

Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

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January 14, 2026

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Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners, Alternates, and Guests

Comments from the Chair

Consent Calendar

- 4a. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2025
- 4b. Approval of Policy Roundtable Commission
Annual Report FY 2024-2025
- 4c. Approval of Appointment of Policy
Roundtable Chair to First 5 LA Commission

Policy Roundtable Annual Report FY 2025-26

Policy Roundtable Workplan FY 2025-26

Month	Goal 1: Promote Public Policy Priority Issues	Goal 2: Advance Unified Strategic Plan	Goal 3: Strengthen Policy Roundtable Infrastructure
Sept. 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Policy Roundtable, Planning Committee, and OAECE Roles Review 2024 LA County State Legislative Agenda 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Policy Roundtable Goals for FY 25-26 Provide update on Service Coordination Strategy (SCS) Action #5: Training for County Dept. Staff 	
Oct. 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review status of local, State, and federal public policies BOS Delegations begin meeting with BOS Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2025 LA County Health Survey ECE data 	
Nov. 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review LA County fiscal pressures and impact on Dept. of Public Health budget Review status of State and federal public policies Announce Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL) FY25-26 members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2025 State of the ECE Workforce Study data Commission begins to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 	
Dec. 2025	Review status of local, State, and federal public policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update on SCS Action #4: Women and Families Experiencing Homelessness 	
Jan. 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Governor's proposed Budget for FY25-26 JCL drafts priority policy issues areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update on SCS Action #3: Infant and Toddler Child Care Blueprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Annual Report FY24-25 Monitor progress of BOS approval of changes to Ordinance
Feb. 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss proposed priority policy issues drafted by JCL and informed by Planning Committee to include in Pursuit of Position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide landscape of food insecurity and food assistance funding for ECE programs Continue to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Ordinance changes
March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve Pursuit of Position Delegations share Pursuit of Position with Board of Supervisors' Deputies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update on SCS Action #1: Partner with the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee Continue to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 	
April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegations continue to share Pursuit of Position with BOS Deputies Review status of local, State, and federal public policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide update on SCS Action #2: Partner with Community Colleges Continue to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 	
May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Governor's May Revise Budget FY25-26 Identify if another Pursuit of Position is needed Follow up with BOS Deputies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possible areas of service coordination to add to SCS Continue to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 	
June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review status of local, State, and federal public policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to inform the development of the Unified Strategic Plan 2026-30 Identify Policy Roundtable FY26-27 goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Policy Roundtable successes and challenges for FY25-26

Presentation on Service Coordination Strategy: Action #3 – Early Care and Education Blueprint for Infant/Toddler Care Update

Early Care and Education Blueprint for Infant/Toddler Care Update



Purpose of Infant and Toddler Child Care Blueprint (Blueprint)

Implementing the Blueprint

- Roles
- Influence



Status of Blueprint's 20 Recommendations

- 30% of recommendations are being implemented or have been completed



Priority Area 1: Infant Toddler Early Care and Education Capacity

#	Recommendations	No Action to Date	Exploring Options	Being Implemented	Completed
1.1	Establish a grant program to support start-up costs and facility development expenses for family child care homes and center based care that serve infants and toddlers.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
1.2	Invest in a study to identify regulatory changes for family child care homes to sustainably operate a predominantly infant and toddler child care program model.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
1.3	Increase partnerships between Local Education Agencies and early care and education programs to repurpose school district facility space for use by infant/toddler child care programs.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
1.4	Reassess California Community Care Licensing square footage regulations for licensed infant/toddler early care and education centers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
1.5	Require new housing development and commercial developers to either pay a fee that supports the creation of new infant and toddler child care facilities or include infant and toddler early care and education facility space in new development that can be leased at a reduced rate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			






Priority Area 2: Access to Affordable Care

#	Recommendations	No Action to Date	Exploring Options	Being Implemented	Completed
2.1	Launch a County-wide public awareness campaign to promote subsidized infant/toddler early care and education options for low-income families in under-resourced communities including a centralized family friendly website with a universal child care subsidy enrollment application.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Strengthen the capacity of key Los Angeles County departments and community staff who support parents of infants/toddlers on how to connect families to early care and education resources.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Explore investment in a locally funded infant/toddler child care voucher program for low income to moderate income families in Los Angeles County.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Revise regulations to ensure children of the infant/toddler early care and education workforce are categorically eligible for subsidized child care regardless of their household income.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			



Priority Area 3: Program Operations

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3.1	Invest in business training for family child care homes to strengthen operational practices.				
3.2	Establish County and community-based partnerships that connect family child care homes and Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers serving infants and toddlers to resources that reduce operational costs.				
3.3	Align infant/toddler age range definitions and ratios across General Child Care, Alternative Payment Programs, and California Community Care Licensing to increase the ability for early care and education programs to blend funding.				



Priority Area 4: Workforce Compensation

#	Recommendations	No Action to Date	Exploring Options	Being Implemented	Completed
4.1	Establish the state’s subsidy reimbursement rates for licensed early care and education providers serving infants and toddlers at 100 percent of the true cost of care which includes compensation at a living wage with benefits.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.2	Revise Family, Friend, and Neighbor subsidy reimbursement rates to a living wage that includes compensation that is no less than the Los Angeles County’s hourly minimum wage.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4.3	Expand guaranteed basic income programs for Family, Friend, and Neighbor child care providers who support infants and toddlers.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4.4	Explore the feasibility of a local ongoing revenue source to subsidize compensation for infant/toddler early care and education providers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			



Priority Area 5: Workforce Pathways and Qualifications

#	Recommendations	No Action to Date	Exploring Options	Being Implemented	Completed
5.1	Establish a centralized Los Angeles County Center of Excellence for early care and education employers and workforce to support the infant/toddler child care system.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5.2	Establish a Los Angeles County Family Friend, and Neighbor Support Network to provide access to resources, learning opportunities, individualized support, home visitation opportunities, and social connections with other child care providers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5.3	Expand partnerships between institutions of higher education and infant/toddler ECE programs for apprenticeships , as well as unit-bearing professional development for early educators caring for infants and toddlers.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5.4	Revise California Child Development Associate Teacher and Teacher Permits to require successful completion of at least one infant and toddler development college course.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		



Early Edge California

Infant & Toddler Workgroup

January 14, 2026

Speakers



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Who We Are

We advocate for accessible, high-quality early learning and care for all, especially in under-resourced communities, with a primary focus on babies, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Policy Priorities

**Birth to
Three Care**

**Transitional
Kindergarten
and UPK**

**Dual Language
Learners**

**Workforce
Compensation**

Early Edge Infant & Toddler Workgroup

Background: The Workgroup was started in 2024 to bring together a coalition of partners committed to advancing B-3 policy in Los Angeles and statewide.

Purpose: Advancing the Blueprint for Infants and Toddlers.

Membership: Policy and advocacy organizations, resource and referral organizations, research organizations, First 5 Associations, direct service providers, and labor unions





Previous Meeting Topics:

- Rate reform and the alternative methodology
- Supporting Family, Friend, and Neighbor providers
- Communication strategies to support infant and toddler care
- Dedicated funding streams
- Impact of federal policy and actions

Themes from Workgroup Discussions

- Ensuring implementation of rate reform and alternative methodology
- Impact of federal actions and policy moving priorities forward
 - Funding
 - Immigration
- Addressing needs of providers and families impacted by Los Angeles County wildfires



Next Steps

Workgroup Meeting

Upcoming meeting at the end of January to continue to dig into what has changed since the Blueprint was first released.

Hearing from Families and Providers

For the conversations of the Workgroup, it is important that we hear directly from parents and providers.

Revisiting Roundtable with Additional Insights

Later this year, we will come back to share more from what we have heard from Workgroup members, providers, and families.





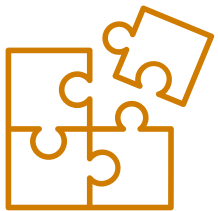
Thank you!

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Commission Discussion



1. Is there a Recommendation the Policy Roundtable should consider championing?



2. Do you know of current efforts and/or partners working on similar strategies?

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

State and Federal Updates January 2026

JUSTIN BLAKELY, CHAIR

2ND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT APPOINTEE

POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC POLICY MANAGER, CRYSTAL STAIRS



Governor's 2026/27 January State Budget Updates

- ▶ Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
 - ▶ \$89.1 million ongoing General Fund to provide COLA for CDE and CDSS administered child care programs, helping offset rising operational costs and supporting provider sustainability
- ▶ Child Care Infrastructure
 - ▶ \$11.5 million one-time Proposition 64 funding for child care infrastructure improvements, specifically targeted for communities impacted by recent wildfires, supporting recovery and continuity of care

Governor's 2026/27 January State Budget Updates

- ▶ Transitional Kindergarten & Preschool
 - ▶ 2.41% COLA increase for state preschool funding (Prop. 98 funding)
- ▶ Emergency Child Care Bridge
 - ▶ No proposed changes or reductions
- ▶ Prospective Pay & Single Rate Structure
 - ▶ No plan for implementing prospective pay
 - ▶ No changes to reimbursement rates or proposals for single rate structure

Federal Child Care Funding Freeze

- ▶ On January 6, 2026, the Trump Administration froze \$10 billion in federal funding for 5 states (California, New York, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota)
 - ▶ \$7 billion in funding for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - ▶ \$2.4 billion for the Child Care and Development Fund
 - ▶ \$869 million in the Social Services Block Grant
- ▶ California has \$5 billion of the \$10 billion in federal funds frozen
- ▶ 14-day Temporary Restraining Order filed by AG Bonta was granted

Federal Update – Looming Government Shutdown

- ▶ If a shutdown were to occur starting February 1, 2026, SNAP would not be impacted with funding delays due to funding allocated until the end of the federal fiscal year (September 2026)
- ▶ Head Start grant disbursements for February 2026 should not be impacted. However, partial funding may be inevitable until new appropriations

Commission Discussion

**What policy issue area(s)
should the Policy Roundtable
prioritize to champion?**

Joint Committee on Legislation Composition

- 4 Representatives from Policy Roundtable
 - Andrea Fernandez Mendoza
 - Ofelia Medina
 - Jessica Perea
 - Nurhan Pirim
- 4 Representatives from Local Planning Council
 - Sarah Soriano - **CHAIR**
 - Rachel Bocarsly
 - Lester Garcia
 - Patrick MacFarlane

Meeting Dates, Time, & Location

- Dates: 3rd Wednesday of month (Jan. 2026 - June 2026)
- Time: 10am – 11:30am
- Location: CCALA - 2700 E Foothill Blvd, Ste. 300, Pasadena, 91107

Announcements and General Public Comment

Call to Adjourn Meeting



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