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**Alameda County Early Care & Education Planning Council
Annual Planning Retreat**
Mills College- Education Building, Room 101
Friday, September 19, 2014 @ 8:30AM – 4:00PM

Annual Planning Retreat Purpose & Outcomes

- ✓ Inform Council members of GSA Office of Early Care & Education programs and interrelationships and set context for Alameda County ECEPC's annual planning
- ✓ Create a 3-5 year Practical Vision GSA Office of Early Care & Education programs that includes Early Care & Education Planning Council
- ✓ Establish Alameda County ECEPC's 18-month planning framework that complements and leverages GSA Office of Early Care & Education's ongoing and overarching program commitments
- ✓ Gain excitement, enthusiasm and commitment from the Council members and staff about the insights, significance and decisions resulting from the retreat

Agenda

8:30AM

Welcome (Veronica Ugoegbune)

Introductions & Retreat Overview (Darci Smith, Facilitator)

Clarify the Situation: GSA Office of Early Care & Education's program updates and ECEPC's insights for planning

Focus Intention: Create 3-5 year practical **Vision**

Working lunch : Planning Council business action item:
Approve 2015 Legislative Platform

Build Awareness: Understand Alameda County ECEPC's current reality

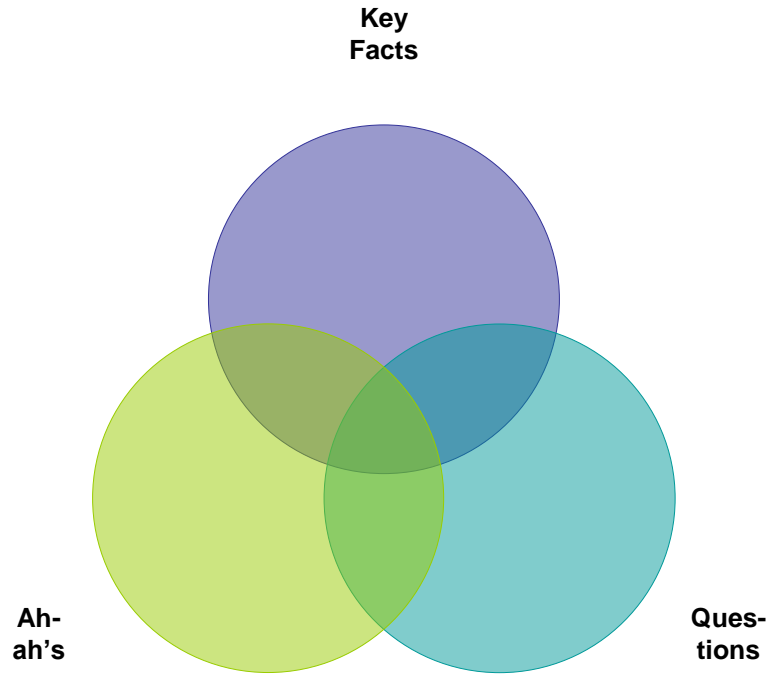
Create Choice: Determine Alameda County ECEPC's larger work area buckets, map to ongoing program commitments and match with Council members' individual interests and expertise

Next Steps & Retreat Closure

4:00PM

Adjourn & Safe Travels!

Clarifying the Situation:
GSA Office of Early Care & Education



Prompting Notes

- What are some key facts that caught your attention?
- What are some questions or clarifications?
- What are some new insights or “ah-ha’s” you have about the Planning Council and/or the large Alameda County Office of Early Care & Education?

Practical Vision:

What do we want to see in place in 3 years as result of our actions?

If you want to build a ship, then don't drum up men to gather wood, give orders, and divide the work. Rather, teach them to yearn for the far and endless sea.

Antoine Saint-Exupery

Brainstorm 6-7 ideas. Think big, visionary. Be specific, use nouns and adjectives. Think comprehensively about all aspects of the agency, including both internal operations and external relationships.

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The starting point for a better world is the belief that it is possible.

Margaret Mead