



# Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

March 8, 2023



# Comments from the Chair



# General Business Approval of Minutes



# Public Policy Responses to Governor's Budget

## ECE Coalition Letter

- Provide a 25% increase to current rates for immediate relief and adopt an alternative methodology using a cost estimation model and include a timeline for implementation for the actual cost of care based on program enrollment without charging families fees
- Allocate all 20,000 child care spaces scheduled to be released in 2023-24
  - We know thousands of families need access to child care TODAY, and if the state allocates funds by October of 2023, there would not be a delay in enrolling new families.



# The Governor's Budget Proposal: Voices from the Field

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**A Brief Overview**



## Voices from the Field– An Overview

### •**Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**

- 8.13% COLA to CDSS and CDE programs in “low cost counties” only.
- 0.00% COLA in other counties, including Los Angeles County.
- What does this mean for rate increases?

### •**Rate Reform**

- Negotiations continue to further rate reform. Recommendations on a single-rate reimbursement structure were presented on November 14, 2022. The state will continue to develop a single rate structure and will work with CCPU to negotiate a successor agreement to the current agreement expiring June 30, 2023.
- Current CCPU agreement applies to family child care and family friend and neighbor care only. Center-based providers are not included.

### •**Child Care Slots**

- The budget postpones the multi-year commitment to add 200,000 APP and General Child Care slots for a year.
- Most programs don't have a waiting list and are struggling to find children to enroll.



## Voices from the Field– An Overview

### •**California State Preschool Program (CSPP)**

- Increased requirement for CSPP to serve at least 7.5% of enrollment with children with special needs, with full implementation of 10% in 2024-25.
- Only children with an active IEP or IFSP are considered to have special needs.
- There are challenges to getting children assessed in a timely manner and with child placement.

### •**Transitional Kindergarten**

- Maintains “parental choice” for children eligible for TK.
- Continuation of the multi-year Transitional Kindergarten investment which will be phased in over 5 years. 2023-24 starts year three of the expansion with full implementation expected in 2025-26.
  - TK-eligible children will be expanded from children turning five between September and February 2 to children turning five between September and April 2. This adds approximately 46,000 children.
- Tk Ratios of 12:1 are maintained and changes are based on future funding

ECE Visions Forum





## Voices from the Field– An Overview

- **What the Budget Proposal Does Not Include:**
  - **No funding for a continued hold harmless**
  - **No continuation of fee waivers**
  - **No funding for reducing TK ratios**
  - **No mandate for LEAs to collaborate with community providers for the TK Expansion**



## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Minimum Wage in the City and Unincorporated County of Los Angeles increase to \$16.78 in July with no anticipated COLA
- ECE staffing is in crisis
- Parent choice for TK is a myth, particularly since TK is free other programs for 4 year olds would have a cost.
- Shifting to younger children will take time for providers.
- Replacing the ECERS with CLASS could be problematic
- Enrollment struggles and Chronic absenteeism at every age level are issues.
- Projected revenues are below the January Projections



# BREAK

# 5 Minutes



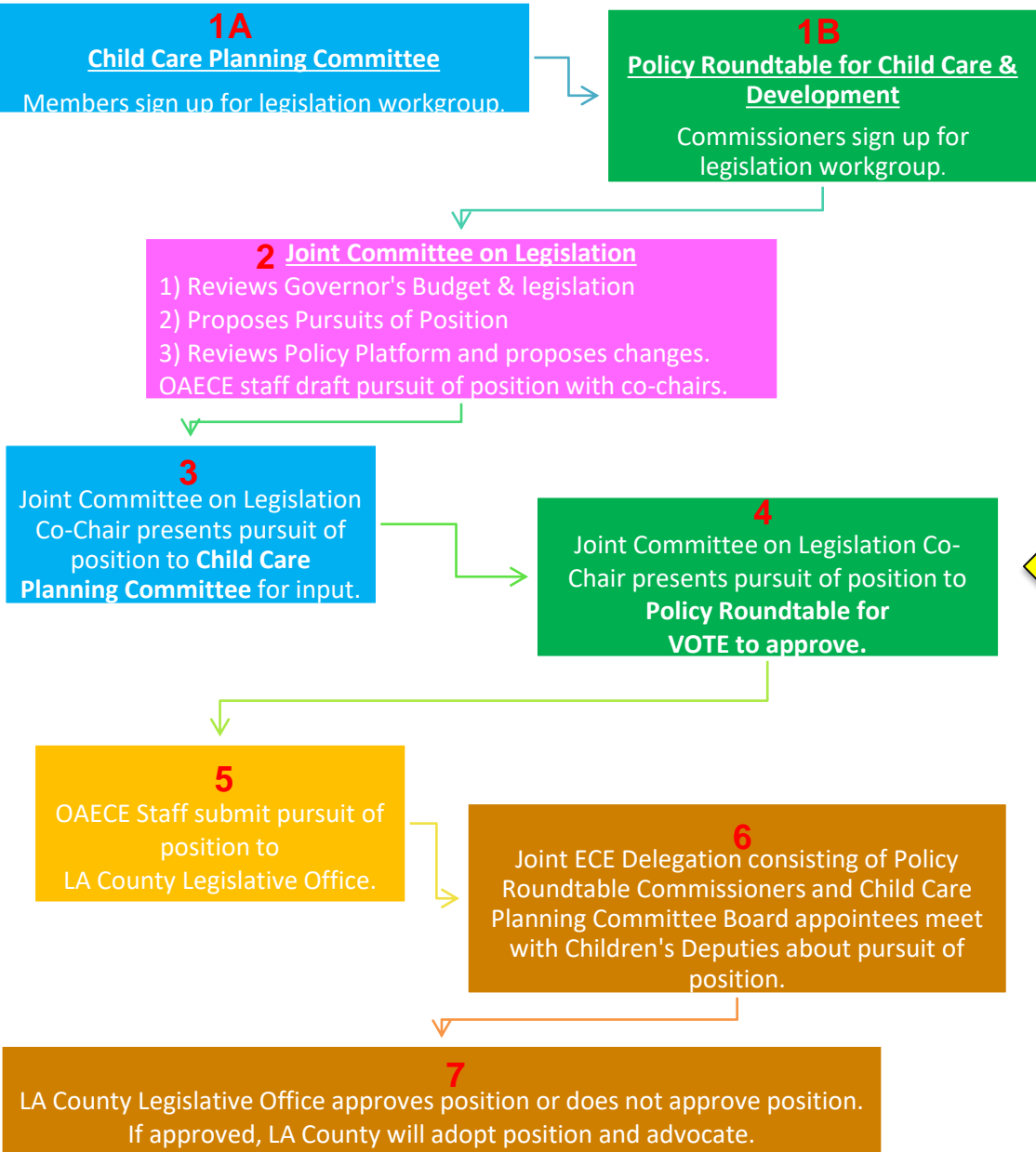
# Public Policy

# Pursuit of Position

## Position County officially takes on state and federal policy issues

- **Once position is taken then County can weigh in on policy issues in Sacramento**
- **Every time there is a meeting on the policy issue then the County provides a letter with position**

# Process for Developing Pursuit of Position



**We are here** ←

## **RECOMMENDED PURSUIT OF POSITION – GOVERNOR’S 2023-24 BUDGET PROPOSAL: EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**

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# **Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion Board Engagement Teams**

# Board of Supervisors Joint ECE Delegations



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# **Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion Department of Parks & Recreation**



Los Angeles County  
Department of Parks and  
Recreation  
**Children, Youth and  
Family  
Programs/Services**

Presenter name:  
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East Agency Deputy  
Director

# Agenda



- Direct Services Provided
- Key Issues
- Partnership Opportunities
- Questions



Presentation title

# Direct Provider of Children, Youth and Family Programs/Services

- Tiny Tots
- School-Age Summer Camps
- Every Body Plays Drop-In Recreation
- Our SPOT
- Youth@ Work & Lifeguard Ready Training
- Nutrition Program
- Cultural & Community Events
- Parks after Dark
- Nature-Based Activities

## Highlights

### Park Operations

#### Monday thru Thursday

10:30 am to 9 pm

#### Friday

10:30 am to 7 pm

#### Saturday

8 am to 5 pm

*Year Round*

### Every Body Plays & Nutrition

Offered after school and during the

summer months, this program provides access to a wide-range of recreational activities led by caring adults. After school snack is offered during the school year and summer lunch and snack is offered during the summer months.

- 56 Parks



# Children & Youth Programming



**LY J. MITCHELL**  
COUNTY SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

**FREE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 6-12**

**JUNE 13 - AUGUST 19**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9AM - 4PM

**in Magic Johnson Park**  
5 E. El Segundo Blvd.  
Los Angeles 90059  
(323) 942 8457

**ESTEAM**  
Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math

**REGISTER TODAY, SPACE IS LIMITED!**  
[RESERVATIONS.LACOUNTY.GOV](https://reservations.lacounty.gov)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

- Session 1 - May 30
- Session 2 - June 13
- Session 3 - June 27
- Session 4 - July 11
- Session 5 - July 25

**PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles Recreation in partnership with the Museum of Los Angeles Harbors, and Los Angeles is proud to announce throughout LA County week sessions. In the outdoors, explore their self-confidence topics, and learn about the natural environment. The program supports the department's mission. ESTEAM provides activities that excite a wide variety of youth. Have fun learning about culture, technology, project-based learning, and lunch and snack.

## Camps

The Department offers camps via our Lakes, Nature Centers and Local and Community Regional Parks. Camps vary in duration, ages served and themes. Our Environment, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math Camp is a signature program offered primarily in urban communities.



## Our SPOT

Focus is on Building Positive Youth Development through Leadership, Environmental Stewardship and Social Action Programs. Hosts annual Youth Summit and Girls Empowerment Conference.

- 13 Parks
- Serves Youth 7-12 Grades



# Family Programming and Services



## Parks after Dark

Parks After Dark programs offered:

- **Winter Wonderlands (Dec)**
- **Spring Art in the Park (Apr)**
- **Summer Parks after Dark (8-weeks)**

Parks after Dark connects neighborhoods, and families to recreational programs and services at no cost at their local park.

Residents are positively engaged with local law enforcement and interventionists to ensure a safe experience. Activities vary by season and include festive snowscapes during winter, theatre and arts in spring and summer concerts, movies and recreational experiences.

- 34 Parks

## Community & Cultural Events

DPR hosts 4 community events that are offered four times a year and include a fall trick-or-treat village and harvest festival, winter Holiday in the Park, and Spring Extravaganza. In addition, several cultural events are offered ranging from Hispanic Heritage, Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Juneteenth, Day of the Dead and 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Community cohesion events build community and family resilience and uplift and celebrate culture. Cultural events encourage the appreciation for diversity, ethnic and cultural harmony, and reaffirm cultural identity.

- Community Events 56 Parks
- Cultural Events 5 or 46 Parks

### THURSDAY

#### ART & CULTURE

#### COMMUNITY | Zone

- FAMILY CANVAS PAINTING
- TIE-DYE STATIONS
- CHALK AND MURAL ART
- WIND CHIME CRAFT ACTIVITY
- FREE SNACKS

### SATURDAY

#### MUSIC & DANCE

#### FAMILY | TEEN Zone

- FAMILY DANCE
- FAMILY FITNESS THROUGH MUSIC
- FAMILY KARAOKE
- MUSIC INSTRUMENT CLASS
- FREE ENTERTAINMENT & PERFORMANCES

**MARCH 23 - APRIL 15, 2023 | 6 TO 9PM**

Parks After Dark returns for the spring season with FREE activities at 34 LA County Parks. Bring your family and friends and explore all the art and culture activities we have to offer. Dust off your dancing shoes and join us for a night full of music and dance and a variety of free activities for the whole family!

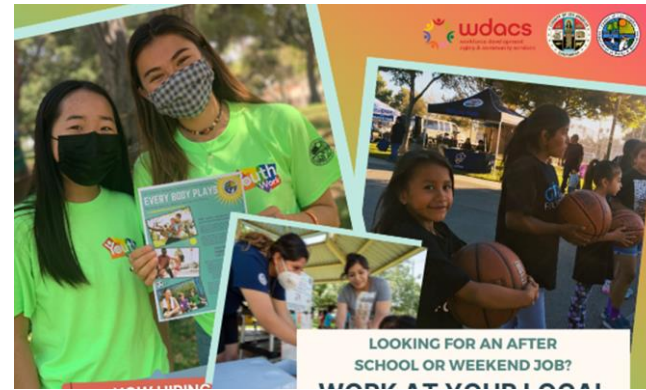


# Promoting Connected Youth

## Youth@Work

DPR is largest job placement site for youth in LA County. Youth@Work is a pipeline into DPR's entry level positions. Youth receive training, mentoring and hands-on leadership opportunities.

- 56 Parks



## Lifeguard Ready Training

The Department of Parks and Recreation is committed to expanding its diverse workforce and developing lifeguards within the communities we serve. The Lifeguard Ready Training (LRT) program is aimed at providing an inclusive education and training program to youth ages 16- 24 focused on the fundamental skills necessary to become a Los Angeles County Swimming Pool Lifeguard. The program is intended to train interested students/participants to an acceptable level to participate in the County Pool Lifeguard Training Academy as a Pool Lifeguard candidate.



# Nature-Based Children & Family Programming

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT PARKS & RECREATION

## WHITTIER NARROWS NATURE CENTER

### NEIGHBORHOOD MOMS IN NATURE



Homeschool children will make friends and become more comfortable in nature at this program.

We'll promote creativity and exploration, while encouraging mindfulness and connection.

SPRING SESSION:  
FEBRUARY 27 - MAY 27, 2023

DATE: Fridays

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AGE GROUP: 10 & Under  
Adult must be present

PRICE: FREE

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

## FAMILY STORY TIME

FREE FOR ALL AGES!  
No registration required



This program is designed for young readers & their families to bond & explore nature! Together we will read books & move around as we learn about plants, animals & nature. Kids will learn nature facts as they look for wildlife while visiting different parts of the sanctuary, & when possible, an animal presentation will take place.

Spring Session: February 27 - May 27, 2023  
Dates and times varies per Nature Center

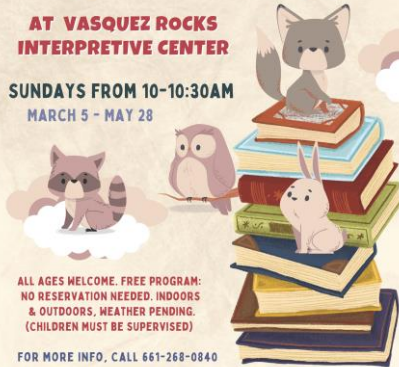
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## WEEKLY FAMILY STORY TIME

AT VASQUEZ ROCKS INTERPRETIVE CENTER

SUNDAYS FROM 10-10:30AM  
MARCH 5 - MAY 28



ALL AGES WELCOME. FREE PROGRAM:  
NO RESERVATION NEEDED. INDOORS & OUTDOORS. WEATHER PENDING.  
(CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED)

FOR MORE INFO, CALL 661-268-0840

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

## Eaton Canyon Nature Center

### Nature Tails - Story Time

DAYS: Saturday TIME: 10:30am-11:30am AGE GROUP: All Ages FREE





Nature Tails Docent led Story Time Reading is an interactive program designed for young readers and their families.

Together we will read books and interact with puppets and natural instruments as we learn about plants, animals, and nature. Presentations are given by trained ECNCA volunteer naturalists.

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# Key Issues

**New Camp Ordinance added requirements that are not feasible for DPR/Parks without additional staffing**

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# Partnership Opportunities

Advance Parks and Recreation  
Departments as Key Child Care Provider

Access to Grant Opportunities to  
Provide Child Care in Parks and  
Recreation Settings

Collaborate in hosting ECE Resource  
Component for Parks after Dark and  
Community Events

Scholarship Program

Workforce Development for Parks and  
Recreation Staff



# Questions

## Discussion

- What ideas for potential partnership arise for you?
- What policy considerations are sparked by this presentation?



# Universal Pre-Kindergarten Update:

## Planning for a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Mixed-Delivery System





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