



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Update on the Activities and Accomplishments of the Local Childcare Planning Council

MEETING DATE: February 20, 2002

PREPARED BY: City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: None

BACKGROUND: Sharon Rieckewald, Early Childcare Education Coordinator for the San Joaquin County Office of Education, will present information on the activities and accomplishments of the Local Childcare Planning Council.

FUNDING: None

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Respectfully submitted,


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APPROVED: _____
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Long Term Vision

A San Joaquin County where:

- high quality child care is affordable and accessible to children of all ages whose parents want and need it.
- parents have the information and skills needed to make sound choices and decisions about their child's care while they work.
- community members work together to accomplish and maintain this child care vision for its children.

Meeting Information

The San Joaquin County Local Child Care Planning Council meets the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.

For information about meeting times and dates, call Sharon Rieckewald, Early Childhood Education Coordinator at (209) 468-9062

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San Joaquin County Local Child Care Planning Council



Dario Marengo, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Fredrick A. Wentworth
Superintendent of Schools

Mission

To develop a comprehensive plan that promotes the development of quality child care in San Joaquin County through community education, collaboration and advocacy.

History

The San Joaquin County Child Care Planning Council (LCCPC) was established on July 1, 1991, by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the County Superintendent of Schools (CSS). The Council was created in response to the state law established by Assembly Bill 2141 which encouraged the voluntary formation of county-level child care planning councils.

Earlier in January 1991, four local community child care task forces with a total of 65 members were convened. Invitations to participate on the child care task forces were issued jointly sent by the BOS and the CSS. Their charge was to review existing resources, identify needs and issues specific to individual communities, identify strategies to fill service gaps, and to make recommendations for an action plan for child care in local communities. The task forces were given just four months to complete their work.

The BOS and CSS subsequently designated task force members as the first LCCPC in San Joaquin County. Their first job was to establish local priorities to be used by the State in awarding grants with Federal Block Grant revenues for new child care services in the County.

1997 legislation (AB 1542/Chapter 270) further validated the community planning process by mandating LCCPCs in response to Federal Welfare Reform. AB 1542 mandates the creation of LCCPCs to provide a forum for identifying local child care needs and priorities for all families, and developing a plan to meet those needs.

Membership

LCCPC membership representation is countywide and follows the guidelines set forth by AB 1542. Members are jointly appointed by the BOS and CSS.

Mandated Responsibilities

- 1) Conduct a countywide assessment of child care needs at least once every five years.
- 2) Develop child care and development service needs and priorities.
- 3) Submit the results of the needs assessment and the local priorities identified by the LCCPC to the BOS and CSS for approval before submitting them to the CDE.
- 4) Prepare a comprehensive countywide child care plan to mobilize public/private resources to address identified needs.
- 5) Conduct a periodic review of child care programs funded by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to determine if identified priorities are being met.
- 6) Collaborate with subsidized and non-subsidized child care providers, the county welfare and human service department, job training programs, employers, parent organizations, and other interested parties to foster partnerships designed to meet local child care needs.
- 7) Design a system to consolidate local child care waiting lists.
- 8) Coordinate part-day programs, including State Preschool and Head Start, with other child care to provide full-day child care.
- 9) Review and comment on proposals submitted to the CDE that concern child care to be provided within the County. (Note: comments are not binding on CDE in the determination of programs to be funded.)
- 10) Identify at least one, but no more than two persons from the Council to serve as part of the CDE team that reviews and scores applications to provide child care services funded through the CDE. (LCCPC representatives do not review and score proposals from their own County.)
- 11) Develop and implement a training plan to provide increased efficiency, productivity, and facilitation of LCCPC meetings.
- 12) Provide consultation to the CDE and CDSS regarding development of a single application and intake form for all federal and state subsidized child care and development services.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMISSION

MEETING INFORMATION

The Commission meets the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of July and August when meetings are not held. Meetings are open to the public.

Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

Place: County Office of Education
2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA

For information about the Children's Services Coordinating Commission, call:
Sharon Rieckewald, Early Childhood Education Coordinator
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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COORDINATING COMMISSION 2001-2002

Board of Supervisors
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The Children's Services Coordinating Commission was established in 1986 by the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors to coordinate county and community efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. In 1994, the County Office of Education assumed the administrative responsibilities for the Commission. This Commission facilitates the development of happy, healthy children by maximizing resources through advocacy, effective education, coordination and planning of services for all children.

MEMBERSHIP

The 17-member commission is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and consists of representatives from each supervisorial district, community-based social service agencies dealing with children, and representatives from key county offices including the District Attorney's Office, Mental Health Services, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Probation, foster care, education and the pediatrics profession.

Commissioners for the 2001-2002 Year:

Abby Abell, *Community Based Representative*

Jon Bethards, *Community Based Representative*

John Boisa, *2nd District Representative*

Daniel Bonnet, *District Attorney's Office*

Frances Engel, *4th District Representative*

Dave Erb, *Human Service Agency Representative*

Susan Gibson, *Foster Care Representative*

Vincent Hernandez, *Education Representative*

Maria Manipol, *3rd. District Representative*

Dee Ptak, *Community Based Representative*

Kim Suderman, *Mental Health Representative*

Carol Taylor, *Community Based Representative*

Jeffrey Thompson, *Pediatric Profession Representative*

Robin Toschi, *Juvenile Probation Representative*

Steven Van Meter, *Law Enforcement Representative.*

Open, *5th District Representative*

Open, *1st District Representative*

WHAT DO WE DO?

The Commission works to insure the provision of quality services for children by:

- Providing a forum for interagency cooperation and coordination in the prevention, detection, treatment, and legal processing of child abuse cases.
- Promoting public awareness of abuse and neglect of children and the resources available for intervention and treatment.
- Introducing and monitoring legislation pertaining to children.
- Conducting needs assessments and identifying gaps in services for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect.
- Spearheading community education on the needs of children, youth and families.
- Making recommendations on the allocation of AB 2994 and AB 1733 child abuse funds and other funds as they become available.
- Encouraging and facilitating the training of professionals in the detection treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The Children's Symposium - Each spring the Commission hosts a county-wide, day long workshop focusing on the complexities of child abuse and neglect.

Children-In-Need Trust Fund - The Commission solicits contributions through flyers mailed with property tax statements. Tax deductible contributions to this trust fund are used to publish and distribute the San Joaquin County Resource Directory and to provide revenues for workshops that focus on child abuse concerns.

SAVE THIS DATE

2ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SYMPOSIUM

Hutchins Street Square, Lodi

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002

8 A.M.- 4:15 P.M.

FEATURING

**"CHILD ABUSE AS A MAJOR MENTAL HEALTH
RISK:
THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF CHILD ABUSE"**

***John Briere, Keynote Speaker
and
Andy Prokop, Luncheon Speaker***

**Registration Fee: \$35.00
Includes continental breakfast,
lunch, & afternoon refreshments**

**Presented by the
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN'S SERVICES
COORDINATING COMMISSION**

If you have any questions contact: Jaimie Prater 209-468-9031