

Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

April 9, 2025



Introductions: Name & Organization

Comments from the Chair

Approval of Minutes

March 12, 2025

Review of Policy Roundtable Leadership Transition Process

Timeline

- Nominations - May and June 2025
- Election - June 2025 (Election takes place every 2 years and in June of the 2nd bi-annual year)

Who is Eligible to be an Officer (Chair and Vice-Chair)

- Each Roundtable member is eligible to serve as an officer
- An officer may be elected to additional consecutive terms; however, no officer shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms

Nomination Process

- Vice-Chair recommends next Vice-Chair
- Candidates may be nominated:
 - Prior to the election meeting by:
 1. Emailing nominations to OAECE staff (Leanne Drogin)
 2. Providing verbal nomination during May 14, 2025 Policy Roundtable meeting
 - From the floor at the election meeting (June 11, 2025)

Election Process

- All Roundtable *members* are eligible to vote in the election of officers
- The election will be held by voice-vote at the election meeting, there shall be no secret ballots or absentee voting
- In order for an election to take place at least two-thirds of voting members must cast a vote for election of officers
- The candidate that receives a majority of votes will be declared the winner

Strengthening LA County Service Coordination: *Service Coordination Strategy Ad Hoc* Update on Designing Service Coordination Strategy

Members

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



Status

1. Ad Hoc examined connections points between LA County's Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee activities, the Commission, and systems Commissioners are directly involved with
2. Ad Hoc is drafting a recommended Service Coordination Strategy

Next Steps

Ad Hoc will develop Service Coordination Strategy recommendation to present to Commission by May 2025



Presentation on Status of Local, State, and Federal Public Policies and Joint Committee on Legislation

Status of Pursuit of Position #1:

Alternative Reimbursement Rate Methodology

Establish by July 1, 2025 an alternative rate methodology that reimburses ECE providers the true cost of providing state-subsidized child care based on Federal requirements; implement the new reimbursement rate structure by summer 2025; and allocate ongoing funding for the new reimbursement rate structure.

Status of Pursuit of Position #2: California Safe Haven Schools and Child Care

Support AB 49 and similar measures that strengthen protections for immigrant children in California by prohibiting immigration enforcement officers from entering schools and child care facilities without proper legal authorization.

Early Care and Education Wildfire Recovery & Rebuild Efforts

OAECE submitted to Department of Public Health Government Affairs and CEO Legislative Affairs Intergovernmental Relations a request for supports from the State for ECE programs impacted by the wildfires.

Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL) Members

Policy Roundtable

1. Gloria Davis
2. **Ofelia Medina (Co-Chair)**
3. Jessica Perea
4. Nurhan Pirim

Child Care Planning Committee

1. Lester Garcia
2. Rachel Klein
3. Patrick MacFarlane
4. **Lisa Wilkin (Co-Chair)**

Meeting Dates, Time, & Location

- Dates: 3rd Wednesday of month (January - June 2025)
- Time: 10am – 11:30am
- Location: OAECE (600 S. Commonwealth Ave., LA 90005)



Discussion

- Any questions?
- Any other critical legislation or budget items that need to be elevated in this discussion?

Presentation on
Child Care Planning Committee:
Universal PreKindergarten (UPK)
Leadership Bridge Building Breakfast 2025
and Family UPK Decision Making Data

Child Care Planning Committee Updates

Andrea Fernandez Mendoza,
Child Care Planning Committee, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 9, 2025



2025 Universal PreKindergarten Leadership Bridge Building Breakfast



*From Numbers to Nurturing:
Shaping UPK with Data-Driven Insights*

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 • 8:30 AM - 11 AM

69 Attendees:

- 23 from School Districts & 11 from Charter Schools
- 23 from Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles & Resource & Referral agencies
- 8 Child Care Planning Committee Leadership (overlap with R&R)
- 6 from Los Angeles County Office of Education and 12 Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education



UPK Leadership Bridge Building Breakfast Program

Welcome

- Manuel Fierro, MA, Chair, Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee
- Luis Bautista, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Office of Education Head Start and Early Learning Division

Getting Grounded in Universal PreKindergarten

- Debra Colman, MSW, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education
- Cristina Alvarado, MSW, Executive Director of the Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles

Table Talk: Building the Universal PreKindergarten Partnership Bridge - All attendees

Data Presentation: The Intersection of UPK and Family Decision-making

- Victoria Wang, MEd, Research and Policy Associate from Learning Policy Institute

Panel Discussion: Exploring Universal PreKindergarten Data: A Conversation to Connect Research and Program Implementation

- **Panel Moderator:** Debra Colman, MSW, Director of the Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education
- **Panel:**
 - Victoria Wang, M.Ed., Research and Policy Associate from Learning Policy Institute
 - LaWanda Wesley, Ed.D., Director of Government Relations, Child Care Resource Center
 - Bruce Fuller, PhD., Professor Emeritus, School of Education, UC Berkeley

Closing Remarks - Andrea Fernandez Mendoza, MA, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Child Care Planning Committee

Presentation on **Family UPK Decision Making Survey** conducted by:



- **Partnership:** Stanford RAPID Survey Project
- **Surveyed:** CA families with a preschool-aged child (3-5) about their ECE decisions and experiences for 2023-24 school year
- **Fielded:** July 12, 2024 to August 9, 2024

- **Sample:**

California

2,408 respondents

Represents 1,068,445
households with
children 3-5 years

LA County

718 respondents

Represents 238,263
households with
children 3-5 years

What factors had the biggest impact on LA families' decisions?

1. Location was close to home
2. It was free
3. Qualified staff
4. Wanted child in same arrangement as sibling
5. Hours met their needs

Top reasons for not selecting TK in 2023-24, among LA families with a TK-eligible child

1. Wanted child in same arrangement as sibling
2. Wanted different learning environment
3. Child was not eligible for TK
4. Too far away
5. Not offered at elementary school

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Creation of Ad Hoc Committee

Announcements and General Public Comment

Call to Adjourn



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