

Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Public Policy Platform 2020



Priority Areas:

- ACCESS
- QUALITY
- WORKFORCE
- SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Who Do We Represent?

The Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council is a legislatively mandated body appointed by the County Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools. Members represent five categories including Child Care Consumers (Parents/Guardians), Child Care Providers, Community Representatives, Public Agencies, and discretionary seats.

In the year 2020, the Planning Council will track, analyze and make recommendations on federal, state and local legislation and funding to advocate for the advancement of our child care system through an equitable lens

ACCESS

- Protect and increase child care access for all children
- Increase and reform rates to expand access and reflect true regional cost
- Increase and sustain child care subsidies
- Build and expand child care spaces for more children

QUALITY

- Build, and improve child care facilities
- Increase health and safety standards and practices
- Other quality supports

WORKFORCE

- Increase workforce wages and benefits
- Enhance professional development opportunities

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Increase mental health and behavioral support services
- Increase systems navigation resources for families and providers



The Planning Council is staffed by the Alameda County Early Care and Education Program which represents **2,158 child care programs** including Center-based care, Family Child Care Homes (FCC), and federal Head Start grantees. This includes support for Family, Friend and Neighbors (FFN) and playgroups.

Our program collaborates closely with the county's **(5) alternative payment programs (AP) including the (3) child care Resource and Referral agencies (R&R)** and other jurisdictions to maximize resources for early childhood.

\$159 million in federal and state subsidies are administered within the County of Alameda.