2011-2012 Council Members

Chiara Bacigalupa – Sonoma State University
Melissa Black – Community Member, Rio Nio
Debbie Blanton – Sonoma County Office of Education/Special Education Preschool
Joanne Brion (Advisor) - Brion & Associates
Elsabeth Chicoine – Sonoma County Public Health Department
Teri Clark – North Bay Children’s Center
Missy Dannenberg – Extended Child Care Coalition
Melanie Dodson – Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County
John Eberly – Santa Rosa Junior College
Bobby Ewell – Santa Rosa Recreation and Parks
Rebecca Hachmyer – Community Member, Petaluma
Maddy Hirshfield (Advisor) - Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro’s Office
Amy Howder-Thompson – League of Women Voters
Gabe Kearney – Petaluma City Council, Mayors and Councilmembers Association
Kathleen Kelley – Early Learning Institute
Teri Lane – North Bay Children’s Center
Tamara Larimore – Sonoma County Human Services Department
Jynx Lopez – STARS Preschools
Melita Love – Community Member, Healdsburg
Lara Magnusdottir (Advisor) - Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County
Michael Mendoza – Cloverdale Rancheria
Emmie Morgan (Advisor) - Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey’s Office
Michelle Nardone – PACE Alternative Payment Program
Ofelia Ochoa-Morris – Community Action Partnership Sonoma County/Head Start
Carli Ortiz – Linkenheimer, LLP
Teri Porter – YWCA’s A Special Place
Donna Roper – River to Coast Children’s Services
Katie Sanchez – Bennett Valley Union School District Board
Marianne Schwarz-Kesling – Santa Rosa Junior College CalWORKS
Ed Sheffield (Advisor) - Assemblymember Noreen Evans’ Office
Lorie Siebler – Parent Voices
Heather Sweet – Petaluma COTS
Dagny Thomas – Community Representative, Santa Rosa
Sandra Torres (Advisor) – Torres Family Child Care Home
Pam Turner (Advisor) - Sonoma County Office of Education/CA Preschool Instructional Network
Cathy Vaughn – Montessori School of Sonoma/PACE

MEETING INFORMATION
The Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County’s general meetings are conducted on the first Friday of each month from 8:45 to 11:00am. Meetings are typically held at the County Office of Education, 5340 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend and actively participate with general and committee meetings. Please contact the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County office at (707) 524-2792 to verify meeting date, time and location.

Annual Report of Accomplishments
2011-2012

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CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL OF SONOMA COUNTY

Mission Statement

The mission of the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County is to convene and inspire the community through collaboration, leadership and advocacy to promote and plan for quality child care and development for the benefit of all children (birth to 18), their families and Sonoma County.

Local Planning

Local child care planning has been present in Sonoma County since 1991, when state legislation required California counties to create Local Child Care Planning Councils that are appointed jointly by the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. The Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County, with up to 35 members, is charged with the identification of local child care priorities and the development of policies to meet high priority needs within the county.

Responsibilities

1. Conduct a countywide assessment of child care needs at least once every five years.
2. Prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs.
3. Conduct an annual review of state-funded child care programs, and develop priorities based on current supply and demand for services.
4. Collaborate with all interested parties to foster partnerships designed to meet local needs.
5. Facilitate community-based efforts to coordinate part-day programs including State Preschool and Head Start with other child care and development services to provide full-day, full-year services.

2011-2012 Accomplishments

Collaboration and Community Development

Comprehensive Child Care Plan
- Developed, printed and disseminated “Executive Summary of Building for the Future: Our Children, Our Community, A Countywide Plan for Child Care and Development Services, Sonoma County 2010-2015.”

Needs Assessment
- Partial update to the Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment 2009, including Sonoma County and Santa Rosa data.

Zip Code Priorities
- Developed annual geographic priorities for Sonoma County to inform the State’s decisions on allocations of any available expansion funding, based on analysis of current local supply and demand data
- Presented at a Public Hearing, approved by the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Board of Supervisors, submitted to the Child Development Division, and distributed to Council listserve and to all agencies operating CDD-funded programs in the county.

Advocacy
- 2011-2013 Priority focus areas are: preserve and increase existing sources of revenue and diversify funding for child care and development programs, reduce barriers and increase opportunities for capacity expansion, monitor state-wide system re-design efforts and support a local targeted response to emerging issues, and collaborate with other stakeholders to maximize community efforts to mobilize the public and policy-makers to improve children’s lives.
- Utilized Advocacy Network and partnerships

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Child Care Quality Improvement

Sonoma CARES Plus
- Fostered Professional Development of Child Care and Development Workforce
- With funding from First 5 and CDD AB212, this focused training and retention program supported progress toward attainment of academic degrees for 113 individuals working in early care and education; 34% of participants were Spanish-speaking.
- A total of 8 participants attained academic degrees during this program period.
- Provided site-based conference attendance reimbursement for 13 staff working in CDD-funded classrooms.

Gateway to Quality
- First 5 funded project provides external quality measurements of Child Care and Development settings utilizing Environment Rating Scales, and assesses the quality scoring impact of Mini-grant applications
- Assessed 46 Sonoma County child care settings, reaching approximately 1062 children.
- Provided ongoing ERS training and support to Quality Assessors/ Validators and community members
- Over the 4 years of the program, quality scores increased from an average of 2.27 to an average of 5.94 on the Environment Rating Scale items.

Early Violence Prevention (EVP)
- Re-distributed Leadership Recruitment materials
- Updated and re-disseminated EVP Resources list for teachers/providers
- Promoted use of EVP Curriculum Kits Lending Library