



2008-2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS

–Education and Training–

CALIFORNIA PRESCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL NETWORK (CPIN)

In September CPIN presented a training on the new California Preschool Learning Foundations to 78 local early care and education providers.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE TRAINING

In October a total of 21 early care and education providers received training on how to implement the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale and the Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale.

Under The Umbrella – Understanding Autism

In conjunction with staff from the county superintendents, a full day training was offered to early care and education providers on autism which included information on: what does it look like?, diagnosis, red flags, developing language and social skills, and working with parents.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to those mentioned, the Council collaborated with First 5 Yuba to present three parent and child care provider trainings using the KVIE “A Place of Our Own” curriculum. Ninety parents and providers participated in these trainings. Forty-six early care and education providers attended the SKIES workshop series offered at BAFB. Last, a music and literacy workshop was held in January with 30 early care and education providers in attendance.

–Quality Early Care and Education–

AB 212 PROJECT

With funds allocated through legislation (AB 212), the Council distributed \$29,875 to 14 individuals working directly with children in state-funded child development centers in Sutter County and \$35,425 to 19 staff in Yuba County. Incentives were awarded based on an individual's education and professional growth attainment.

YUBA COUNTY CARES

With funds provided through a grant from First 5 Yuba and First 5 CA, the Council distributed \$61,884 to 29 individuals working directly with children in private or private non-profit programs in Yuba County. Incentives were awarded based on training and college course work completed.

–Capacity Building–

- In 2008-2009 we saw a decline in the number of newly licensed facilities. After a several years of increased licensing of family child care homes, several providers have closed their home child care business citing decreased enrollment. This trend can be attributed to the economy and loss of employment by those needing child care services. In Yuba County one child care center expanded and opened an infant toddler program serving up to 22 children. MJUSD and YCUSD both opened part day programs at new locations with state funds allocated in FY 07-08.
- The Council continued efforts to seek opportunities and child care funding for teen parents. They were awarded two mini-grants, one each from the Prop. 10 Commissions, to develop a pregnant and parenting teen brochure. The brochure, available in fall 2009, is in a question format with resources linked to services currently available to pregnant and parenting teens in our community.
- The need for infant toddler care remains high. The cost of this type of care makes it extremely difficult for private and public child care providers to offer this service.

–Public Policy–

COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Two newly elected supervisors participated on the Council's 8th Annual Early Care and Education Job Shadow Day along with several business leaders and Prop. 10 Commissioners.
- Council sent letters to legislators and the Governor regarding the proposed elimination of the latchkey child care program and budget cuts to Community Care Licensing.

–Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning–

- The Council completed community focus groups and surveyed area leaders and child care providers to assist in the development of their next five year strategic plan. The plan will be completed in January and presented to the Board of Supervisors and Superintendents prior to submitting to the CDE.
- The Council continued progress on meeting the recommendations set forth in the 2005-2010 Strategic Plan.

–Community Involvement–

Council members and staff participated and collaborated with numerous community organizations addressing issues related to young children and families including:

LOCAL BOARD AND COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

- Yuba College Early Care and Education Advisory Committee
- First 5 Yuba Advisory Committee
- Yuba City Unified School District's PreK Council
- First 5 Yuba School Readiness Committee
- Yuba College ELSARP Advisory Committee
- Harmony Health Family Resource Center Strategic Planning Committee
- Yuba County Children's Council
- Yuba County Education and Early Care Functional Group
- First 5 Yuba Commission
- Sutter County Children and Families Commission
- YCUSD/Sutter County "All of Us Together" Inclusion Team

COLLABORATIONS

- Convened the Month of the Child Committee to plan and execute family and children's activities during April
- Partnered with the Shady Creek Outdoor Education Foundation to host the Month of The Child's children's activity area at Hawk Flight - April
- Co-sponsored Child Care Provider Appreciation and Training event – May
- Convened workgroup to address teen parent and child issues in our community. In collaboration with a First 5 Yuba funded program and Head Start, hosted three playgroups for teen parents and their children.
- Participated and provided support to Yuba College "Baby City" event for teen parents and their children.

–Communications–

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TRAINING CALENDAR

The Council distributed its comprehensive training calendar to licensed family child care and center based providers in Yuba & Sutter Counties.

WEB SITE

The Council continued to expand and update its website with links to resources for parents and child care providers.

MONTH OF THE CHILD

The Council formatted and submitted information for April's Month of the Child community wide activities. This was the 8th year the two page insert has appeared in the Appeal-Democrat.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations regarding the Child Care Council and child care issues in general were provided to local college child development classes, and various community groups to enhance the understanding of the complexities of the child care/development field and community needs.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Council continued to disseminate information on funding and training opportunities, local events and services, accreditation, First 5 activities, state and federal legislation in addition to providing referrals to other agencies or organizations.

–Reporting–

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Written and oral reports were submitted to the Council's governing bodies, the Yuba and Sutter County Board of Supervisors and the Superintendent of Schools, and written reports to the California Department of Education, Child Development Division each quarter.

New in FY 08-09 was the addition of an annual report to SDE and self-evaluation to show compliance with state regulations and statute.

PRIORITIES

In FY 08-09 the state required all local child care and development planning council's to use common data elements and formatting for the submission of child care funding priorities. According to state statute, priorities must be submitted by zip code annually. Council members and staff labored intensively to use the new data format and collect information from several local and state data sources. The report was approved and submitted to the SDE-CDD in May. Using the new data reporting system did not reflect any changes in the priorities submitted the previous year.