



2009-2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/HIGHLIGHTS

–Education and Training–

BA COHORT IN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CARE AND EDUCATION (EDCE)

The Council worked with Sacramento State's College of Continuing Education to offer a local cohort which began in September 2009 at the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools. The cohort had 14 participants in FY 09-10.

CA INFANT & TODDLER LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Council held a series of two-day trainings in September and October. Eighty early care and education providers attended the training series. The Council partnered with Colusa County's LPC.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE TRAINING

In October 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.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM PROJECT*

One hundred early care and education providers attended the full day "Outdoor Classroom" training held in March. The Council partnered with Yolo County's LPC.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Twenty family child care and center-based providers attended KVIE's "Ready to Learn: Talk, Read, Write!" training for in March. (The training was supported with First 5 Yuba and SCCFC mini-grant funds.)

Also in March, the Council held its annual training with presentations by Dr. Theresa Roberts on "Preschool Literacy" and Roberta Peck, from the CDE-CDD, on the "California Early Learning Quality Rating System."

–Quality Early Care and Education–

AB 212 PROJECT

With funds allocated through legislation (AB 212), the Council distributed \$24,425 to 11 individuals working directly with children in state-funded child development centers in Sutter County and \$34,575 to 16 staff in Yuba County. Incentives are awarded based on an individual's education and professional growth attainment.

–Capacity Building–

- During these economic times the expansion of programs is generally not feasible, particularly in the private sector. The state funded programs in our community received limited expansion funding which has increased the preschool capacity at Wheatland Elementary School District, Marysville Joint Unified and Yuba City Unified School Districts. The funding for these districts was to provide full and part day state preschool programs for 3 & 4 year olds.
- In 2009-10 the infant program offered at Yuba College closed due the high cost of providing care and insufficient funding support from the state. The college continues to offer toddler and preschool programs.
- 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.
- Private sector programs in the community, particularly family child care (FCC), have been impacted by our economic downturn. Many FCC programs have closed and the private-based operations have been challenged to keep their center enrollment full.
- In 2011 one new center, located at the Cal Trans District office will open to serve infants, toddlers and preschoolers of state workers. California law requires all new state offices, with 700 plus employees, to include a child care center for employees. The District is in the process of contracting with a local child care business to provide this service.

–Public Policy–

COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS

- A Yuba County supervisor, the mayor of Live Oak, and a Marysville City Council member were among the local government and business leaders who participated on the Council's 10th Annual Early Care and Education Job Shadow Day.
- Council sent two letters to legislature, one regarding the May Budget Revise for FY 10-11 and the second to support SCR 47, a resolution to recognize the value of high quality child development services and address the inequity in the current reimbursement system for Title 5 funded programs.

–Needs Assessment/Strategic Planning–

The Council completed its 2010-2015 Child Care Strategic Plan which was approved by the Superintendents and Boards of Supervisors in January. The new plan identifies four goals and eight objectives for the Council to strive to complete in the next five years and will be available in a brochure format in Fall 2010.

–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 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 fair 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. With funding from First 5 Yuba and the Sutter County Children and Families Commission, developed and distributed 1,349 English and 750 Spanish "Pregnant & Parenting Teen: Places to Go for Help and Information."
- Worked on First 5 Yuba Workforce Initiative Ad Hoc Committee to develop a project to continue to address enhancing child care quality in the county.
- Worked on ad hoc committee which submitted a federal "Promise Neighborhood" planning grant. The purpose of Promise Neighborhoods is to improve significantly the educational and developmental outcomes of children in distressed communities beginning at birth and continuing to college - "cradle to career."

–Communications–

EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION TRAINING CALENDAR

The Council distributed its training calendar via email and posted information on its website. For Council sponsored trainings, registration materials were mailed to licensed family child care and center based providers in Yuba & Sutter Counties.

WEB SITE

The Council continued its website with links to resources for parents and child care providers. In FY 10-11, the website will be updated with a new look and formatting improvements.

MONTH OF THE CHILD

The Council formatted and submitted information for April's Month of the Child community wide activities. This was the 9th 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.
- Quarterly reports were submitted to California Department of Education, Child Development Division in addition to the LPC annual report and self-evaluation to show compliance with state regulations and statute.

PRIORITIES

According to state statute, child care funding priorities for the next fiscal year must be submitted, by zip code, to the SDE-CDD by May 30th. For FY 10-11, the Council determined there was not change in priorities from FY 09-10.