



Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

October 11, 2023



Comments from the Chair



General Business

Approval of Minutes



General Business Approval of Policy Roundtable Ordinance & Bylaws

Process to update Ordinance and Bylaws

- Summer 2023 - Workgroup developed recommendations
- Summer 2023 - DPH County Counsel reviewed proposed recommendations
- September 13, 2023 - Commission recommended change to term limits for County Department representatives
- October 2023 – DPH County Counsel reviewed updated recommendations and provided feedback on additional items
- October 11, 2023 - Commission votes to approve proposed changes
- October 2023 - DPH County Counsel reviews Policy Roundtable’s recommended changes to Ordinance
- Board of Supervisors votes to approve changes to Ordinance

Summary of additional changes to Ordinance

pg. 3 – Expert Categories

Do not add Resource and Referral agency because CCALA has a dedicated seat on Commission.

pg. 3-4 – Alternates Role

"Count toward quorum" provides more clarity.

pg. 4 – County Departments Term Limits

Change reflects Commission recommendation from 9/13/23 meeting.

pg. 5 – Defining Quorum

The additional language helps clarify that a minimum of "8" members translated into the Commission must have at least 15 member seats filled to meet the minimum number of 8 to have quorum.

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pg. 4 – Removal of Members

Remove because this seems to undermine Board of Supervisors authority to appoint who they want, every member ultimately serves at the pleasure of the Board.

pg. 6 – Election Procedures

Clearly state minimum number of votes need to cast in an election.

pg. 8 – No Quorum

Remove phrase

pg. 8 – Subcommittee Responsibilities

Delete because Policy Roundtable is moving to utilizing an ad hoc structure.



Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

Process

- Multiple types and points of input and engagement
 - **Public Meetings**
 - Public Listening Session (**November 1, 2023**)
 - Child Care Planning Committee (CCPC)
 - Policy Roundtable Commission
 - **Established ECE Ad Hocs/Workgroups/Taskforces**
 - Infant Toddler Policy Ad Hoc
 - Workforce Workgroup
 - City ECE Taskforces
 - **Surveys**
 - Parents
 - Providers
 - **Interviews**



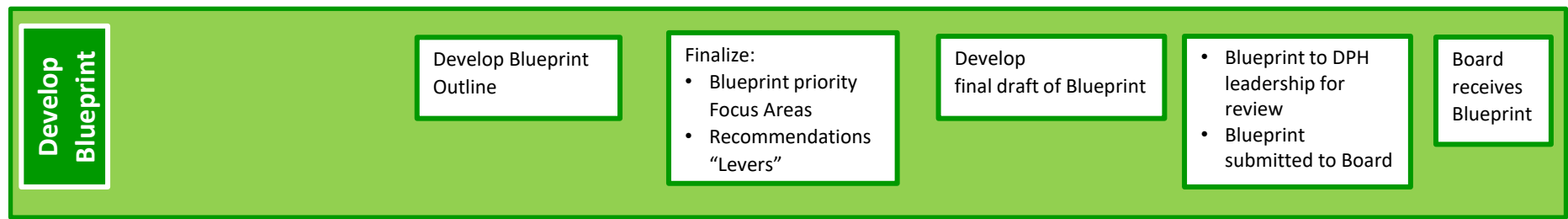
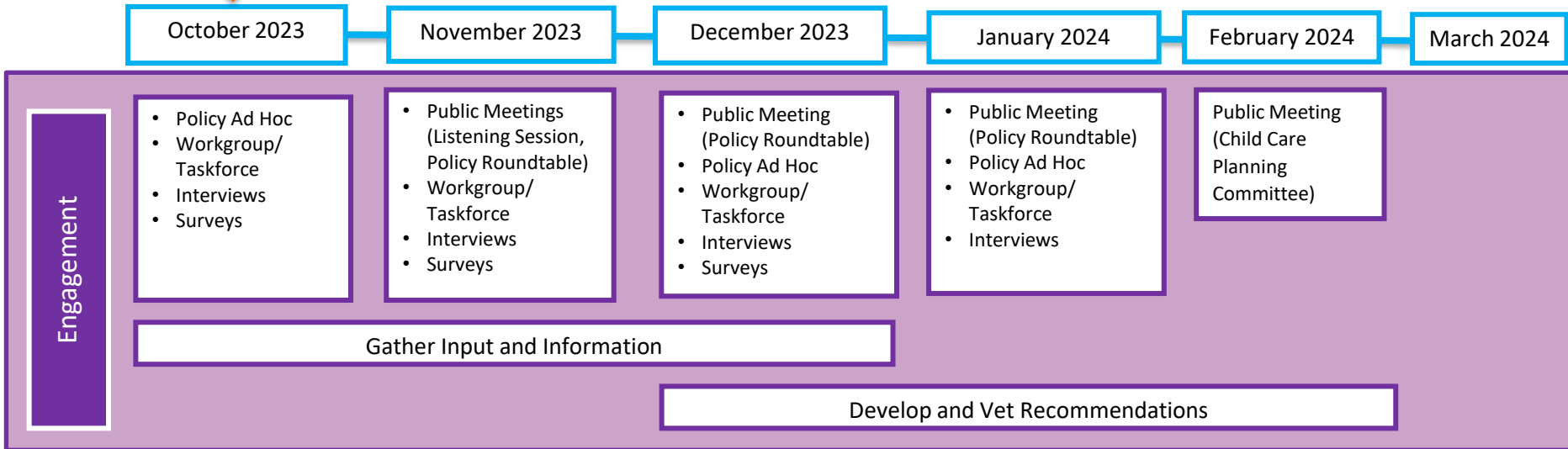
Timeline

- **October 2023 - December 2023:** Gather input and information
- **December 2023 - February 2024:** Develop and vet recommendations
- **March 2024:** Submit Blueprint

Infant Toddler Blueprint Timeline



We are here





Public Policy

Overview

- Review ECE Landscape:
Access to Child Care
- LA County State Legislative Agenda
- Connecting Commissioners Work
to the Legislative Agenda
- Board of Supervisor Engagement:
Providing Policy Recommendations



Supporting our Youngest Children:

Early Care and Education in Los Angeles County



Debra Colman, Director

Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education (OAECE)

2017

- **640,685 children** birth to five
- **9,518** licensed ECE providers in LA County
- **206,830** licensed spaces
- Licensed capacity to serve **13% of working parents with infants and toddlers**

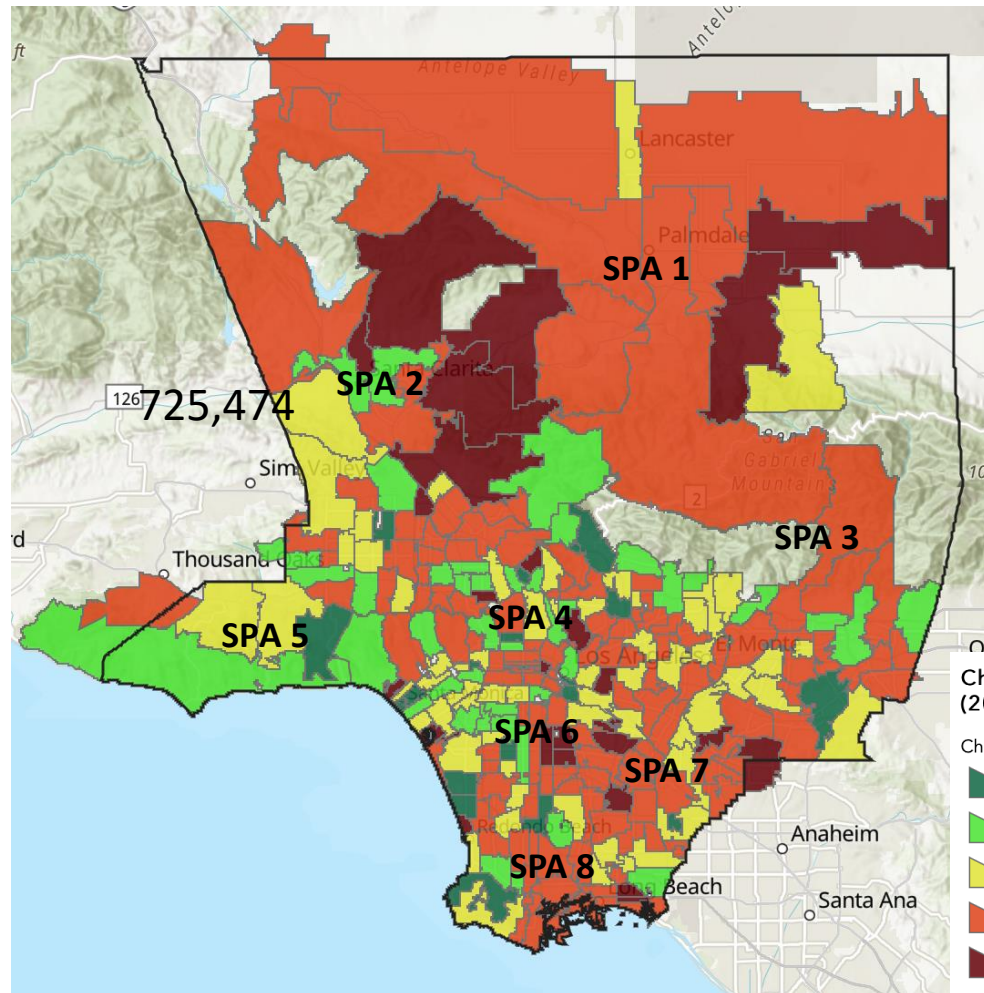
2022

- **610,456 children** birth to five
- **7,932** licensed ECE providers in LA County
- **221,408** licensed spaces
- Licensed capacity to serve **13% of working parents with infants and toddlers**

ECE Landscape: Lack of Child Care



Child Care Deserts Map



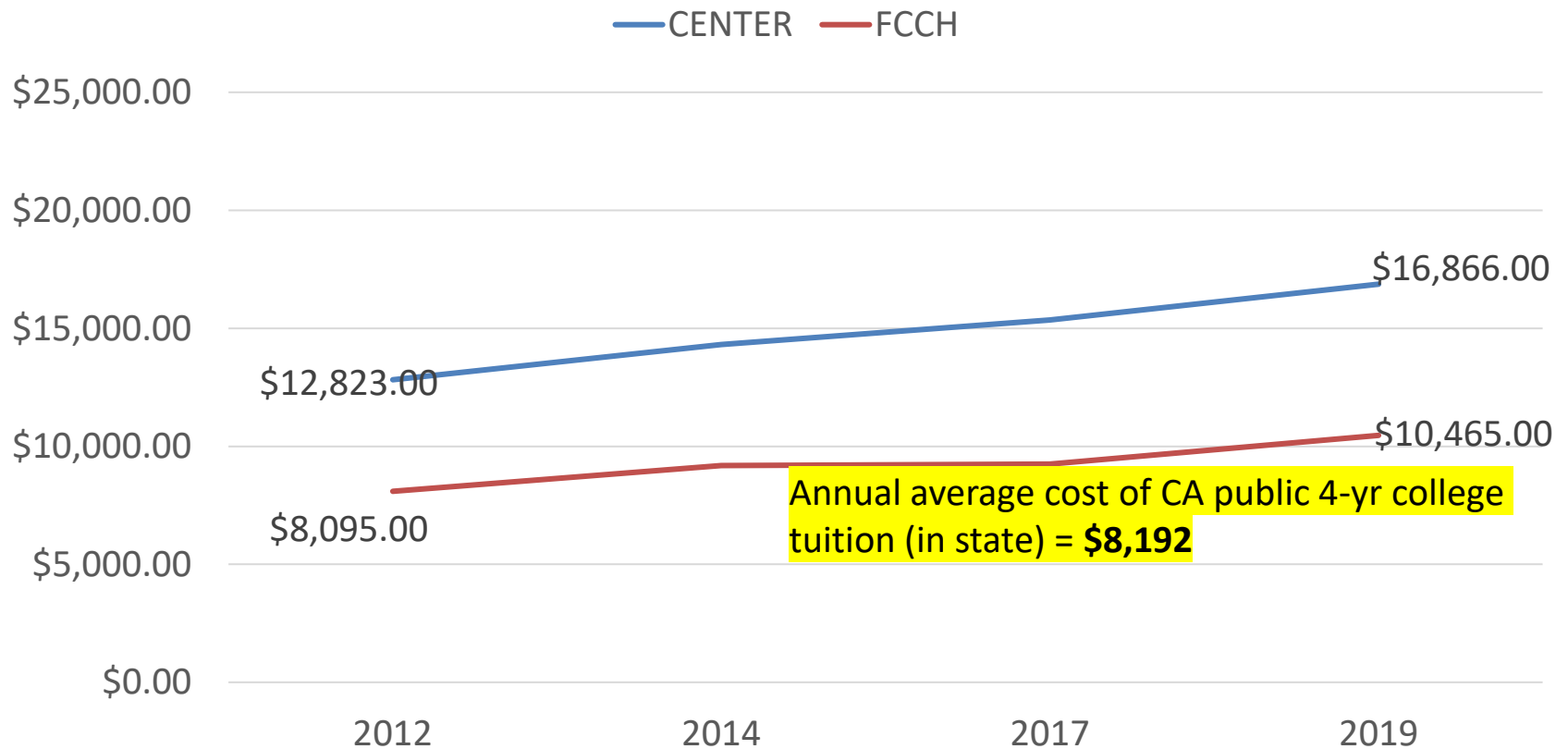
Child Care Definition
Fewer than 1/3 of children under age 6 have access to a child care space

Child Care Deserts for Children Under Age 6 (2021)

Children Served by Slots (%)

- 80% or more
- 50.1% to 80%
- 33.4% to 50%
- 15.1% to 33.3% (desert)
- 15% or less (desert)

Average cost of full-time infant care (2012-2019)



31,651 members of the ECE workforce in LA County

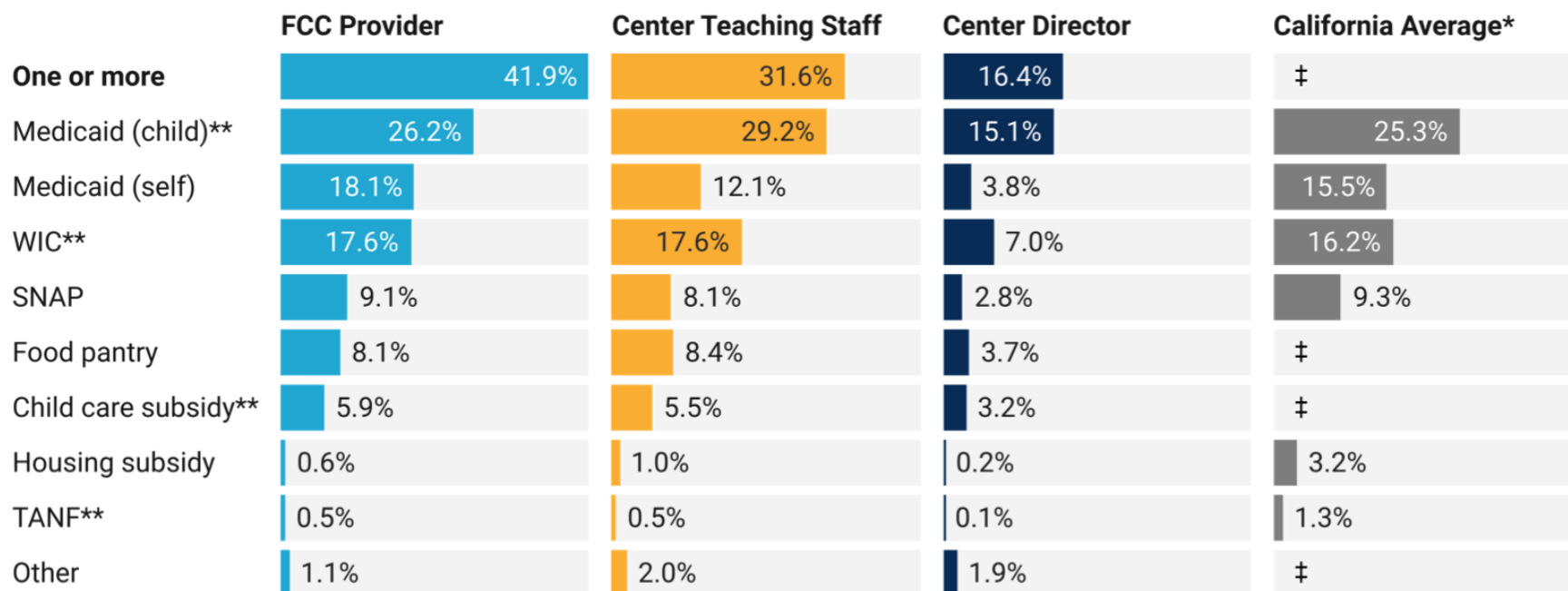
2017

- Child care workers earn **\$11.61**
- Preschool teacher earn **\$15.25 per hour**

2022

- Child care workers earn **\$13.43 an hour**
- Preschool teachers earn **\$16.83 per hour**

CA ECE Workforce Participation in Public Assistance



Source: Powell, A., Chávez, R., Austin, L.J.E., Montoya, E., Kim, Y., & Copeman Petig, A. (2022). *“The Forgotten Ones”—The Economic Well-Being of Early Educators During COVID-19*. Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, University of California, Berkeley. <https://cscce.berkeley.edu/the-forgotten-ones-the-economic-well-being-of-early-educators-during-covid-19/>. Diagram from page 12.

3 Key Challenges

1) System Fragility: Stabilization of ECE access

- Children not returning to ECE programs
- Early educators leaving the workforce

2) Cost: High cost of child care

- High cost for families paying market rate
- Low reimbursement rate for subsidized providers

3) Universal PreKindergarten: Impact on system



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

Benefits of TK Expansion

- Increased access
- Becomes an entitlement by embedding in TK-12
- Free to families

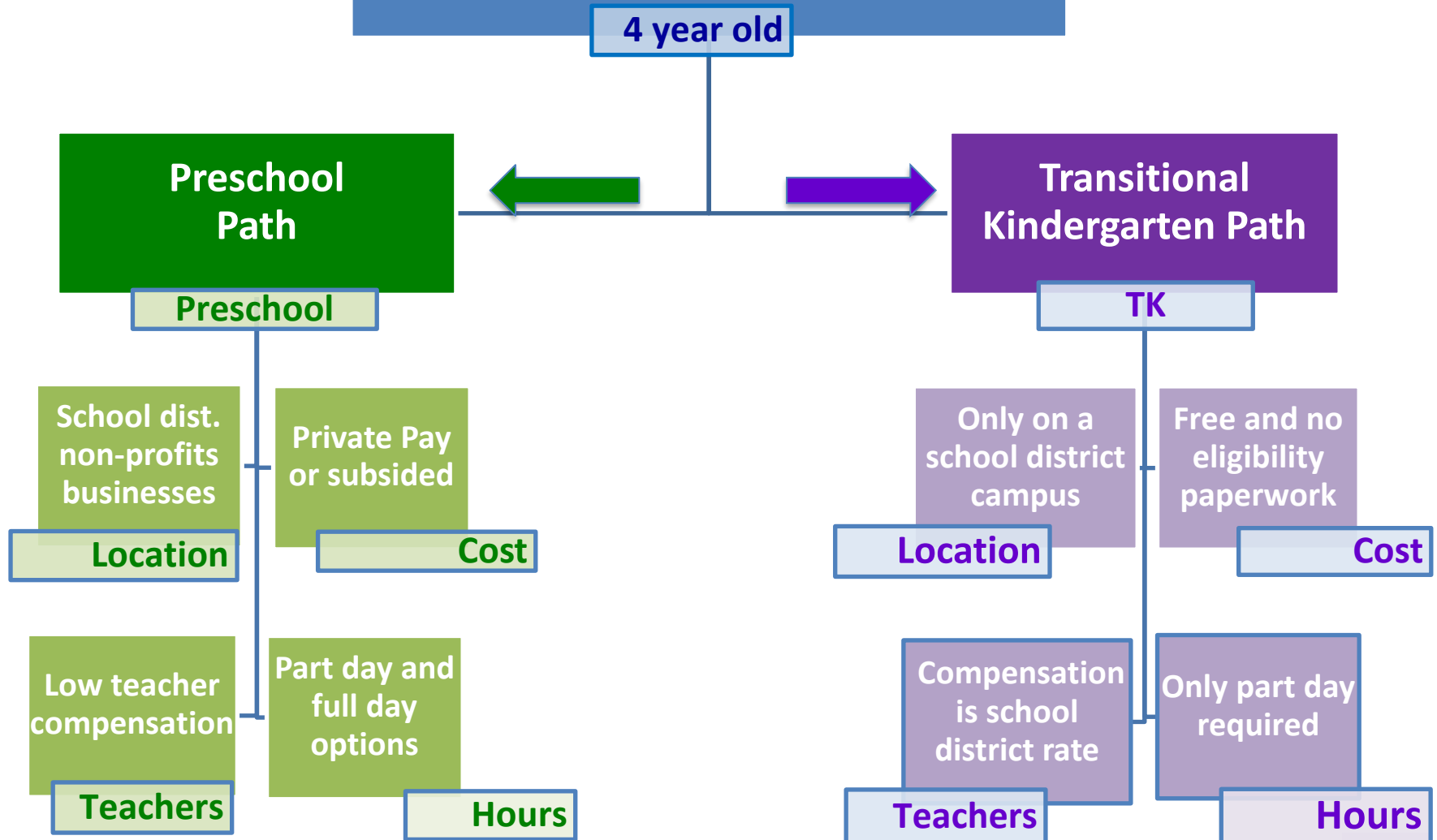
Challenges of TK Expansion

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

A Story of Two Systems



ECE Paths for a 4 Year-Old Child



What are your ah-has, questions, or reflections?



Legislative Agenda & Public Policy Platform

- LA County's State Legislative Agenda 2023-24:
 - *1.3 Child Development and Early Care and Education*
(13 Legislative Agenda Items)
- Policy Roundtable & CCPC developed the Public Policy Platform
- Connection between Legislative Agenda and Policy Platform



- Policy Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors must consistent with the Legislative Agenda



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