

# Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

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June 12, 2024

# Introductions: Name & Organization

# Comments from the Chair

# General Business

Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2024

# Our Unified Strategic Plan in Motion

## An Update on Universal PreKindergarten (UPK LA ) and Infant/Toddler ECE Systems Strategy



## Supported 672 ECE providers through 10 trainings

Date	Training	Participants
2/19/2024	Expanding Infant/Toddler Care Services in LA County.	20
3/14/2024	ECE-BT3 Facility Development Fee Waiver for DPW staff	52
10/25/2023	Growing Brain Series: Brain Basics	57
11/8/2023	Growing Brain Series: Language and Executive Function	49
11/15/2023	Growing Brain Series: Social-Emotional Development	44
12/13/2023	Growing Brain Series: Every day Play	41
4/9/2024	ENGLISH: Social Emotional Development/Self-Regulation	162
4/11/2024	SPANISH: Social Emotional Development/Self-Regulation	36
5/21/2024	ENGLISH: Supporting Language and Cognitive Development	160
5/22/2024	SPANISH: Supporting Language and Cognitive Development	51

### Upcoming Trainings

06/27/2024 Infant/Toddler Business Training

## 76 ECE and TK-12 leaders came together at the UPK Leadership Bridge Building Breakfast

25 school districts and 3 charters

8 Resource and Referral agencies

UPK Workgroup Leadership (Child Care Planning)





# Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc

## Members

- Jacquelyn McCroskey
- Jessica Perea
- Nurhan Pirim
- Steve Sturm

## Meetings

- 2 in April 2024
- 1 in May 2024

## Service Coordination Strategy Approach

- Identify child care and development services Commissioners' organizations and County departments are involved with
- Identify additional key County partners
- Identify 1-2 service coordination areas to focus on that are in alignment with Commission's responsibilities

## Next Steps

- Summer 2024 OAECE staff will gather information about County programs serving children ages birth to five years old and their families
- Ad hoc reconvenes in Fall 2024

# Poverty Alleviation Initiative (PAI)

## Strategic Framework

June 10, 2024

**Kristina Meza**  
Executive Director



County of Los Angeles  
**Poverty  
Alleviation  
Initiative**  
PATHWAYS TO THRIVE



# Community and Stakeholder Input

- Listening sessions across LA County
- More than **1,000 participants**
- Over **600 residents** and folks with **lived-expertise**
- **148 organizations** – CBOs, advocates, philanthropy, state and federal perspectives
- **23 County departments**, over 100 employees
- **All 5 Board Offices**

- All Peoples Community Center
- American Indian/Alaska Native Underserved Cultural Communities Subcommittee
- Antelope Valley Community Action League
- Bank of America
- BRIDGE Housing
- California Youth Connection
- Casey Family programs
- CHIRLA
- Chrysalis
- CIELO
- Community Coalition
- Community Health Councils
- Downtown Women’s Center
- Economics Security Project Action
- End Poverty In CA (EPIC)
- GRACE
- Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership
- Inner City Struggle
- Long Beach City
- Los Angeles City
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)
- National Asian Pacific Center on Aging
- Neighborhood Action Councils
- Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County
- Opportunity Youth Collaborative
- Para Los Niños
- Pasadena City
- Rainbow Services
- Strength Based Community Change (SBCC)
- SLATE-Z
- Southeast Asian Community Alliance
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles
- University of Los Angeles/Pritzker Center
- University of Southern California
- Weingart Foundation
- Western Center on Law and Poverty



# Course of Action

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## Our Commitment:

- **People matter**, and we will root our solutions in **dignity** and **respect**
- Recognize the **interdependence of equity, well-being** and **poverty**
- Use an equity lens to **remove systemic barriers, structural racism, privilege,** and **oppression** that perpetuate inequities and disparities
- Make our **systems more responsive** and efficient, and create **opportunities for success**
- **Believe** that we **can alleviate poverty,** and **care enough to do it**



## Invest in Our Communities

- Increase prevention & environmental supports
- Grassroots organizing
- Convene jurisdictions & partners on shared priorities and advocacy

## Strengthen Pathways to Opportunities

- Easier connections to jobs
- Supports for getting and maintaining jobs
- Coaching to help people start their own businesses
- Build assets with match-savings, baby bonds, children's saving accts, & financial coaching

## Expand Access to Basic Supports

- Emergency fund for basic needs
- Secure and maintain affordable housing
- Increase access to childcare
- Increase claiming of all available tax credits
- Expand guaranteed income

## Improve Our Service Delivery System

- Develop respectful, person-centered delivery system
- Centralize access to resources
- Advocate to reindex all public benefits & requirements
- Advocate to change child neglect definition

# PAI Proposed Federal, State and Local Advocacy Agenda

## Practice Changes

- Reindex the Federal Poverty Level and change public benefit eligibility requirements
- Repeal Article 34 from California's constitution
- Change the definition of 'child neglect'
- Make it easier for relatives to become caregivers of children
- Equitably distribute funding to schools

## Exemptions

- Ensure people can still receive their public benefits, even if they marry or receive child support
- Exempt guaranteed-income payments from public benefit calculations
- Ensure that immigrants can receive the benefits they need

## Funding Changes

- Align subsidized child care eligibility to County living-wages and raise reimbursement rates
- Increase health insurance subsidies
- Increase unemployment insurance rates/limits
- Increase supports for foster and probation youth up to age 26
- Flexible funding to best meet peoples' needs

## Tax Credits

- Reinststitute the federal Advance Child Tax Credit
- Expand EITC and Young-Child Tax Credits





# PAI Priority Actions

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## PAI Five Starting Priorities:

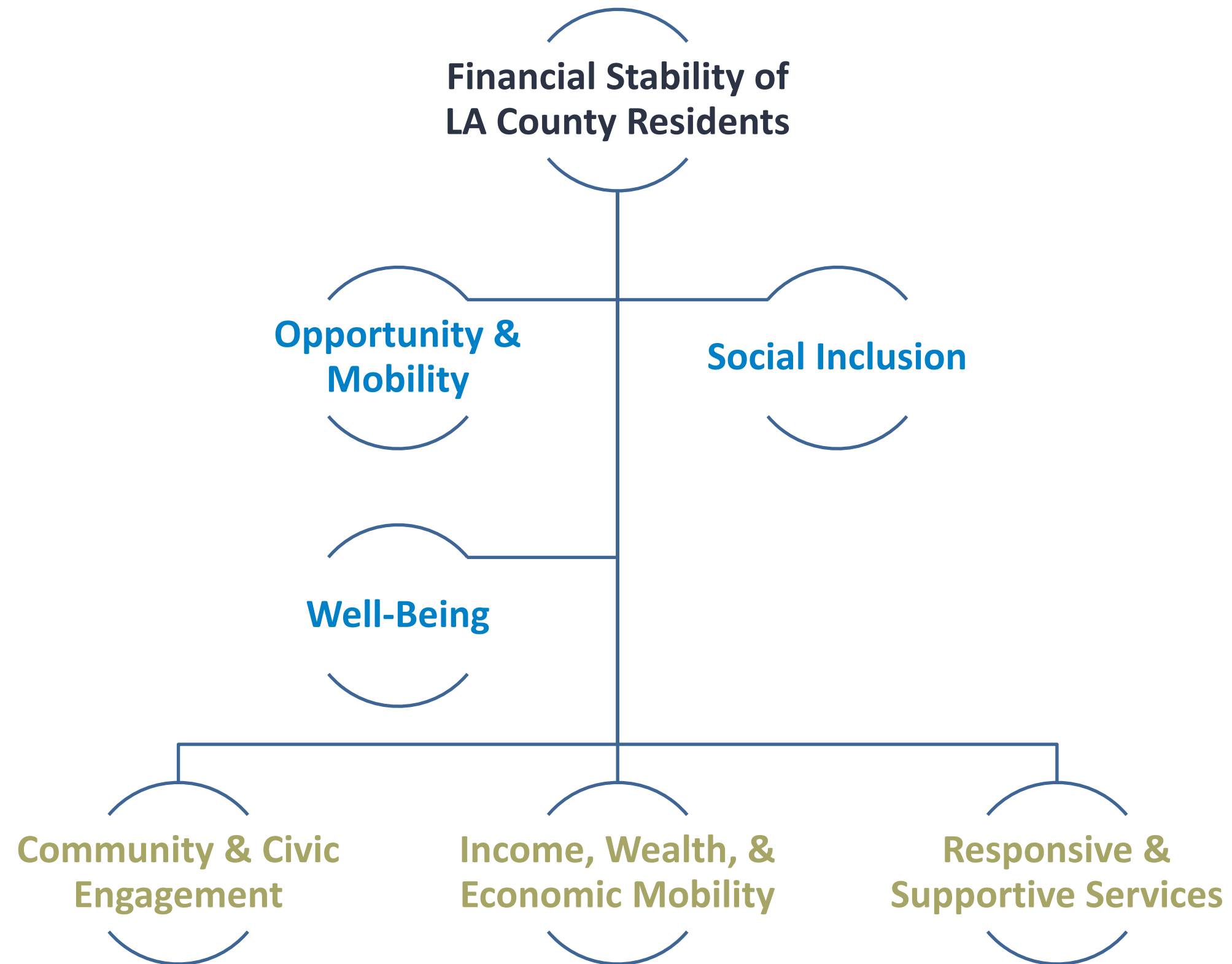
- Supporting grassroots community-led projects
- **Maximizing guaranteed income resources available**
- Increasing tax credit filings
- **Developing a person-centered service delivery model**
- Reforming General Relief (GR)

## Strengthen Pathways to Opportunities

▪ <b>CalKIDS</b>	CA State
▪ <b>Expansion of Financial Coaching</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Wealth-Building and Estate Planning</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Green Line Home Program</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Worker Equity Fund</b>	DEO
▪ <b>Youth@Work Elevate</b>	DEO
▪ <b>PLACE Program Expansion</b>	DEO, DHR, others
▪ <b>Employee Ownership Model Support</b>	DEO
▪ <b>Economic Mobility Program</b>	DEO
▪ <b>Economic Opportunity Grant</b>	DEO

## Expand Access to Basic Supports

▪ <b>Mortgage Relief Program</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Cash grants to survivors of intimate partner/domestic violence</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Healthy Food Kickstarter</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Worker protections</b>	DCBA
▪ <b>Mapping food access and food deserts</b>	Food Equity Roundtable
▪ <b>LA City Emergency Fund</b>	LA City CIFD
▪ <b>Solid Ground</b>	LA City CIFD
▪ <b>Increasing family, friends, and neighbors who provide child care</b>	First 5 LA, DPH, LA City CIFD, WGI





# Next Steps

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## Between Now and July 2024:

- **Work with research evaluator** and identify measurement indicators for initial actions
- **Implement** the priority actions
- **Identify additional partners** to lead other actions
- **Report to the Board** on progress made

# Public Policy

## Pursuit of Position

1. **Award and distribute ECE spaces** appropriated in the 2023-24 budget by June 30, 2024 and **include a sustainable and equitable plan to reach the 200,000 spaces commitment by 2026-27**
2. **Include** in the state's **Child Care Development Fund Plan** Federal FY 2025-27 an **alternative rate methodology based on the true cost of care** by the July 1, 2024 submission
3. Require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to **remove the Child Development Associate Teacher Permit renewal restriction**

## Status

- ✓ **#1 & #2:** Sup. Solis Motion to direct CEO's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (LAIRs) to support #1 & #2 was unanimously approved. LAIRs sent letter of support for **#1 & #2** to Governor & Legislative leadership 6/4/24.
- ✓ **#3:** LAIRs issued a pursuit of advocacy position memo to support AB 1930 (**#3**)

# Overview of Governor's Budget & Legislative Policy

## Governor's Proposed Budget May Revise - Released 5.10.2024

### Rescinding of CCTR Spaces

All 27,000 spaces that were part of the November 2023 CCTR RFA have been rescinded. Any program that received an award letter will not be funded. Letters from CDSS have been sent to programs to inform them of this change.

### Freeze on 200,000 Spaces

The May Revision delays \$1.4 billion in child care expansion, holding expansion at the current level of 119,000 rather than expanding to 200,000 in 2025-26 as previously promised. This includes rescinding the 27,000 CCTR spaces awarded in November. There is no plan on when, or if, the spaces expansion will be resumed.

### State Preschool Special Needs Set-Aside

Eliminates funds that would have supported CSPP to serve at least 10% of children with disabilities by 2026-27. The special needs set-aside level will remain at 5% for CSPP indefinitely.



## Governor's Proposed Budget May Revise - Released 5.10.2024

**May Revision proposes reappropriating the \$250 million that was initially planned to support the Inclusion Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant and using those funds for another purpose.**

- \$198 million in local grant funds for local educational agencies (LEAs) to support inclusion - Applications were submitted to CDE on April 12, 2024
- \$50 million in statewide system supports for inclusion to benefit both LEAs and community-based programs
- \$10.5 million for Achieving Success in Positive Interactions, Relationships, and Environments (ASPIRE) Grant

## Governor's Proposed Budget May Revise - Released 5.10.2024

### **CSPP and TK Facilities Grant Program**

Eliminates \$550 million from the January Budget Proposal, which would have supported California State Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten facilities. Grant will not be released.

### **Ongoing Reductions to State Operations**

Reduces state operations by 7.95% beginning in 2024-25 to all department budgets. This includes personnel, operating costs, and contracting.

### **CalWORKs Home Visiting Program**

Reduces the CalWork's Home Visiting Program by \$47.1 million.

# Board of Supervisors ECE Delegation 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	<b>Anthony Cespedes</b> <i>Health Deputy</i> <b>Esther Lim</b> <i>Senior Justice Deputy</i>	<b>Yadira Flores</b> <i>Human Services &amp; Child Welfare, Senior Deputy</i>	<b>Lizzie Shuster</b> <i>Youth &amp; Family Wellbeing Deputy</i>	<b>Maral Karaccusian</b> <i>Children &amp; Human Services Deputy</i>	<b>Monica Banken</b> <i>Children, Family Services &amp; Economic and Workforce Development Deputy</i>
Roundtable BOS Appointee	Jessica Perea (Lead)	Justin Blakely (Lead)	Jennifer Cowan (Lead)	Alejandra Albarran Moses (Lead)	Vacant
	Vacant	Gloria Davis	Amber Rivas	Ricardo Mota	Vacant
Roundtable Organization Representative	Jacquelyn McCroskey <i>Commission for Children &amp; Families</i>	Paul Pulver or Jackie Majors <i>Child Care Alliance of LA</i>	Fran Chasen <i>Southern CA Chapter, CAEYC</i>	Luis Bautista or Debi Anderson <i>LACOE</i>	Dean Tagawa <i>LAUSD</i>
			Ofelia Medina or Jamie Kalenick <i>First 5 LA</i>		Lisa Wilkin <i>Child Care Planning Council</i>
Child Care Planning Committee BOS Appointee	Kelly O'Connell <i>Alternate:</i> Kimberly Dobson-Garcia	Jessica Guerra <i>Alternate:</i> Patrick MacFarlane	Ivy Chang <i>Alternate:</i> Elizabeth Scharetg	Sarah Soriano <i>Alternate:</i> Jennifer Allen Harper	Dianne Philibosian (Lead) <i>Alternate:</i> Toni Boucher

# Public Policy Platform

## Background

- Policy Roundtable Commission and Child Care Planning Committee co-developed the Public Policy Platform
- At beginning of 2-year legislative session County Counsel/LAIRs requests OAECE to provide input to the County's Legislative Agenda
- OAECE provides County Counsel/LAIRs the Public Policy Platform (statements only, not the bullets under each statement) to inform the County's Legislative Agenda
  - For LA County State Legislative Agenda 2023-24  
*see "1.3 Child Development and ECE"*
- Policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors must be consistent with the Legislative Agenda



## Public Policy Platform FY 2023-2024



1. Support efforts to enhance the quality of ECE that set high standards for all services and program types and address the needs of all children, including those with disabilities and other special needs, and their families.



2. Support efforts to develop and implement a statewide quality rating and improvement system and a system to adjust reimbursement rates based on demonstrated quality.



3. Support efforts to develop and sustain a well-educated and highly skilled professional workforce prepared to serve the culturally and linguistically diverse child and family populations of LA County.



4. Support efforts to ensure the health and safety of all children cared for in licensed ECE facilities as afforded by timely, regular, and frequent on-site monitoring by the CA Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division.



5. Support efforts to adequately fund high quality ECE services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.



6. Support the streamlining of CA Department of Education and Social Services administrative processes to expand access for low-income families, ensure continuity of care, and promote flexible use of ECE funding to meet the needs of families.



7. Support proposals designed to prevent, detect, investigate and, when appropriate, prosecute fraud in subsidized child care and development programs.



8. Support efforts to ensure that vulnerable children and their families have access to consistent, uninterrupted subsidized ECE services.



9. Support efforts to expand the supply of appropriate ECE services through facility development in communities with a significant shortage of these services.



10. Support efforts to ensure that children and their families have timely access to ECE services during a local, state and/or national emergency.

## Policy Platform Statements are Intentionally Broad

- As a practice, changes are not made to the statements because they are typically broad enough to cover priority ECE issues
- Changes made are typically to the bullets and changes are usually minor
- Don't need to word-smith

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## Process

### April 2024

- ✓ Joint Committee on Legislation begins reviewing Public Policy Platform, has initial discussion

### May 2024

- ✓ Policy Roundtable Commission reviews Policy Platform
- × Joint Committee on Legislation did not have quorum. Thus, did not meet to develop recommendations to modify Public Policy Platform

### June 2024

- ✓ In lieu of recommendations from Joint Committee on Legislation, Chairs and Vice-Chairs from Policy Roundtable Commission and Child Care Planning Committee developed recommended modifications
- ✓ Child Care Planning Committee approved modifications to Public Policy Platform
- ✓ Policy Roundtable votes to approve modifications



- ❑ **Child Care Planning Committee approved to the Public Policy Platform on 6/5/24 the following modifications (in yellow)**
- ❑ **These modifications are being proposed to the Policy Roundtable Commission to approve**

Page 4: #5. Support efforts to adequately fund high quality early care and education services for all children from low- and moderate-income families.

- Streamlining and transitioning the former dual reimbursement rate systems (Standard Reimbursement Rate and Regional Market Rate) into a single, regionalized reimbursement rate system that covers the true cost of quality care and supports the cost of program operations, including facility development and staff compensation commensurate with education and experience.

Page 6: #10. Support efforts to ensure that children and their families have timely access to early care and education services during a local, state and/or national emergency.

- Added: Enhance resources in resource and referral agencies, family resource centers, and community- and faith-based networks that offer a broad array of supports and services.
- Added: Activate immediate access to early care and education services during a local, state, and/or national emergency.
- Waiving liability due to damages relating to COVID-19 infection, transmission, or other related conditions due to the COVID-19 a pandemic and other emergencies.

# Policy Roundtable

- **FY 2023-2024 Reflections**
- **FY 2024-2025 Goals**



## Reflections for FY 2023-2024

- What are you most proud of this year?



## Goals for 2024-2025

- What would you like to strengthen for next year?



# Creation of Ad Hoc

# Announcements and Public Comment

# Meeting in Review and Call to Adjourn



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