Introductions:
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Organization
Comments from the Chair
General Business

Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2024
Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion
Planning in a Shifting ECE Landscape
An Update on
UPK LA
&
Infant/Toddler Blueprint
Increase parents’ knowledge about early education choices

- 02/13 - Access/Parent Engagement Ad Hoc met with Catalyst California about parent access research and began identifying barriers parents are experiencing

Establish local partnerships between LEAs and ECE mixed delivery system

- 02/14 - OAECE and CCALA are meeting with the Resource and Referral agency managers to explore UPK partnership
- 03/14 – OAECE presenting at ECEvolution with CDE, Office of Head Start, and NAEYC about UPK and ECE mixed delivery system integration
Community Engagement Snapshot

- Over **50 meetings** convened
- More than **300 people** engaged
- Parents, ECE Providers, Institutions of Higher Education, ECE Experts and Leaders, Government Organizations, and more
Infant Toddler Child Care Blueprint Process

**Phase 1) Issue Identification**

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**Issues Identified / Recommendations Drafted**

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How can the ECE field use the Infant/Toddler Blueprint?

- Tool for meetings with Children’s Deputies
- Guide for strategies where philanthropy can invest
- Information for ECE advocates
- Recommendations for elected officials during legislation season
Infant Toddler Child Care Blueprint Draft Recommendations
Ad Hoc Commission Members
1. Luis Bautista
2. Fran Chasen
3. Jennifer Cowan
4. Ofelia Medina
5. Kanchi Tate

Ad Hoc Meetings
• Tuesday, 12/19/23
• Monday, 1/8/24

Ad Hoc Activities
• Examined drafted recommendations
• Provided feedback about recommendations
• Suggested additional recommendations
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**Priority Area 1: Infant Toddler Early Care and Education Capacity**

**Rationale:** There are not enough licensed early care and education spaces available for infants and toddlers.

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<td>1.1</td>
<td>Establish grant program to support startup costs and facility development expenses to Family Child Care Homes and center-based care that serve infants/toddlers (e.g.: licensing fee, health, and safety training, etc.).</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>Increase partnerships between Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and early care and education providers to repurpose LEAs facility space for use by infant/toddler child care services.</td>
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<td>Invest in a study to identify regulatory changes for Family Child Care Homes to operate a predominantly infant and toddler program model</td>
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<td>Revise California Community Care Licensing regulations to reduce the square footage required for infant/toddler early care and education licensed centers</td>
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<td>Require new housing development and commercial developers to either pay a fee that supports the development of new infant/toddler child care facilities or include facility space for infant and toddler child care in the new development that can be leased at a reduced rate.</td>
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## Priority Area 2: Access to Affordable Care

**Rationale:** Cost of infant and toddler child care for families is high.

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<td>2.1</td>
<td>Launch a County-wide public awareness campaign to promote subsidized infant/toddler child care options for low-income families in under-resourced communities including a centralized family friendly website with a universal child care subsidy enrollment application</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
<td>Train key Los Angeles County staff (e.g., County Library, and Departments of Parks and Recreation, Economic Opportunity, Public Social Services, Mental Health, Children and Family Services, Public Health, etc.) who support parents of infants/toddlers on how to connect families to early care and education resources.</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Increase General Child Care and Development (CCTR) income eligibility to at least 100% of the state median income (SMI) to expand access and simplify the system meet families’ needs.</td>
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<td>2.4</td>
<td>Invest in a locally funded infant/toddler child care voucher program for low-income to moderate-income families in Los Angeles County.</td>
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<td>2.5</td>
<td>Revise regulations to ensure children of the infant/toddler child care workforce are categorically eligible for child care subsidy regardless of their household income.</td>
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Priority Area 3: Program Operations
Rationale: Infant/toddler child care providers often struggle with program costs.

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<td>Invest in business training for Family Child Care Homes to strengthen operational practices.</td>
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<td>Establish partnerships to connect home-based child care providers (Family Child Care Homes and Family, Friend, and Neighbors) serving infants and toddlers to resources and supports to reduce operational costs (e.g.: lease/rental assistance, earn tax credits through WOTC, food, diapers, utility rebates, and insurance).</td>
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<td>3.3</td>
<td>Align infant/toddler age range definitions across all California subsidized early care and education programs to increase the ability of early care and education programs to blend and braid funding.</td>
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Priority Area 4: Workforce Compensation  
Rationale: Early educators earn low wages and receive few benefits.

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<td>4.1</td>
<td>Establish the State’s cost reimbursement rates for licensed care serving infants and toddlers at 100% of the true cost of care and includes compensation at a living wage with benefits.</td>
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<td>4.2</td>
<td>Revise Family, Friend, and Neighbor subsidy reimbursement rates to a level that includes compensation that is no less than hourly minimum wage and benefits.</td>
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<td>Expand guaranteed basic income programs for Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers who care for infants and toddlers.</td>
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<td>Explore the feasibility of a local ongoing revenue source to subsidize compensation for infant/toddler child care providers.</td>
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### Priority Area #5: Workforce Pathways and Qualifications

**Rationale:** Early educators have limited opportunities to strengthen their skills, knowledge, and qualifications.

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<td>5.1</td>
<td>Establish a centralized Center of Excellence for early care and education employers and workforce that support infant/toddler child care job seekers with open positions.</td>
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<td>5.2</td>
<td>Establish a Los Angeles County Family Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Caregiver Support Network to provide access to resources, learning opportunities, individualized support, home visitation opportunities, and social connections with other license-exempt FFN providers.</td>
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<td>Expand partnerships between institutes of higher education (IHE) and infant/toddler programs to provide more opportunities for apprenticeships and IHE credit-bearing professional development for infant/toddler program staff.</td>
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<td>Expand access to affordable professional development certificate programs focused on infant/toddler child care.</td>
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<td>Revise California Child Development Associate Teacher and Teacher Permit to require successful completion of at least one infant and toddler development college course.</td>
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Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Which recommendations are most important to elevate?

2. Do you know of current efforts and/or partners working on similar strategies?
Public Policy
1. Overview of Governor’s Budget

2. State Early Care and Education Legislative Updates

3. Policy Priorities for 2024 Legislative Session
1. If Joint Committee on Legislation members are from the Policy Roundtable then it is a “subcommittee”

2. All subcommittees must public meetings and in-person

3. Propose Joint Committee on Legislation is comprised of:
   - 4 members from Policy Roundtable
   - 4 members of Child Care Planning Committee

4. Propose Policy Roundtable members to the Joint Committee on Legislation are appointed by the Policy Roundtable Chair

5. Child Care Planning Committee approved this structure 2/7/24
Upcoming Policy Roundtable Activities

• Ordinance and Bylaws Ad Hoc Update

• Board of Supervisor Engagement Teams

• Service Coordination Strategy
Action Item
Approval of Launch of Joint Committee on Legislation for FY 2023-24 and Appointment Authorization
Creation of Ad Hoc
Announcements and Public Comment
Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn
Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission