

Policy Roundtable for Child Care & Development Commission

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May 13, 2026

Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners, Alternates, and Guests

Comments from the Chair

Approval of Minutes

April 8, 2026

Presentation on Child Care Planning Committee Activities for FY 25-26 Update

Role of Child Care Planning Committee

- Mandated by Welfare and Institution Code to:
“Prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan designed to mobilize public and private resources to address identified needs.”

Purpose of LA County Early Care and Education (ECE) Strategic

- Guides public and private investments in ECE system
- Informs policy priorities at local, state, and federal level
- Serves as a framework to unify ECE system across LA County

Process for Developing Strategic Plan

- Child Care Planning Committee:
 - Reviewed data and identified priority areas to focus on
 - Developed recommendations based on data and experience
- Policy Roundtable provides input on policy recommendations

PRIORITY AREA #1: Early Care and Education Workforce

Priority Area #1A: Compensation

- 1) Expand and elevate ECE apprenticeship programs
- 2) Ensure ECE wages keep pace with cost of living adjustments
- 3) Establish local revenue source
- 4) Expand guaranteed basic income programs to include Family, Friend, and Neighbor child care providers serving infants and toddlers

Priority Area #1B: Well-Being

- 1) Expand access to comprehensive well-being supports
- 2) Provide disaster emergency preparedness training and resources
- 3) Provide early educators information about immigration rights
- 4) Conduct ECE workforce mental health needs assessment

PRIORITY AREA #2: Access to Early Care and Education

- 1) Develop and disseminate a LA County early childhood programs guide to help families find services and supports
- 2) Establish on-line data dashboard regarding ECE supply and demand and share with policymakers, funders and ECE stakeholders to inform decision
- 3) Expand utilization of eligibility and enrollment system that allows families to apply for public funded subsidized ECE
- 4) Increase supply of mixed-delivery publicly funded preschool options by expanding Family Child Care Home Education Networks that enable Family Child Care Home providers to deliver Universal Preschool-aligned curriculum

PRIORITY AREA #3: Early Care and Education Infrastructure

- 1) Provide supports to jurisdictions to reduce facility development barriers and raise revenue to support local ECE
- 2) Support facility modernization (e.g.: climate resilience, emergency preparedness)
- 3) Connect Family Child Care Homes serving infants and toddlers to County and community-based resources to help reduce operational costs

Commission Discussion

- **To what extent do these recommendations resonate?**
- **What policy recommendations do you want to elevate to improve Access?**

Presentation on Service Coordination Strategy Update

Service Coordination Strategy – Role of Policy Roundtable

“Policy Roundtable... is positioned to facilitate cross-sector, multi-agency partnerships designed to build bridges so that child care providers can help parents find the resources and services their families need.”

Status of Service Coordination Strategy Actions FY 25-26

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| Started:
Summer 2025 | 1. Partner with and inform Prevention & Promotion Systems Governing Committee |
| Completed:
Sept. 2025 | 2. Provide update about and identify additional Training Opportunities for County Department Staff regarding child care enrollment information |
| Completed:
Dec. 2025 | 3. Inform and support strategies that improve coordination between Women and Families Experiencing Homelessness and ECE enrollment services |
| Completed:
Jan. 2026 | 4. Provide Infant Toddler Blueprint update and identify additional recommendations as needed |
| Started:
April 2026 | 5. Partner with Community Colleges to connect and share County services information |

Additional Service Coordination Presentations

February 2026

Child and Adult Care Food Program

- LA County Office of Child Protection
- First 5 LA

March 2026

LA County Departments of:

- Children and Family Services
- Mental Health
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Social Services



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

Pursuits of Position

1. **Support AB 1981** and similar measures that **require** the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide a **definitive timeline** and **annual updates** regarding CDSS's **transition to new reimbursement rates based on the alternative methodology**
2. **Support AB 2379** and similar measures that **strengthen protections** for **immigrant child care providers** and the **children** they serve by **notifying** child care providers of their **constitutional rights** when **confronted by immigration enforcement**
3. **Support proposed FY 2026-2027 Budget item** and similar measures that **strengthen child care infrastructure**, specifically targeted toward **communities impacted by recent fires**

Update

- LA County Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations approved the 3 Positions and has started advocacy for these Positions

Governor's May Revise Budget

- Expected to be released Thursday, May 14, 2026

State Legislation – Related to Pursuits of Position

- **AB 1981** Subsidized childcare: reimbursement rates: reporting
Status: Passed Assembly Unanimously
- **AB 2379** Family daycare homes: Fourth Amendment training
Status: In Suspense File

State Legislation with Major Revisions

- **AB 2258** California Alternative Payment Support Program
- **SB 1110** Early learning and care: rates

AB 495 – Family Preparedness Plan Act

- Licensing webinar will be Monday, May 18, 2026

Federal: 2027 Funding

- Budget hearings are being held in both houses
- House Appropriations hearings - expected to start week of 4/13/26
- Senate “Dear Colleague” letters requested funding increases

Child Care Bills

- House unanimously passed H.R. 5334 Supporting Early-Childhood Educators’ Deductions (SEED) Act
- Fraud bills (H.R. 7720-26 and 7677) are not on calendar

Regulations Changes

- Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule published 5/11/2026
- Head Start Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) published 5/11/2026

Joint Committee on Legislation (JCL) Meetings

May 20, 2026 JCL meeting will:

- Identify priority legislation/proposed policies to track
- Identify if modifications are needed to Public Policy Platform

June 17, 2026 will be last meeting for FY 25-26

Commission Discussion

- **Are there are any clarifying questions?**
- **Is there any other critical legislation or budget items that need to be elevated in this discussion?**

Presentation on ECE Supervisorial District Delegation Updates

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	<i>Anthony Cespedes and Esther Lim</i>	LaJuannah Hills	Lizzy Shuster, Aaron Fox, Savannah Heap	TBD	Monica Banken
Roundtable BOS Appointee	Jessica Perea (Lead)	Justin Blakely (Lead)	Jennifer Cowan (Lead)	Alejandra Albarran Moses (Lead)	Karla Rivas (Lead)
	Vacant	Gloria Davis	Amber Rivas	Ricardo Mota	Breeda McGrath
Roundtable Organization Representative	Jacquelyn McCroskey or Dora Jacildo Commission for Children & Families	Paul Pulver or Jackie Majors Child Care Alliance of LA	Fran Chasen Southern CA Chapter, CAEYC	Luis Bautista or Colin Legerton LACOE	Ranae Amezcuita or Mary Melvin LAUSD
	Ofelia Medina or Jamie Kalenick First 5 LA				Andrea Mendoza Fernandez Child Care Planning Committee
Child Care Planning Committee BOS Appointee	Appointee: Vacant Alternate: Vacant	Jessica Guerra Alternate: Patrick MacFarlane	Ivy Chang Alternate: Elizabeth Scharetg	Sarah Soriano Alternate: Jennifer Harper	Appointee: Vacant Alternate: Vacant

Announcements and General Public Comment

Call to Adjourn Meeting



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