process, reaffirming the funding priority designations from 2020-2021. Data collection and stakeholder engagement for the 2022-2027 Needs Assessment began with family and provider surveys. The surveys gather information on early learning needs in the community, including access and cost. The surveys also collected data to reflect the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the child care community.

–Community Involvement–

CCPC 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)
- Yuba Sutter Bi-County Home Visiting Collaborative

COLLABORATIONS

- Virtual convening of the Teen Parent Connection Collaborative as a forum for teen parent and child issues in our community.
- Pandemic relief efforts with early learning providers and families in collaboration with Children's Home Society of CA, First 5 Yuba, and Sutter County Children & Families Commission.
- Expanded Keys to Quality services in Colusa County in partnership with First 5 Colusa.

–Communications–

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TRAINING CALENDAR

CCPC 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

CCPC maintained a website to reflect the needs of families, providers, and stakeholders in the community. CCPC staff maintained updated information and resources related to COVID-19 for families and providers of young children in response to changing pandemic guidance and recommendations. In addition, the website provided links to local events, programs, and resources for families and childcare providers, including information on rated programs participating in Keys to Quality.

MONTH OF THE CHILD

In April CCPC collaborated with First 5 Yuba and Sutter County Children & Families Commission for a drive-thru celebration, providing families a book, activity, and resources.

PRESENTATIONS

The LPC Coordinator presented a report on CCPC activities to the Sutter County Board of Supervisors in June.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CCPC disseminated information on funding and training opportunities, local events and services, higher education, First 5 activities and resources, and 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 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. CCPC submitted updated Subsidy Priorities for the 2021-2022 funding year in both Yuba & Sutter Counties.

~~–Staffing–~~

The Council hired new support staff, including a Council Secretary. The Council continues operation with the strong backing of the superintendents and county offices in both counties.