

My qualifications for serving as Chair Elect on the Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council includes: 4 years of service to the Steering Committee, 1 year as Co-Chair of the Public Policy Committee and representing the ECEPC in meetings with our Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of Public Instruction. I bring over 20 years of experience working in and with a multitude child serving organizations and an extensive knowledge of the child care landscape including: Subsidized and parent funded CBOs; Non-profit and for-profit corporate child care; Center based infant, toddler and preschool; Child care for children with special needs; Family child care homes and networks; Family, friend and neighbor caregivers; License exempt centers; and Park & Recreation and Library institutions. I am passionate about supporting early care and education and bringing what can feel like a disparate field together. I have been actively engaged through-out my career in: Quality improvement and increasing wages; Building anti-bias and inclusive classrooms, programs and systems; Reaching and equitably serving children, families and caregivers particularly when they are furthest from opportunity. I am familiar with the vital role of California's Child Care Planning Councils to help accomplish this. I served in leadership roles for 10 years on the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, where I built positive relationships across programs and institutions to develop the foundation for programs and systems that support the field. I would like to bring my understanding of systems, creative vision, and ability to bring together diverse stakeholders to the role of Chair Elect with the goal of advancing systems and funding to support our field.