

Alameda County Early Care and Education Planning Council Public Policy Platform 2021



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 2021, the Planning Council will track, analyze and make recommendations on federal, state and local legislation and funding to advocate for the equitable recovery, restoration and advancement of our child care system in the context of COVID-19

ACCESS	QUALITY	WORKFORCE	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recover, restore and increase child care access for all children through physical spaces and subsidies • Increase and reform rates to expand access and reflect true regional cost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build, sustain and improve child care facilities • Enhance health and safety standards and practices • Support inclusion practice, dual language supports, policy & funding • Other quality supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and increase workforce wages, benefits, health and safety • Enhance professional development opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase mental health and behavioral support services • Enhance and maintain 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. The scope includes Family, Friend and Neighbors (FFN) and playgroups.

Our program collaborates closely with the county's **(4) Alternative Payment programs (AP) including the (3) child care Resource and Referral agencies (R&R)** and other jurisdictions to maximize resources for early childhood.

\$188 Million in federal and state subsidies are administered in Alameda County.