



Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

April 12, 2023



Comments from the Chair



General Business Approval of Minutes

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**

Pursuit of Position

- Continue Child Care Family Fee Waivers for all State Subsidized Early Learning and Care Programs through June 30, 2024
- 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
- **Status:** LA County CEO's Legislative and Government Office

Joint Committee on Legislation

- March 16, 2023 Meeting
 - Governor's Budget
 - Legislation updates
- April 20, 2023 Meeting
 - Policy Platform
 - Governor's Budget
 - Legislation Updates
- May 18, 2023 Meeting
 - May Revise
 - Legislation Updates

Bills of High Interest

Bonta AB 51

- **Create a universal early care and education system, utilizing the existing mixed-delivery system, that promotes equity and access for all families**

Nguyen AB 372

- **Increase access to affordable child care**

Carrillo AB 555

- **California state preschool programs operated by a LEA will be licensed-exempt**

Bills of High Interest

Reyes AB 596

- **Create a universal early care and education system, utilizing the existing mixed-delivery system, that promotes equity and access for all families.**

Limon SB 380

- **Increase access to affordable child care**

Menjivar SB 635

- **Early Education and Childcare**



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Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion Board Engagement Teams

Board of Supervisors Joint ECE Delegations



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	Elizabeth “Lizzy” Shuster <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

Re-envisioning the Early Care and Education System

- Debra Colman, Director
Office for the Advancement
of Early Care and Education
- Luis Bautista, Executive Director
Head Start and Early Learning
Division
Los Angeles County Office of
Education

What is Universal Pre-Kindergarten?

- 2021 California legislation requires any local educational agency operating a Kindergarten to also provide a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program for all 4-year-old children
- Must be implemented by 2025–26.
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) is the new umbrella term for all California preschool programs (CSPP, TK, Head Start, etc.)



Mixed Delivery Grant

- Lead-OAEECE (Local Planning Council)
- Allowable Costs
 - **Coordinate** with LACOE
 - Form a **single local Work Group**
 - **Plan** for UPK in mixed delivery system.
 - Plan for increasing inclusion of **children with exceptional needs**
 - Plan for **workforce development.**
 - Provide **outreach services and enrollment support**
 - **Partner with tribes**

Implementation Grant

- Lead – LACOE
- Allowable Costs
 - Planning
 - Hiring and recruitment
 - Training and Professional Development
 - Classroom Materials
 - Supplies

Mixed Delivery Focus (OAECE)

- Assess parent's needs
- Inform parents about preschool choices
- Establish local partnerships between LEAs and ECE mixed delivery system
- Enhance partnerships to support children with special needs
- Increase supports for workforce

Implementation Focus (LACOE)

- Vision and Coherence
- Community Engagement and Partnership
- Workforce, Recruitment, and Professional Development
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
- Facilities, Services, and operations

Benefits of UPK

- Increased access for programs for 4 year olds
- Early education becomes an entitlement by embedding it in TK-12
- Free services without parent fees

Challenges of UPK

- Loss of ECE workforce to TK employment
- TK is not full day
- Impact on infant/toddler care
- LEA can not contract TK with mixed delivery system

- **04/14** – UPK Mixed Deliver Planning Grant Due
- **05/03** – LPC votes on UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Recommendations
- **06/30** – UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Recommendations presented to LACOE Board
- **07/01** – UPK Mixed Delivery Planning Grant efforts launch

- What questions do you have about UPK?
- What surprised you about the UPK plan?
- Are there State policies that the Roundtable can address during UPK planning?



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