



Child Care Planning Committee

Los Angeles County Local Child Care and Development Planning Council

Wednesday, April 5th, 2023

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Lisa Wilkin, Chair

Ariana Oliva, Vice Chair

Zenaida Meza, OAECE



- **Opening Statement & Comments**
- **Introductions**
 - Your name
 - Your organization/affiliation
 - And your role at CCPC



Consent Calendar



Members/Alternates in Attendance (39)				
Parents	ECE Program	Community Agency	Public Agencies	Discretionary
Dominic Armendariz	Norma Amezcua	Genetic Brown	Ranae Amezcuita & Ana Oregel	Jennifer Cowan
Anne Blackstock-Bernstein	Rocio Bach	Cathy Coddington	Peter Piñon for Eileen Carrillo-Lau	Jessica Guerra & Patrick MacFarlane - 2 nd Supervisorial District
LaRae Cantley & Sally Valenzuela	Brittne Crawford	Samitha Givens	Nora Garcia-Rosales	La Tanga Hardy & Giselle Navarro-Cruz
Jessa Santangelo-Costanzo for Jessica Chang	Veronica Herrera & Maricela Guzman	Ariana Oliva	Scott Herring	Kelly O'Connell & 1 st Supervisorial District
Sandra Flores	Micha Mims	Kathy Schreiner	Alicia Rivas for Maria Mora	Carla Hegwood for Dianne Philbosian 5 th Supervisorial District
Mona Franco	Nellie Rios Parra	Edilma Serna & Monica Hernandez	Gabriel Muñoz	Gina Rodriguez & Stephanie Orozco
Crystal Jones	JoAnn Shalhoub-Mejia		Tom Woodward	Sarah Soriano & Andrea Sulsona - 4 th Supervisorial District
Stephanie Garcia for Christina Moore	Elsie Soto for Jacqueline Torres			Julie Taren & Fran Chasen 3 rd Supervisorial District
Eli Pessar	Lisa Wilkin & Ancelma Sanchez			

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from February 1st, 2023 meeting

Guests: Luis Bautista - LACOE, Justin Blakely – Crystal Stairs, Ella Cavlan, Elida Garcia – Orange County Department of Education, Vivian Garcia - United American Indian Involvement, Christina Hernandez - LA Mayor's Office, Elaina Holley – SBCSS, Sharalyn Jenkins-Sweeten – DSS, Jaime Kalenik - First 5 LA, Rachel Klein - City of Los Angeles, Abbe Land - LA County HR, Niland Lim, Ritu Mahajan – Public Counsel, Marcella McKnight - Opportunities Exchange, Yvonne Perez - CCRCCA, Cynthia Renteria - Child Care Resource Center, Stephanie Ritoper, Joyce Robinson – Low Income Investment Fund, Sonja Robinson - LACOE, Dane Rold - First UMC Preschool, Carly Rosenstein - Builders of Jewish Education, Faith E Saunders – CCRCCA, Laura Stein - LA County DPH - Help Me Grow LA, Fiona Stewart – CCALA, Erica Torres-Ness – Wee Care, Heather Vessey-Garcia, Josh Wallack – Open Society Foundations, Elise Weinberg - Office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, and Melissa Wheelahan - OC Dept of Education.

OACE Staff: Julia Bruton, Debra Colman, Leanne Drogin, Betsy Jacoby, Charli Lewis, Zenaída Meza, and Erica Weiss.



Pursuit of Position Approved by Policy Roundtable Commission

- Continue child care family fee waivers for all state subsidized early learning and care programs through June 30, 2024.
- Increase current reimbursement rates for state subsidized early care and education programs by 25% 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.

Board of Supervisors Engagement Teams

District	1	2	3	4	5
Board of Supervisor (BOS)	Supervisor Hilda Solis	Supervisor Holly Mitchell	Supervisor Lindsey Horvath	Supervisor Janice Hahn	Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Staff Contact	Elise Weinberg <i>Asst. Chief of Staff</i>	Kelvin Driscoll Human Services & Child Welfare, Sr. Deputy	Lisa Pinto <i>Child Welfare Deputy</i>	Maral Karaccusian <i>Children & Human Services Deputy</i>	Monica Banken <i>Family & Children's Deputy</i>
Roundtable BOS Appointee	Karla Pleitéz Howell (Lead)	Justin Blakely (Lead)	Jennifer Cowan (Lead)	Alejandra Albarran Moses (Lead)	Ellen Cervantes (Lead)
	Jessica Perea	Sharoni Little	Amber Rivas	Ricardo Mota	Vacancy
Roundtable Organization Representative	Steve Zimmer or Jacquelyn McCroskey Commission for Children & Families	Jackie Majors or Paul Pulver Child Care Alliance of LA	Fran Chasen or Liliana Alvarez Hernandez So. CA Chapter, CAEYC	Luis Bautista or Debi Anderson LACOE	Dean Tagawa or Colleen Pagter LAUSD
		Ariana Oliva Child Care Planning Council	Ofelia Medina or Jamie Kalenick First 5 LA		
Child Care Planning Committee BOS Appointee	Kelly O'Connell Alternate: Kimberly Dobson-Garcia	Jessica Guerra Alternate: Patrick McFarlane	Julie Taren Alternate: Fran Chasen	Sarah Soriano Alternate: Andrea Sulsona	Dianne Philibosian Alternate: Carla Hegwood



Jessica Guerra, Joint Committee on Legislation Co-chair

- March JCL meeting

LA County Pursuit of Position process

- <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/legislative-affairs-and-intergovernmental-relations/>

Governor's Budget

- ECE Coalition - Statewide Early Care and Education Coalition
 - 35+ organizations focused on state budget and policy
 - <https://www.ece4all.com/>
 - [2023-24 Budget Letter](#)

2023-24 ECE Legislation

- Feb. 17 deadline for bill introduction
- Priority Bills
 - AB 51 (Bonta) – Universal Child Care
 - ~~AB 372 (Nguyen) – Affordable Child Care~~
 - AB 596 (Reyes) & SB 380 (Limon) – ECE Rates

Next Steps...

- Bill hearings will begin in March-April
- Legislation updates
- Q&A



Governance Work Group

- Membership Launch for FY 2023-2024

Meeting Frequency

Month	Type of Meeting
July 2023	No meetings
August 2023	No meetings
September 6, 2023	CCPC Meeting - In-person
October 2023	Work groups meet on-line
November 1, 2023	CCPC Meeting - In-person
December 2023	Work groups meet on-line
January 2024	Work groups meet on-line
February 7, 2024	CCPC Meeting - In-person
March 2024	Work groups meet on-line
April 3, 2024	CCPC Meeting - In-person
May 2024	Work groups meet on-line
June 5, 2024	CCPC Meeting - In-person



LPC Local Funding Priorities

Public Hearing

Process for State Child Care and Preschool Funds

- Authority: Welfare and Institution Code sections
- California WIC Section 10486 (b) requires the LPCs to review local State and Federal data and provide the CDSS with an updated listing of their local child care and development funding priorities by May 30 every year. WIC Section 10390.1 (a) specifies that LPCs must identify local priorities for the distribution of any new state general child care and development and new preschool funding to promote equal access to child development services across the state.
- The WIC language directs LPCs as to how to conduct their yearly review of child development services in order to identify gaps in services and funding priorities that will ensure all child care and preschool services of the county are met to the greatest extent possible given limited state resources.
- Local Funding Priorities due by May 30th of each year

Additional Source: Management Bulletin 15-04. *Local Child Care and Development Planning Council Funding Priority Setting Process*. June 2015. Available at <https://cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-and-development/quality-improvement-initiatives/local-child-care-and-development-planning-councils/management-bulletin-15-04>

Data Sources

American Institutes for Research – Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool*

- ‡ Access through the California Child Care Coordinators Association
- ‡ Multiple sources: California Child Care Resource and Referral Network, California Department of Education, California Department of Public Health, the American Community Survey PUMS data, and an AIR-administered survey of Head Start programs

‡ * Sources listed at www.elneedsassessment.org. Access only allowed to organizations that hold a contract with AIR.

Priority Setting

- [Process for Establishing LPC Priorities: Management Bulletin 15-04](#)
- Data analyzed using Priority 1, 2 and 3 number and percent thresholds and methodology
- Methodology depends on County size – Los Angeles County uses methodology for counties with over ten million residents

Priority Setting

Priority 1: Zip code qualifies when there are 50% or more eligible children unserved AND more than 1,500 eligible children unserved.

Priority 2: Zip code qualifies when there are 50% or more eligible children unserved AND more than 750 eligible children unserved.

Priority 3: All other zip codes in the county.

Unmet Need

Timeline for Approval

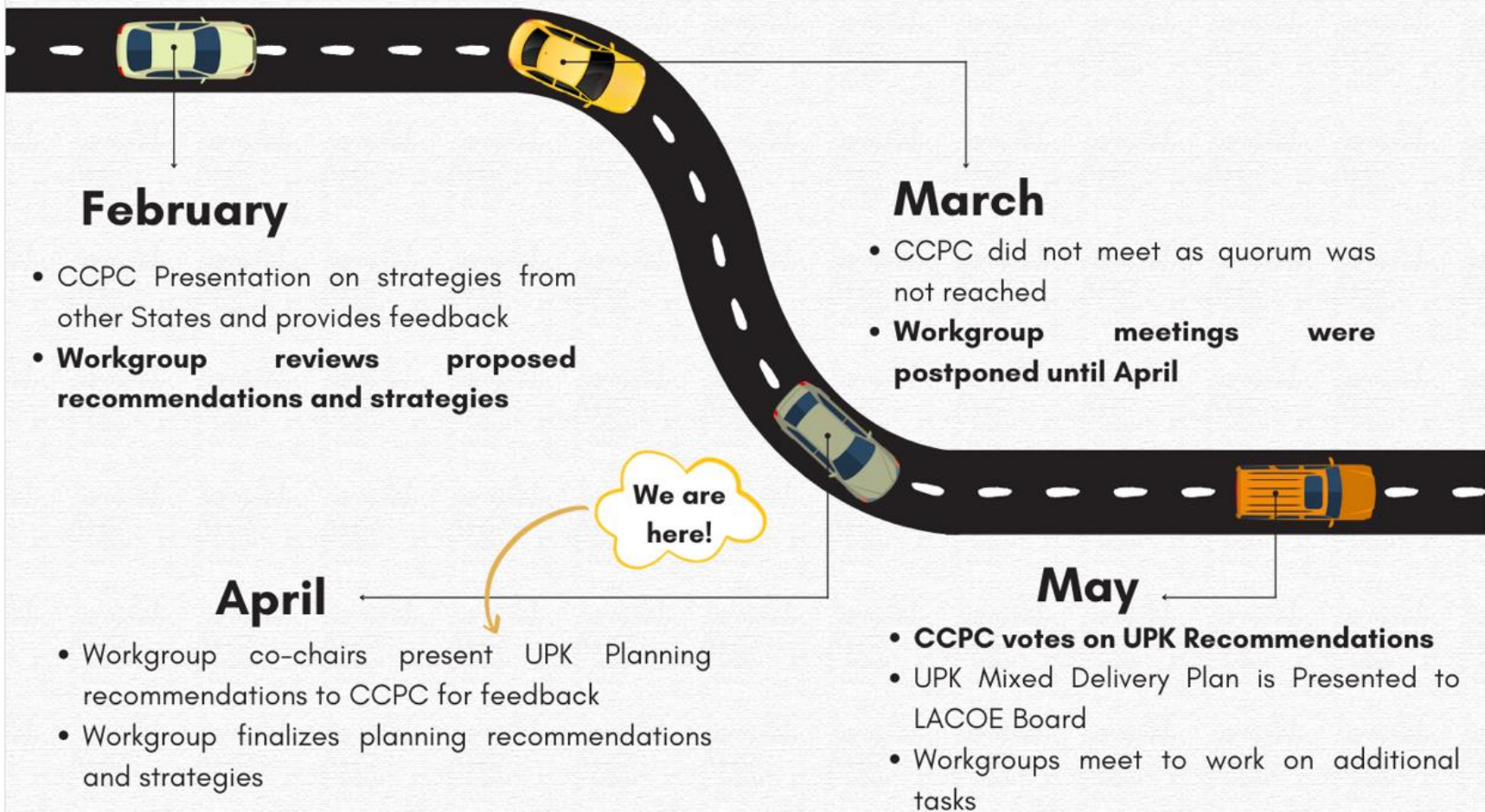
- **April 5th** – Public review and comment
- **May 3rd** – Child Care Planning Committee review and approval
- **May** – Approval of County Superintendent of Schools & County process for approval by Board of Supervisors
- **May 30th** – due to California Department of Education & California Department of Social Services



UPK Planning Recommendations Work Group Co-chairs

- Access & Inclusion Co-chairs
 - Ranae Amezquita, LAUSD
 - Zenaida Meza, OAECE
- Parent Engagement Co-chairs
 - Gina Rodriguez, First 5 LA
 - Crystal Jones, Parent

UPK Recommendations Timeline



Goal 1: Increase Understanding of Parent's Needs



Strategy	Activities
1a) Assess parent's needs for their young child regarding early care and education	1.a.1) Facilitate listening sessions with parents of young children
	1.a.2) Administer survey to understand what parents need
	1.a.3) Create a report and host a convening to share findings publicly and generate recommendations
	1.a.4) Develop a list of policy recommendations based on the report to provide to LACOE and CDSS/CDE.

Goal 2: Inform Parents About Preschool Choices



Strategy	Activities
2a) Inform parents about preschool choices	2.a.1) Create and implement multi-media preschool choice campaign to inform parents about preschool options (i.e. PSAs, social media, busses, etc.)
	2.a.2) Establish single website for LA County for UPK-Preschool Choice information that is parent-friendly
	2.a.3) Employ community liaisons to partner with parents and share information with parents about preschool choices

Goal 3: Strengthen partnership[s] between LEAs and the mixed delivery system



Strategy	Activities
3a) Establish local partnerships between LEAs and ECE mixed delivery system	3.a.1) Establish contracts with community based ECE providers to provide TK services
	3.a.2) Explore alternative funding models adopted by other states to include the mixed delivery system and equalize access to TK at community-based organizations
	3.a.3) Establish emergency and alternatives to the PreK credential for ECE mixed delivery TK providers for early educators in centers and FCCs
	3.a.4) Explore the expansion of existing Family Child Care Home Education Networks to reach more Family Child Care Homes and and explore potential of additional FCCH specific

Goal 3: Strengthen partnership[s] between LEAs and the mixed delivery system



Strategy	Activities
3b) Create and implement a unified eligibility and enrollment system for all 3–4-year-olds based in providing parents early learning options and require its use by the mixed delivery system	3.b.1) Build a single data base to determine eligibility and enrollment for all 3–4-year-olds into early care and education programs across funding streams (TK, EHS, Head Start, CSPP, CCTR, AP, School Districts, etc.,)
	3.b.2) Train all referral mechanisms with common language and process (TK, EHS, Head Start, CSPP, CCTR, AP, School Districts, etc.,)
	3.b.3) Build the capacity of the referral points with family-friendly tools and staff

Goal 4: Strengthen partnerships to support children with special needs



Strategy	Activities
4a) Develop plan to improve collaboration and coordination of special needs services	4.a.1) Map special needs support services in LA County
	4.a.2) Establish LA County collaborative to support children with special needs as a part of UPK including developmental screening
	4.a.3) Develop plan to strengthen coordination between service providers including integrating intervention services within the program (e.g., speech & language therapist, a one-on-one aid, occupational therapy)
	4.a.4) Develop plan to support the early educator workforce through training, coaching specific to the inclusion of children with special/exceptional needs.

Goal 5: Increase supports for workforce



Strategy	Activities
5a) Partner with Workforce Pathways to strengthen supports for early educators who serve 3 and 4-year-olds	5.a.1) Supports may include funding for substitutes when early educators attend trainings and paying for all early educators serving 3-and- 4-year-olds with financial incentives for 16 units of Child Development coursework
5b) Develop plan for the recruitment and retention of a diverse workforce serving 3- and 4-year-olds with a focus on workforce equity	5.b.1) Recruitment activities may include convening available credential and teaching permit , developing strategies to ensure credentialing programs are accessible , developing professional pathways from work experience opportunities to higher education/ credentialing programs, foreign degree evaluation , and job placement . 5.b.2) Identify non-traditional offerings such as training and coursework offered during non-traditional hours , in accessible location 5.b.3) Explore what or how other states have worked towards pay parity for early educators across program types

Goal 6: Strengthen collaboration with LA County Quality Improvement Consortium



Strategy	Activities
6a) Develop a unified training plan for all early educators in UPK across LEAs, centers, FCC, and funding streams.	6.a.1) Partner with QSLA to develop a unified training plan for all early educators who serve 3- and 4-year-old children including the ECE Competencies, DLL's, Full Inclusion, Social Emotional Learning
6b) Strengthen LA County Quality Improvement Collaborative to connect and integrate programs & supports	6.b.1) Facilitate listening sessions to identify barriers for providers serving mixed delivery system and provide support requested by provider
	6.b.2) Facilitate listening sessions to identify barriers experienced by early care educators to access supports (e.g. lack of substitutes, lack of available PD days per state funding, taking unpaid leave, language access, etc.)
	6.b.3) Map a Professional Development Inventory with LA County Quality Improvement Collaborative to identify gaps in professional development offerings

Next Steps...

- **Work Groups will review all submitted feedback and finalize recommendations**
- **Work Groups will present final recommendations to CCPC at May meeting**

- **Announcement & Public Comment**
- **Call to Adjourn**