



Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County

New Member Orientation

What are LPCs?

PRIMARY MISSION OF LPCs:

To plan for child care and development services based on the needs of all families in the local community.

A forum to address the child care needs of all families in the community for all types of child care, both subsidized and unsubsidized.

-LPC Regulations, 2005

HISTORY OF LPCs

GENERAL:

- AB 2141 (1991) – created LPCs
- Priorities: Federal Child Care and Development Block grant funds
- AB 1542 (1997) – welfare reform

LOCAL:

- Met continuously since 1991
- Expanded focus over time

MEMBERSHIP

5 MEMBER CATEGORIES: (20% each group)

- Child Care Consumers (parents, guardians)
- Child Care Providers
- Community Organizations/representatives
- Public Agencies
- Discretionary



Contract Requirements

- Assess child care needs at least once every 5 years
- Prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan to address identified needs
- Develop zip code priorities for state/federal child care funding
- Periodically review CDE/CDSS child care programs in context of identified priorities
- Foster partnerships with community to meet local child care needs
- Coordinate part-day programs to provide full-day child care and development services
- Develop training plan to increase efficiency, productivity, and facilitation of LPC meetings.

CCPC Projects

MANDATORY

- Monthly meetings of LPC
- Needs Assessment (once per 5 years)
- Child Care Plan (once per 5 years)
- Zip Code Priorities (annual)
- AB 212

ELECTIVE

- CARES
- Gateway to Quality

BYLAWS

- Must regularly attend LPC meetings
- Committee participation
- Removal for cause or absenteeism
- Conflict of Interest
- Must vote in person
- Brown Act

CCPC Structure

- 35 voting member seats; 2-year terms
- Standing committees: Executive, Finance, Membership
- Ad Hoc committees (time limited work groups)
- Meet first Friday of the month
- Meeting facilitated by co-chair; public comment on each item

CCPC Structure (cont.)

- Legal entity: Sonoma County Office of Education
- Contracts in name of SCOE
- SCOE provides Human Resources and fiscal support to Council
- Full-time Coordinator
- Supervision from Executive Committee and SCOE supervisor
- Additional staff employed by SCOE, supervised by Coordinator

Major Child Care Players

General Categories/Terms:

- Private-pay child care, state funded child care (center-based), family child care providers, state preschool, parent choice child care vouchers, afterschool providers, Head Start, Resource & Referral, Migrant Education, Latchkey, community college, SonomaWORKS, etc.

Specific Agencies/Organizations:

- Community Child Care Council (4Cs), River to Coast Children's Services (RCCS), PACEAPP, Community Action Partnership, Sonoma County Child Care Association, Sonoma County Human Services, Sonoma County Association for the Education of Young Children, First 5 Sonoma, Maternal Child Adolescent Health, Sonoma County Office of Education, private programs, etc.