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INTRODUCTION

The Sacramento County Local Child Care & Development Planning Council

MISSION

The mission of the Sacramento County Child Care and Development Planning Council (Council) is to provide a forum for the planning and development of child care services that meet the diverse needs of the Sacramento community.

Purpose

- To promote public participation in the planning process
- To advise the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento County Board of Education with respect to the child care needs of families in Sacramento County
- To facilitate change through strategic alliances with agencies committed to quality child care in Sacramento County

MANDATE

Education Code 8499.3 mandates local child care and development planning councils assess local child care needs and identify existing gaps in services for children ages birth to thirteen and to develop a five-year local child care plan, identifying areas of priority that the California Department of Education would use to inform the Department's decisions regarding allocation of funds. For more information on the requirements of the Council A.

HISTORY

In 1973, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors established the Child Care Commission to provide recommendations on the allocation and distribution of Federal Block Grant funds, as well as coordination of the various child care programs in the county.

In December 1976, the Child Care Commission evolved into the Children's Commission, with an expanded purpose to include policy guidance and recommendations on a broad spectrum of issues facing children and families in Sacramento.

With the passage of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act in 1990, Congress created the first system of national child care services. In California, AB 2124 (Chapter 1187, Statutes of 1991) was introduced, to allow the County Boards of Supervisors and Education to designate a single child care planning body, with representatives from specific areas of expertise. In Sacramento County, both boards designated the Children's Commission as the local child care planning body.

In 1995 the Education Code was amended, creating Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils in each of California's 58 counties. The Child Care



and Development Planning Councils were charged with assessing local child care needs and identify existing gaps in services for children ages birth to thirteen and to develop a five-year local child care plan, identifying areas of priority that the California Department of Education would use to inform the Department's decisions regarding allocation of funds.

In 1997, the Sacramento Child Care and Development Planning Council published its first strategic plan for child care in Sacramento County, "Parents Earning, Children Learning." Since then, 3 additional plans have been written.

MEMBERSHIP

The Council consists of twenty members selected by its appointing bodies, the County Board of

Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. The Council is comprised of child care consumers (20%), child care providers (20%), public agencies (20%), community representatives (20%) and board discretionary appointees (20%).

MEETINGS

The Council meets bi-monthly and meetings are open to the public. Committees meet monthly. Members of the public are invited to attend any council meeting and participate in its committees. For more information, please contact the Sacramento County Child Care and Development Planning Council Coordinator at (916) 369-3315.



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