



Action Items for the 7/21/17 Planning Council Meeting

Action Item 1: Watch AB 752 (Rubio) (Reducing Preschool Expulsions) Letter

Recommended by State Contractors

Background: The Steering Committee decided not to take a position (support or oppose) at the May 19, 2017 Planning Council meeting, but to continue to watch this bill as it moves through the legislation process. Additionally, the Steering Committee requested a letter be written to the sponsoring agency, Kidango. The letter will recommend that Kidango advocate for professional development supports and resources to include, but not limited to training, coaching, mental health and/or behavioral health consultants. This unfunded mandate, should the bill pass, would potentially cause a hardship on program staff readiness and preparedness to support children with challenging behavior concerns, especially programs that are less/under resourced.

Overall, the bill would prohibit a California Department of Education (CDE)-contracted child care and development agency from expelling or unenrolling a child due to behavioral concerns unless the agency has pursued and documented reasonable steps to maintain the child's safe participation in the program and determines, in consultation with parent/legal guardians, that the child's continued enrollment presents a continued serious threat to the child or other enrolled children, and has referred the parents or legal guardians to other potentially appropriate placements, the local child care resource and referral agency, or any other referral service available in the local community. Additionally, this bill would prohibit the California Department of Social Services from issuing a citation to or imposing a civil penalty on a facility that contracts with the CDE for a violation solely related to the behavior of a child when the facility is in the process of complying with the procedure. This bill is going to Senate Appropriations.

Pros: The letter will inform Kidango of the Planning Council's concerns and recommendations for needed professional development support to ensure program staff are prepared and skilled to support children with challenging behavior concerns. Should such supports/resources be provided, program staff will be better prepared to maintain children's safe enrollment, to include those with identified needs as well as their peers.

Cons: By not sending a letter with suggested recommendations for professional development support, the current standing of the bill will remain as is.

Next Steps: Continue to watch AB 752 and submit a letter to Kidango with suggested recommendations for professional development supports and resources.

Action Item 2: Support Signing the Joint Immigration Letter – Five Principles

Recommended by Executive and Public Policy Committees

Background: *ON THIS WE CAN AGREE: CHILDREN REQUIRE SPECIAL CARE: Five Principles to Guide Any Changes to Immigration Law, Policy or Procedure* were developed through a collaboration of national and international organizations serving children in the fields of immigration, juvenile justice, child welfare, and child development including, but not limited to:

- Annie E Casey Foundation



- Child Welfare League of America
- CLASP
- National Association of Social workers
- UNICEF

These principles have also already been endorsed by national groups including:

- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Children's Defense Fund

The five principles and corresponding recommendations will be used by those who endorse it to support immigration reform affecting young children to ensure any changes to immigration laws, policies and procedures protect rather than risk further harm to children.

Efforts are now underway to seek endorsements from state and local agencies serving young children.

Organizations can sign on here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQmsmoCnDkgh9SMV-iOHcUiov6XHXQ49Wk291xrijGslWheKw/viewform>

Pros: By signing on to the five principles we are publicly agreeing that in immigration laws, policies and procedures:

1. Children are different from adults and should be afforded special protections.
2. Children cannot have a fair immigration proceeding without an attorney to represent them.
3. Children need time to establish trust.
4. Safety must be a paramount concern when investigating each child's unique story.
5. The government should not disrupt the parent-child relationship except in extraordinary circumstances, and only then to protect the child's safety.

Furthermore, that the Alameda County ECEPC will consider these five principles as we consider supporting or opposing immigration laws, policies and procedures.

Cons: Supporting the five principles would mean supporting a change to current laws, policies and statutes and support organizations may be targeted by government entities accordingly.

Next Steps: Support the five principles by signing on to their joint letter.

Action Item 3: Approve the ECE Planning Council Calendar for 2017-2018

Recommended by Executive Committee

Background: Annually, the Planning Council must approve the meeting calendar for the upcoming year

Pros: Approving the calendar will allow the Planning Council staff to schedule and confirm meeting location(s) based on the approved calendar.

Cons: Planning Council staff will not be able to schedule future meetings and location(s) without an approved calendar.



Next Steps: Approve drafted calendar to support the Planning Council with scheduling future meetings and location(s).