



## Alameda County Child Care Planning Council 2013 Public Policy Platform<sup>1</sup>

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Alameda County Child Care Planning Council advises and makes recommendations to policymakers to ensure that all children and families have access to quality child care that educates children and enriches their lives.

### THREE-YEAR GOALS

2010 -2013 · not in priority order

- ▶ **Monitor, support and contribute to quality improvement initiatives**
- ▶ **Increase the knowledge, engagement and expertise of Council members**
- ▶ **Increase and retain funding**
- ▶ **Strengthen and increase relationships and collaboration**
- ▶ **Promote the importance of all domains of development of children**

### THE ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL'S PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA 2013 -2014

- 1) Support increased revenue-generating options and efficiency measures to close local, state, and federal budget shortfalls
- 2) Promote efforts to protect, stabilize, and increase local, state, and federal funding, and attain new resources for Early Care and Education (ECE) and ECE professional development with a possible focus to dedicate paid days of training for staff at Title 5 contracted centers.
- 3) Monitor and take positions on federal, state and local issues, legislation and initiatives that significantly impact ECE **quality, access and affordability.**
- 4) Advocate for family centered, developmentally and culturally\*\* appropriate practices for all children in care as well as those in transitional kindergarten.
- 5) Specifically, in 2013-2014 The Planning Council will:
  - a) Advocate for streamlining and efficiencies such as coordinated regulatory, contracting and reimbursement processes within the current federal and state programs
  - b) Advocate in potential realignment discussions to retain ECE programs under the California Department of Education to maintain child care's dual education and employment support roles.
  - c) Recommend a systematic approach to enhancing child care quality in order to have more high need children in high quality ECE programs.

\* See extended list on opposite page.

\*\* See NAEYC statement on developmentally appropriate practices and Alameda County CCPC Statement on Culturally Responsive Early Care and Education

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<sup>1</sup> Note: "child care" and "early care and education" both refer to care of infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children by a licensed or legally license-exempt child care provider while parents or other relative caregivers work or are engaged in work-related activities.

# Examples of Relevant Programs/Funding Streams

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## **Federal:**

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) investments  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)  
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)  
Early Learning Challenge Fund Grants in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)  
Early Head Start  
Head Start  
Race to the Top  
Social Services Block Grant  
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)  
Title I

## **State:**

Alternative Payment programs  
Bridge Loans for state contracted programs  
CalWORKs and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
Child Care Planning Council funding  
Child care support for children with special needs/Early Start program  
Community Care Licensing  
Community College campus based lab schools  
Early Care and Education professional development (AB212, CARES)  
Early childhood mental health programs/Proposition 63  
Early Head Start  
Early Learning Quality Improvement System (ELQIS)  
Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)  
Facility financing  
First Five State Commission  
Head Start  
Public and private funding resources  
Resource and referral agencies  
Subsidized child care funding:  
    Title V programs such as California State Preschool Program (CSPP)  
    Title I preschools  
    California School Age Families Education (CalSAFE)  
School age child care programs such as:  
    21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers  
    Afterschool Education and Safety Program (ASES)  
Stage 3 Subsidies

## **Local:**

Business planning  
Community planning and regulations  
Facility financing (also mentioned above)  
First Five Alameda County/Every Child Counts  
Land use issues  
Public and private resources