

## CONTRA COSTA LOCAL PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

**Monday, March 28, 2016  
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Contra Costa County Office of Education  
Las Trampas Conference Room  
77 Santa Barbara Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

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### AGENDA

**PROJECTED  
TIMELINE  
PURPOSE**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

5 min.	<p><b>1.0</b>    <b>Call to Order – Deborah Penry, LPC Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome / Introductions/New LPC Appointee Introduced – Deena Jones</li> <li>• Consider Approval of January 25, 2016 Minutes - <b>Action</b></li> <li>• Review and Adoption of March 28, 2016 Meeting Agenda - <b>Action</b></li> </ul>	Information/ <b>Action</b>
3 min. per speaker	<p><b>2.0</b>    <b>Public Comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Items on the agenda</li> <li>• Items of interest to the public</li> </ul> <p><i>If you wish to speak on a matter on the agenda, please give your name and identify any group or organization you represent for the record prior to your presentation. If you wish to speak on a matter NOT on the agenda, please wait until the Chair calls for public comment on items of interest to the public. The Council shall only take action related to items listed on the current agenda.</i></p>	Information
20 min.	<p><b>3.0</b>    <b>The California Mentor Teacher/Mentor Director Program</b></p> <p>Presenters: Sandra D. Moore, ECE Dept. Co-Chair, Contra Costa College Isabel Renggenathen, Assistant Director, CCC Community Services Bureau</p>	Information/Discussion
10 min.	<p><b>4.0</b>    <b>Call for LPC Officers Ad Hoc Nominations Committee</b></p> <p>LPC Bylaws - ARTICLE XIII <u>Nominating Committee</u></p> <p>The outgoing Chair will appoint a Nominating Committee at the January meeting to provide adequate time for the Nominating Committee to meet and select nominees to put forth for Chair and Vice Chairs.</p> <p>A Nominating Committee shall meet, solicit and select nominees for the Chair and the Vice Chair positions. The Nominating Committee will present a slate to the LPC prior to voting at the May meeting. Additional nominations may be presented from the floor at that time.</p>	Information/Discussion <b>Consensus</b>

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- Public comment may be submitted via electronic mail on agenda items at least one full work day prior to the published meeting time.

<b>60 min.</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>LPC Committee Reports:</b>	Information/Discussion
		<p><b>Executive and Budget Committee – Deborah Penry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form 700 Forms Completed– Conflict of Interest</li> <li>• LPC Resignations/Current Vacancies</li> <li>• Public Hearing for LPC Local Funding Zip Code Priorities on May 23, 2016</li> <li>• LPC Calendar of Presentations 2016</li> </ul> <p><b>Advocacy Committee – Cathy Roof</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debrief on 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CCTV Airing Dates</li> <li>2. Fundraising and Expenditure Report</li> <li>3. Thank you Cards to Volunteers and Sponsors</li> <li>4. Save the Date for 2017 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children’s Issues Forum</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Child Care Facilities Ad Hoc Committee – Luis Arenas</b></p> <p><b>School Readiness Committee - Dan Safran</b></p> <p><b>Projects and Workforce Development Committee – Carolyn Johnson</b></p>	
<b>15 min.</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>Council Member Reports on Meetings attended on behalf of LPC</b>	Information/Discussion
<b>2 min.</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Action</b>

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The Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education  
website [www.plan4kids.org](http://www.plan4kids.org)***

**The next regular meeting of the  
Contra Costa Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education (LPC) will be  
Monday, May 23, 2016  
3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Contra Costa County Office of Education - Board Room**

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## Minutes of General Council Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016 3:00-5:00 pm

Meeting Location:

Contra Costa County Office of Education  
Las Trampas Room  
77 Santa Barbara Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-4201

**Members Present:** Luis Arenas (late), Carolyn Johnson, Deena Jones, Kathy Lafferty, Crystal McClendon-Gourdine, Joan Means, Silvana Mosca-Carreon, Chair Deborah Penry, Eran Perera, Janeen Rockwell-Owens, Cathy Roof (late), Doug Rowe, Aurora Ruth, Margaret Wiegert-Jacobs (late)

**Members Absent:** Estela Alvarez, Cynthia Castain, Dan Safran

**Staff Present:** Ruth Fernandez, Mary Louise Vander Meulen

**Guests:** None

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### 1.0 **Call to Order: Deborah Penry, LPC Chair**

- Welcome / Introductions: Chair Deborah Penry called to order the Contra Costa County Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education General Council meeting at 3:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions completed.
- Consider Approval of November 23, 2015 Minutes: Aurora Ruth moved to approve the 11-23-2015 minutes. Joan Means seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - AYE: Johnson, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Penry, Perera, Rockwell-Owens, Rowe, Ruth
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, Arenas, Castain, Roof, Safran, Wiegert-Jacobs
  - ABSTAIN: Jones, Mosca-Carreon
- Review and Adoption of January 25, 2016 Meeting Agenda: Joan Means moved to approve the 1-25-2016 agenda. Silvana Mosca-Carreon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - AYE: Johnson, Jones, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Mosca-Carreon, Penry, Perera, Rockwell-Owens, Rowe, Ruth
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, Arenas, Castain, Roof, Safran, Wiegert-Jacobs
  - ABSTAIN: None

### 2.0 **Public Comment**

- Items on Agenda
  - No public comment.
- Items of Interest to the Public
  - The members of the LPC General Board were reminded by Ruth Fernandez that if they need to take a phone call on their cell phone to step outside to take the call not just in the hall or walkway of Curriculum & Instruction as a courtesy to those working.

Minutes Submitted by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on:

- Jessica Holmes will be presenting on the Governor's Proposal for Early Childhood Education in Alameda County on 2-18-2016.

### 3.0 **Status Report – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum – March 12, 2016- Cathy Roof and Ruth Fernandez**

- **Teacher Panel Discussion**

- Crystal McClendon-Gourdine has agreed to be the moderator of the teacher panel for the day of the event.
- Discussion held on who should be part of the teacher panel. The focus of the discussion was to try to have a very diverse panel that might include a family child care, a private and/or public center, a lab school, male and female, and a make-up of individuals from different cultures.
- Discussion on possible topics and/or ideas for the teacher panel led to these suggestions:
  - Type of program, years of implementation of QRIS and general success
  - What are they doing that is making a difference?
  - What else could they do?
  - End the panel with a success story.

- **Proposed Agenda**

- The morning will start out with registration, the resource fair, and a light breakfast.
  - Welcome by Ruth Fernandez, LPC Coordinator; and Cathy Roof, Chair of the LPC Advocacy Committee.
  - Ruth Fernandez is working with Silvana Mosca-Carreon to potentially have a Children's Opening March. The children from El Nuevo Mundo would be dressed in the native clothes and waving flags from their countries.
  - Opening remarks by Karen Sakata, CCC Superintendent of Schools.
  - Dr. Julie Nicholson from Mills College has agreed to be the keynote speaker. Ruth shared she will give a picture of our 'quest for quality' nationally, statewide, and locally.
  - Ted Lempert from Children Now has agreed to present and moderate the legislative panel of 3-4 legislators with time for Q&A.
    - Cathy Roof will join Ruth Fernandez at the CAEYC event called Advocacy Day on 2-3-2016 in Sacramento, CA. They will ask the legislators at that time if they would be willing to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum to be held in Pleasant Hill.
  - Lunch will follow the legislator panel; at which time the audience will be asked to complete their advocacy cards.
  - The teacher panel will take place after lunch, followed by a possible closing video.
  - PDP certificates will be handed out at the end of the day if the participant turns in an advocacy card and evaluation.
- **Fundraising and Outreach**
    - The need to raise \$10,000 was brought to the attention of the LPC members by Ruth Fernandez. To date the amount of \$2,000 has been raised with

Minutes Submitted by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on:

additional verbal commitments. Ruth Fernandez noted First 5 Contra Costa has graciously offered to cover the cost of the food for the day.

- Fliers for the event were handed out to the members of the Board to distribute to co-workers, friends, and other agencies that may be interested in attending. Ruth encouraged everyone to reach out now.
- Emails will be sent out bi-weekly to past list serves and guests of the event.

#### **4.0 Child Care Facilities Roundtable Debrief and Update**

- Summary Notes From Roundtable Discussion Held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015
  - Ruth Fernandez referred everyone to the handout in the meeting packet that included the summary of the notes taken on 11-23-2015. Chair Deborah Penry requested that any additions or corrections needed to this document be emailed to her or Ruth. She was open to any suggestions or corrections.
  - Joan Means noted the six main challenges identified by the Roundtable participants relating to the development and continuation of child care facilities and businesses in Contra Costa County should be/can be shared with others and other organizations.
- Next Steps and Child Care Facilities Ad Hoc Committee Updates
  - Ruth Fernandez gave a brief summary of the last Child Care Facilities Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on 1-13-2016. There seems to be two levels to this project:
    1. A collective vision and buy-in to take action on specific facility issues for child care.
    2. The technical challenges that would include provider training and additional resources.
  - The issue was discussed as to what is the role of the LPC at this point, and can the LPC realistically take on this particular issue. It is a very complicated issue with a lot of PR work that would need to be done; and each city has different ordinances and systems. This may be work for an intern.
  - Ruth Fernandez suggested that the LPC give a report to our governing body with what has been done so far with a recommendation of what the LPC thinks needs to be done. In addition, she will ask someone from another county to give a presentation on what they have done regarding this issue.
  - Deborah Penry suggested that the committee contact the local R&R agency in our county to show the members of the committee what they have available as resources.
  - Supervisor Andersen has spoken to Ruth Fernandez regarding this issue and has made it clear that she is paying attention to the topic and what is being done.

#### **5.0 LPC Annual Member Retreat Debrief – Deborah Penry**

- Notes Shared
  - Chair Deborah Penry shared a brief overview of the activities that took place at the LPC Member Retreat on 11-23-2015. The activities identified what is working and what the needs (challenges) are for the LPC?

Minutes Submitted by: Mary Louise Vander Meulen

Minutes Approved on:

- A summary of the outcome of the activities was prepared by Deborah Penry. The information gathered was broken down into four categories:
  - Professional development for the workforce
  - QRIS
  - Advocacy for importance of and funding for early childhood education
  - Building relationships and community collaborations
- Discuss next steps
  - The summary prepared by Deborah Penry will be emailed out to every LPC Board member in the next week.
  - Further discussion to take place at future meetings due to time constraint.

## 6.0 **LPC Committee Report**

- Executive Committee
  - Review/Discuss/Approve Annual LPC Self-Evaluation Form – ACTION
    - Brief review and discussion held on the LPC programs summary of self-evaluation findings was led by Ruth Fernandez. No concerns or questions voiced by LPC Board members.
    - Carolyn Johnson moved to accept the Annual LPC Self-Evaluation as reviewed. Cathy Roof seconded the motion. Motion accepted.
      - AYE: Arenas, Johnson, Jones, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Mosca-Carreon, Penry, Perera, Rockwell-Owens, Roof, Rowe, Ruth, Wiegert-Jacobs
      - NAY: None
      - ABSENT: Alvarez, Castain, Safran
      - ABSTAIN: None
  - Revised LPC Committee Structure Shared
    - The members of the LPC Board were referred to the revised LPC Committee Structure handout in the 1-25-2016 packet. Deborah Penry requested all LPC members look at the committee structure carefully to make sure they were aware of what committee they were on since several changes and additions have been made in the last few months as a result of retiring LPC members, new LPC members, and quorum issues.
  - Committee Meeting Calendars Shared
    - Ruth Fernandez called to the attention of the members that all current calendars for the LPC Committees are a part of the 1-25-2016 packet. Each LPC member was encouraged to look closely at dates, times, and locations of the committees; and to enter them on their calendars.
  - Triennial Sunset Review Report submitted December 2015
    - The Triennial Sunset Review Report to the Board of Supervisors was submitted in December 2015 as required.
  - LPC Calendar of Presentations 2016 – Topic Suggestions and LPC Community and Public Agency Member Updates
    - The 2016 Proposed Presentation Topics for the General LPC Board Meetings was handed out to the members by Ruth Fernandez. She encouraged the members to let her know if there were any additional

topics that the committee would like to add and/or change to the proposed calendar. Ruth is open to receiving suggestions.

**7.0 Council Member Reports on Meetings attended on behalf of LPC**

- No discussion due to lack of time.

**8.0 Adjournment**

- Chair Deborah Penry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Crystal McClendon-Gourdine moved to adjourn the LPC General Council meeting. Deena Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.
  - AYE: Arenas, Johnson, Jones, Lafferty, McClendon-Gourdine, Means, Mosca-Carreon, Penry, Perera, Rockwell-Owens, Roof, Rowe, Ruth, Wiegert-Jacobs
  - NAY: None
  - ABSENT: Alvarez, Castain, Safran
  - ABSTAIN: None

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016 in the Board Room at CCCOE.**

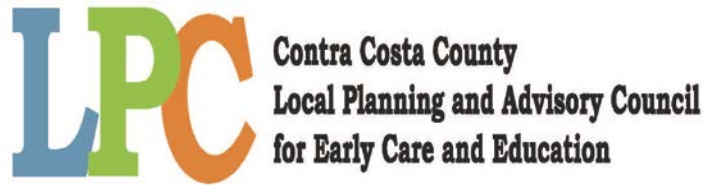
## CURRENT VACANCIES

<u>Seat Title</u>	<u>Area/Region</u>
Consumer 3	Central/South County
Child Care Provider 2	Central/South County
Child Care Provider 4	East County
Community 3	Central/South County
Public Agency 2	Central/South County

~ SEE DEFINITION OF SEAT CATEGORIES ON THE BACK ~

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## **Seat Category Definitions**

Appointments to the Contra Costa County Local Planning and Advisory Council for Early Care and Education (LPC) are subject to the approval of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools. Members must live or work in Contra Costa County. Membership is for a three-year term.

Twenty percent of the Planning Council members are to be from each of the following categories described below: Child Care Consumer Representative, Child Care Provider Representative, Community Representative, Public Agency Representative and Discretionary Appointee.

**Child Care Consumer Representative:** a parent or person who receives or has received child care services in the past 36 months

**Child Care Provider Representative:** a person who provides child care services or represents persons who provide child care services

**Community Representative:** a person who represents an agency or business that provides private funding for child care services or who advocates for child care services through participation in civic or community based organizations. Includes civic or community based agencies or business that advocate for child care but do NOT provide child care or contract with the California Department of Education to provide child care and developmental services.

**Public Agency Representative:** a person who represents a city, county, city and county or local education agency

**Discretionary Appointee:** a person appointed from any of the above four categories or outside of those categories at the discretion of the appointing agencies- the Board of Supervisors and County Superintendent of Schools.

# **Viewing Dates of 2016 Annual Forum**

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum 2016  
"Speak Out for Children: Educate & Advocate"  
will air on CCTV in two parts due to the length of  
the program on:**

**Part 1: Monday, March 28, 2016 9 AM**

**Part 2: Wednesday, March 30, 2016 9 AM**

**Part 1: Sunday, April 3, 2016 9 AM**

**Part 2: Sunday, April 3, 2016 12 PM**

**Part 1: Monday, April 4, 2016 8 PM**

**Part 2: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 8 PM**

**Part 1: Sunday, April 10, 2016 9 AM**

**Part 2: Sunday, April 10, 2016 12 PM**

**CCTV is Comcast channel 27,**

**Astound channel 32 and**

**AT&T U-verse channel 99**

**For additional air dates please visit CCTV's program  
guide at [www.contrascostatv.org](http://www.contrascostatv.org)**



**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum 2016**  
**March 12, 2016**  
**153 Evaluations**

The most valuable part of the Forum was:

- When the 2 legislators talk about how they are going to help with the budgets
- Learning more information ✓
- To see everybody and talking to each other and that we need to support children and teachers ✓✓
- The grassroots information from the teacher's panel. Loved the children marching in costumes and flags
- The info shared in keynote was so useful. Teachers working with me will be pleased when I bring it back.
- The informational panel speaker
- Quality early care and education why are pay is so low?
- When listening to 3 speakers
- California's investments in quality early care and education. It's really useful to know about lots of information from various legislative panel
- How to teach young kids and same the salary issue of early education teacher.
- Legislative panel by Assembly Member Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond.
- Hearing that we are all working towards the same goals to provide high quality care in the ECE field.
- Our questions being answered.
- Knowing that someone is concerned about infant/toddler care and development and how they learn.
- I find each part valuable – each speaker gave us reassuringly great news and encouraging words.
- I see that some of our elected officials have some understanding about what we as early childhood educators actually do and advocate for.
- I won't add a thing, the future education very important for everyone.
- Recognition and value of teachers work
- Get to ask questions
- Great speakers
- The ability to engage with congress and have our statement, concern and questions addressed.
- Everything! This is the first year I attend the Forum and I feel that I got a lot of information that I can bring back to co-workers and people.
- Very insightful, gives us a broad idea as to where education is heading and what measures are taken to forge ahead.
- This was the first forum I have attended and I enjoyed every part, it was very informative.
- It was interesting day with good speakers. ✓
- All but I am most concerned about the funding for our child are and the funding

- To hear Assembly members do their part to make the budget work for early childhood education and to advocate for teachers higher compensation.
- The legislators ✓✓✓✓✓
- Stories of quality
- Opening parade – legislative panel with Q& A – teacher panel
- I liked all of the presenters and the information they shared with us.
- The opening with the children and presentation of Ms. Bonilla
- Learning about the legislators work in improving ECHD-families and teachers
- The speakers specially Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond. They mentioned the most important points of the conference.
- All of the symposium members were really good.
- The speakers – they were really good. ✓✓
- Information regarding progression in the ECE field and how government plays a part and assists in advocating for ECE programs and teachers.
- Listening to Cathy Roof and all legislators about issues and advocacy for young children development.
- Learning from legislators-state-real teachers from classrooms is so great. I wish we could send them ALL to Sacramento!
- All the speakers (Julie Nicholson) legislative panel, teacher panel. Great Job!
- The legislative panel and the questions asked, helps you realize that you as a teacher are not alone. Our concerns, struggles and pride are all common.
- The teacher panel. It was very informative to hear from them, their experiences and concerns.
- Julie Nicholson and her inspirational talk. I think you can see the passion in her words and how involved and the fact that she loves what she does.
- The speakers. I enjoyed the Mills speaker. I liked that she was different from previous years.
- Keynote speaker! Amazing! And legislative panel. Loved the specific ways to get involved.
- Julie Nicholson. Keeping teachers and equity at the center of early childhood. System reform.
- The camaraderie is fantastic to see everyone really around what we need to do and what needs to be done.
- The answers of Tony Thurmond, and all forum is very informative. ✓
- I learn so much from Tony Thurmond answers, he was one of the Assembly Member with a lot of knowledge.
- Everything and everyone was very informative.
- I enjoyed all the speakers on the panels. Also comments of people who were in audience.
- I enjoyed the training professional development of child.
- The speech by the keynote speaker, Julie Nicholson. ✓✓✓✓
- Receiving info about ECE background

- Legislative panel and Julie Nicholson.
- Absolutely the networking! It is such a gift to speak to my colleagues in a 'non-rushed' manner, to exchange ideas, etc.
- Keynote was fabulous! The panel was very great but it is sad that all our legislators, as well as First 5 ED left before they were able to share. The workforce knows what was said...The audience needs to be our lawmakers!
- I enjoyed the legislative panel but really appreciated the stories from the teacher panel. I'd like to see more of this and parent as well.
- The guest speaker, Julie Nicholson, and the questions with our legislators.
- The teacher panel – fabulous! ✓
- Dr. Julie Nicholson's speech and all the information she gave us and the children's parade.
- Have a representative advocating for early childhood quality programs.
- Legislator's presentations, teacher panel and children's opening march.
- Assembly Members Bonilla and Thurmond knowing that they are advocating for the children and educators.
- What is quality and how to achieve that.
- Providing information regarding ECE and the state
- The concerns and care of children issues.
- All of it.
- All the members of the symposium are fine.
- That with all information that the Forum gave us I personally learned a lot. Thank you all of you for all your efforts.
- Legislative panel, where they stand on education. Also interesting was teachers panel – their experience in education and question and answer period for both
- Dedicated teachers with college education and certificates in child development deserve equitable pay.
- Quality child care need and trust.
- When the legislative panel informed us how they advocate and question and answer. Also the speakers I get more motivated.
- Everything said by the speakers, very inspiring.
- Having the support of our speakers, the attendance of the forum, the right to be heard and we ask questions; seeing the diversity of children as by parade to the sound of it's "A Small World".
- All of the work
- The assembly member says, if they come to our work place and put on our shoes, they will know how we feel.
- All of it, I appreciate that you put a lot of time and effort and that you get politicians to come and hear our voices.
- Was about how children are the future so is our obligation to provide good child care and education.
- Keynote-Julie Nicholson The legislators – Susan Bonilla and Tony Thurmond

- Hearing the legislative panel expressing the concerns for early Child development and education system. ✓
- The need for equity in ECE and across K-12 education. Also, a larger conversation about quality must take place that includes transparency, honesty and reflects the reality of people's experiences who are actually providing direct services (e.g. child care providers, teachers)
- Julie Nicholson's speech and the Q& A with assembly members
- Listening that our assembly members, congressman are doing their best to get finds to support our children education (ECE).
- Know actual statistics numbers of kindergarten situation.
- Quality child care and trust and need the children deserve it!
- Legislative panel, networking
- Enjoyed all especially legislative and teacher panels
- Hearing from the legislatures about what's being done and what we can do to help
- California's investment in quality Early Care and Education
- The most valuable was about low salaries for teachers
- The most valuable part was talk about the education about teachers
- Keeping teacher and equity at the center of the Early Childhood system reform; promises, perils, and collective responsibilities in striving to improve quality. Presenter: Julie Nicholson.
- The quality of the speakers and the organization of the Forum.
- The assembly persons from District 14 & 15 both have great understanding about the need
- The speakers sharing personal stories. The children's multicultural parade. The multicultural food was very good! Teacher panel good!
- Learning more about children and the issues that we can improve to help them as well the presenters
- Teacher panel, Julie Nicholson presentation, networking, the children beginning the event.
- Work with children and get more information and I like the performance of the children
- It was wonderful. I got more information about the children and it will useful for our kids in the classroom.
- Keynote speaker was dynamic and engaging. Love the teacher panel.
- Hearing Legislators talk about what they are doing to help ECE concerns and what we can do.
- Hearing ideas for revenue and funding for ECE programs from legislators
- I like everything because I very wide information exhibitors.
- Salary for the teachers
- When listening to the 3 speakers
- Julie Nicholson's powerful story about the teacher.
- Connecting with policy makers-the speakers were excellent and it felt like dialogue.  
Great Keynote!

- The responses from the panel of legislators to our issues of pay compensation and the allocation of money from the state.
- How we can work in a team as parents and teachers together to improve the quality and education.
- Quality early learning, quality child care matter
- Everything is valuable for me but every year is the same, speakers just talk but I don't see any change, especially on teacher's salary
- Concern about teacher's needs and quality in effectiveness and trust. Because teachers are the foundation of our future. If we are not sincere and trusted we cannot make a difference in the children's life.
- Keynote address, ability to network, hearing from local legislation and teachers/care providers
- How we learned that childcare has to be quality, caring and professional.
- Advocacy opportunities, hearing from teacher panel
- Listening to the various speakers
- Teacher Panel: 'Stories of Quality' they shared their experience about that as a teacher we have to be aware about good teaching and keeping up to date.
- Moving towards sustainable early care and education systems
- To hear the speaker's intervention talk about the teacher's wage and how to increase the minimum salary
- Getting the information on how things have changed in kindergarten (a lot of children are not developmentally ready for these changes)
- During question and answer period because we could express our voices and we get some answers and hopes.
- Coming and working for early education for children and bringing importance of early educators working for them.
- The opportunity to listen to the Assembly Members
- Every part is valuable
- Wonderful and I can learn new thing and get new information to help me as well as in my classroom.
- Why teacher paid low? Teachers need money to pay for education to educate children.
- Talk about the budget and teachers who work full day and not getting enough money. Teachers get more.
- Julie's talk and importance of play and of keeping uniqueness of early childhood with efforts to change the system and integrate it with K-12.
- Both legislators were heartfelt and plugged into the issues. Focus on action and advocacy. Mills presenter was fabulous.
- 1) First speaker Julie, stating that public school administrators do not know and value ECE-explain my frustration in attempting to get them to understand ECE achievement/academics. 2) The two legislators and how they 'get' the ECE value and work towards supporting ECE by the state

One thing I would add to a future Forum:

- To continue celebrating our advocacy.
- Have more workshops like this ✓
- To support teacher's life ✓
- Perhaps a panel of parents for next year ✓✓✓
- Thank you for the children parade. Thank you for every detail.
- Less paperwork
- More discussions about curriculum planning for ECE
- I would like to keep it the way it is. This is very informative.
- I would like to keep most part the way it is. It was very informative. But if I must add something for future it would be for someone from the special ed department to be a part of this Forum to answer questions.
- Ways we can come together to support the ECE field on the future through funding and support systems for teachers and their families.
- More interactive participation maybe less sitting
- Perhaps inviting as Assembly person or congressman who had voted against ECE fundings to see the other side of the issues we have in profession.
- None ✓✓
- We need more business and local people here to hear what we are saying.
- Have more tables for attendees.
- Thank you ✓
- To support teacher's life help us a lot.
- Vote of registration
- Have more training
- More presentations of this kind (legislators)
- I would like if you add 'bilingual teachers' what happen with them.
- I liked-loved the way it was presented and the procedure of it.
- Keep having this kind of forums
- Good benefits
- Very well explained.
- Let's make more awareness and how to bring up policy to solve this issues.
- Need Congressional reps here and speaking on how they support families and young children. What happened to the businesses?
- More networking with other programs and more understanding on LPC to take to all teachers.
- Maybe a parent section/panel would be a great idea to add to this forum to learn about their experiences and concerns.
- Adding more agencies to the resource fair. This is a great opportunity to connect and most of us could benefit form more community agencies/resources.
- Less 'electeds' while I think they bring valuable insight. I think that more from the field would be beneficial.
- Don't stop please continuing to do this kind of meeting.
- Hard to find something else, you are great.



- As a teacher working 40 hours a week we know are goals but for the future ones have something with more fun or more educate for us to learn something new for our knowledge.
- Some current/new child development research.
- Everything was great!
- Nothing it was a great forum.
- More time to just eat lunch and network.
- 1) Great if legislators could hear Julie-but know from organizing events that is a cat heard (done at end! It would have been great after keynote – so provocative!)-a follow up message. 2) Something in .5 hrs that brings and voice in: live Q&A after keynote, tabletop conversations at lunch?
- Activity at beginning in which the attendees stand or in some way self-identify the group they are from –to get a sense of who composes the whole.
- Greater recognition for the workforce
- To have teachers also as speakers
- Possibly a panel group discussion like a back and forth with policy makers, teachers, and parents.
- Hearing from our governor ✓✓
- I hope every year you choose different teachers to tell their stories as well!
- More time to discuss and hear about personal success from the teachers.
- Have word of this kind of presentation.
- Parents testimonials of challenges and success. ✓
- Workshops for teachers to give them learning and exchange forum.
- Provide online handouts and have more vendors
- Teachers Voices.
- We need to have the outline of the keynote address so we can follow with speaker to understand all of the information. I would like to have a copy of the keynote address.
- More participation of Latino speaking representative.
- Support teacher's life
- To let people ask several questions
- Continue to do outreach to our politicians.
- More information about preschool and better school with high standards.
- More time for networking
- Get the governor here! Or the president!
- Attend more of these events; they are informative, educative and keeps us up to date.
- Offer panel presenters talk in their own/first/native language, but having a translator. They show up their selves, more when talk in their language.
- I am really happy to know that for parent there is some English as a second language classes starting.
- Speaker from Childhood Center for Creativity from Bay Area Discovery Museum
- Stories of Quality
- Talk about children with special needs

- Have teacher panel first so Assembly Members can hear their voices. A PowerPoint handout sent via email (to minimize paper waste). Also, more diverse goodies – the coloring pamphlets handed out did not seem diverse. Lastly, a presentation on inclusion in ECE.
- To discuss teachers and some of the classroom issues
- Someone that can help with salary increase, worthy wages.
- I would add the governor to forum so he can hear our issues.
- Government come next time
- More time to discuss ideas with other teachers/educators at tables or in small break-out groups
- More concrete ways to advocate for change other than just letters
- I would like to broader issues of innovations.
- More listener input
- Jobs board
- More information to have access to free childcare or preschools
- Cultural inclusion, and bilingual children, family engagement
- I would like to see if the speakers really work on what preschool teacher are asking to work on it (salary)
- Give a hard copy of the outline of the keynote speaker-some of us are students and teachers at the same time and it is a lot of information to process-it will be nice to go back and read it and share it.
- None, it is already improving each year in quality and organizing the program.
- Ways to engage parents in education and supporting their own children. We need to promote the idea of play and hands on learning.
- Extra information to get a better quality daycare and preschool
- More resource tables
- Longer question and answer period
- I would like that add workshop and more days.
- Creating new techniques and activities for ECE
- A report of the prior year promises and questions of if there was improvements in the issues we were exposed.
- How we are improving our teachers financially and other needs of teachers too.
- The family's role in our success as educators.
- Teachers should be working whole day not by ratio.
- No workshops on Saturday or Fridays
- List of legislators, role of business, how to educate parents to place less emphasis on academics.
- More, more politically, legislators –not just preaching to the choir.
- A quality speaker with an offering of some amusement, funny or poignant stories, and a few laughs, laughter often makes connecting and sparks memory-to assist in forwarding/remembering the presentations.



- Thank you ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓
- Loved it! Great food! Really enjoyed the teacher panel.
- Good organized, nice to hear about work done by teachers. Thank you!
- I would prefer if the program was to be shorter
- Please keep your word about better pay
- Learning great information about children's needs
- Really interesting and useful information about childhood education. Looking forward for the next Forum. ✓
- I really like the way getting all information through this kind of wonderful program.
- This Forum made my day and I are glad that I could make it.
- Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we reach towards the same goals.
- Thank you for letting us help the future of our children.
- Well done forum! Keep it up!
- Thank you for everything today and also your talking about education. All children needs education important for every children everyone. I learned a lot today.
- Please add more choice for the breakfast such as bagel or yogurt even.
- Great job!
- I appreciate all the valuable information about education, TK, K elementary, etc. that was provided at the forum.
- This was my first time attending a forum like this. This has given me broad perspective about education in general, educator's role and legislation pertaining to it.
- I want to thank you for having this gathering every year.
- Informational forum
- Great lunch
- I like this workshop very much ✓✓
- Hopefully we can get together again next year. Congrats. Very informative forum.
- Attending the forum was invaluable, we learn so much. Thank you!
- I like everything, because is very important participate in the conference because we are very important part of the children life.
- I really liked it the way everything when on. Please put inside the bags information about the teachers/directors forum from the end of the forum.
- Thanks for putting YCIF together! Let's keep going.
- Yalla is not for everyone.
- Open question and answer time is a very good opportunity to say our inequities. Please we need better salary! (A housekeeper makes more money than us? Why? We same studies, hardworking day.)
- I really enjoy attending this forum every year.
- I really enjoy coming to these conferences because I learn so much about all the good and bad news about the quality of child care.
- Maybe change the lunch menu to something simple.
- Consider food choice for the next Forum.

- I watch the good work Ruth Fernandez does.
- Thank you so much for including me as a presenter of this wonderful event. You GUYS did a great job!
- Great!
- I like this children's issues forum. Thank you for all your good jobs!
- Thank you for this kind of event. They are beneficial.
- You guys know how to treat educators. Thank you.
- Thank you all for the effort you all doing to make California's education to be the lead of U.S.A. for education.
- The room was cold, turn off the AC
- It was great to hear directly from the legislative panel about the revenue needed to achieve different goals.
- Sorry but the last panel I don't like. I think every teacher we hire has goals and experiences I hope next time do the end more involved and fun.
- Continue having this Young Children's Issues Forum to help us update our knowledge about the issues going on in our community and nationwide. Thank you for the organization.
- Thank you to all who made the Forum a success. Very organized.
- Thank you for your time and everything you do.
- Thank you for having these 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Issues Forum.
- I really enjoyed the keynote speaker Julie Nicholson (my professor at Mills College). She has so much knowledge to share with others and deserves more places to share her work.
- Thank you! The assembly members should have stayed for the teacher panel. Why did they leave early??? They needed to hear them speak!!!!
- This Forum was very informative and interesting I enjoyed it and would love to attend in the future.
- For the following years please think about of ECE students and promote at colleges and universities.
- Venue was very nice – convenient location-agenda flowed nicely
- The library would love to be a resource with a table at future events
- I liked the professional presentation
- Appreciate teacher work. Thank you for come and talk about all the information that you gave us.
- I learned gems of knowledge about the young children about 'Speak Out for Children: Educate and Advocate.'
- I like this council; it is very knowledgeable and very useful.
- I am interested in not only compensation, but also the requirements to be a teacher. They go hand in hand. But do you feel that higher teacher requirements (that would need to be met with higher compensation) would lead to higher quality center?
- This forum was so wonderful great information and networking was the best.
- Good food.
- Great job LPC team!!

- Seeing so many child educators in one room and working for the same cause.
- Room was too cold. Only complaint. Good lunch-unusual-actually tasted good. Thrilled that family child care is represented.
- Next time keep the hall at warmer temperature. Also the food (wraps) had too much spices.
- The speakers must work on teachers' salaries because with our salary that we have now is hard to support our families.
- I enjoyed the program. I am glad to see some of the legislators sharing their thoughts-this is my first experience participating thank you for having me-food is delicious, good choice!
- Keep it up your good work. A lot of opportunity to learn about what's going on in ECE field I always boost my knowledge by attending the forum, workshops and classes.
- Thank you for an informative and engaging day. The facility is lovely and the food was yummy.
- Very thank you to have the opportunity to attend to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Children's Forum and learn a lot.
- Thank you for providing a nice blend of speakers. Thanks also for providing food. Child care, and networking opportunities.
- Very informative
- Thank you for having these forums. Please do not filter our questions from the floor. Stop calling early education 'child care' it makes people think of babysitting, not education!
- On how important it is for the teachers to get the support needed and compensation they deserve.
- Please don't bring again these Mediterranean foods, the years before food was very great, healthy and tasty. The food this time is very condimented. And please check the heater, today we were freezing.
- We have still more to do on this field and bringing communities together and making this field our priority.
- I want to stress about the importance of families to improve the level of education in order to support their children's development.
- The speakers talk about all what are important.
- If government continues to be under paid, the burn out rate will go up, then there is not going to be any good qualified teachers staying in the field. Therefore proper pay is the key to keep good teachers in the field.
- Every one of the speakers was awesome.
- Great job this year! Very well organized and facilitated. Great work Ruth and LPC!!
- Much appreciate the efforts and work that went into this day. Appreciate being allowed to attend even though I do not live/work in this county anymore. Appreciate the information-has stimulated my thoughts to pass information to others in my community in hopes of educating the public school administrators on the great value of ECE.

## General Board Meeting Calendar

### *2016 Community Presentations and Stakeholder Status Reports*

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of July, September, November, January, March, May

MEETING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
LPC Board	<p><b>January 25, 2016</b>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <i>Contra Costa County Child Care Facilities Roundtable Discussion Debrief and Committee Report</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Las Trampas Room
LPC Board	<p><b>March 28, 2016</b>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <i>California Mentor Teacher/Mentor Director Program</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Board Room
LPC Board	<p><b>May 23, 2016</b>  <b>Presentations:</b>  <i>Governor's Budget 2016 Overview – Department of Finance</i>  <i>Status Report of the QRIS and IMPACT Initiatives in Contra Costa County</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Board Room
LPC Board	<p><b>July 25, 2016</b>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <i>AB212 Site Supervisor &amp; Director PLC Capstone Project Presentations</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Board Room
LPC Board	<p><b>September 26, 2016</b>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <i>U. C Berkeley Center for the Study of Child Care Employment-Status of ECE Workforce in CA</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Board Room
LPC Board	<p><b>November 28, 2016</b>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <i>Contra Costa Child Care Council's Update</i></p>	3:00-5:00 PM	CCCOE Board Room